



Student Dvar Torah - Parashat Vayakhel

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The Pasuk states (35:5): "Whoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the almighty." Rabbi Simcha Zissel of Kelm explains that those who brought offerings to the Beit Hamikdash should bring their hearts along with their offerings. It is not enough to just bring a monetary donation or an offering. One must also bring their hearts with their offering. God sees your hearts and thoughts as another act of generosity along with your donation. When you make a donation to a charity you help the charity to which you are giving. But when you also bring your heart you are changing and elevating yourself as a person. Whenever you donate money you turn yourself into a more giving person. Therefore, whenever you give, reflect for a while on what you did, thereby elevating yourself as a person.