



"But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you..."
1 Chronicles 29:14

Do we see giving as an obligation or a privilege? King David was told that his son, Solomon, would build the temple. We read in 1 Chronicles 22:2-4 how David supported the project and "...set stonecutters to prepare dressed stones for building the house of God...and provided great quantities of iron for nails for the doors of the gates and for clamps, as well as bronze in quantities beyond weighing, and cedar timbers without number..." Like David, we may not be the builders of contemporary mission plants, but we have an opportunity to support missions with our 1-1-1 Dollar for Missions weekly giving. If gratitude is the attitude, it becomes a privilege and a joy to give back to God in a consistent manner that builds His Kingdom for His Glory. What our offerings support today can be considered much greater than Solomon's Temple; it is the Church militant now and the Church triumphant forever. 1 Corinthians 9:7-8 tells us, *"Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work."*