

Heart of Christ.

Adopted as "Our Bible Class" Hymn.

Heart of Christ, O cup most golden,
Brimming with salvation's wine;
Million souls have been beholden
Unto thee for life divine.
Thou art full of blood the purest,
Love the tenderest and surest;
Blood is life, and life is love,
O what wine is there like love.

Heart of Christ, O cup most golden,
Out of thee the martyrs drank,
Who for truth in cities olden,
Spake, nor from the torture shrank.
Saved they were from traitor's meanness,
Filled with joys of holy keenness,
True are they that drink of love,
O what wine is there like love?

Heart of Christ, O cup most golden,
Tasting of thy cordial blest,
Soon the sorrowful are folden
In a gentle, healthful rest.
Thou anxieties art easing,
Pains implacable appeasing;
Grief is comforted by Love,
O, what wine is there like love!

A Willing Heart and a Wise Heart.

"Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord: whosoever is of a *willing* heart let him *bring* it," "And the children of Israel brought a *willing* offering unto the *Lord*, every man and woman, whose heart made them *willing* to *bring*."—Ex. xxxv, 5, 28.

"And every *wise hearted* among you shall come, and *make* all that the *Lord* hath commanded." "Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, every *wise hearted* man in whom the Lord put wisdom and understanding, to know how to *work* all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary according to all that the *Lord* had commanded."—Ex. xxxv, 10, xxxvi, 1.



THE difference between a *willing* heart and a *wise* heart appears to be that one is qualified to *give*, and implies devotion, the other is fitted to *work*, and requires divine life given wisdom.

As God expects from each young believer "a *willing heart*," and as to many He has given a "*wise heart*" as well, this chapter (Ex. xxxv.) will furnish us all with much instruction and encouragement.

We find three things connected with the first service here spoken of: first, it must flow from *true devotion*: "a *willing heart*," secondly, it was accepted equally, whether little or much, and thirdly, it was all done "to the Lord." Now this service does not flow from *gift* ("wise-hearted" service does); but is within the compass of the little child just saved, or of the aged Christian, of the most uninstructed or the most enlightened

child of God. It does require a *heart* for the *Lord*.

It may consist in little things or great, giving one tract or a million; contributing some mite towards the fund of a preaching room, or hiring a dozen Gospel halls; giving a cup of cold water, or feeding five thousand. The amount of the gift is not the question, but what is of all importance is *whence it comes* and *whither it goes*. It must proceed from a *willing heart*, and it must be done *to the Lord*, and thus the fragrance of the gift will reach far beyond the recipient, right up into the presence of Him to whom it is done. Think of this, dear young believers, and study well the lessons of this chapter. Surely some timid, retiring souls will be comforted and encouraged when they read of the man who brought his humble offering of shittim wood and goat's hair, and they may be led to consider if there is not some little work they can do for Christ. I am persuaded that none are exempted from this service.—*Grace and Truth.*

Seed—Fruit.

Average Number of Plants Produced from One Ounce of Seed is as Follows:

Asparagus.....	500
Broccoli.....	2,000
Cabbage.....	2,000
Cauliflower	2,000
Celery	3,000
Egg Plant.....	1,000
Endive.....	3,000
Kale.. ..	2,000
Leek.....	1,000
Lettuce	3,000
Pepper	1,000
Tomato	2,000
Sage.....	1,000
Thyme.....	5,000

Now look into your Bible at the 11th verse of the eight Chapter of Luke, and you get another seed spoken of, "The Seed is the Word of God." Is it a good seed? Does it compare favorably with the above list? Let us turn to Rev. vii. 9, "After this I beheld, and lo a great multitude, WHICH NO MAN COULD NUMBER, of all nations, and kindreds, and tongues stood before the throne, and before the Lamb." What an increase! Friend are you sowing this seed?

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AS the Dead Sea drinks in the river Jordan and is never the sweeter, and the ocean all other rivers and is never the fresher, so are we apt to receive daily mercies from God, and still remain insensible to them, unthankful for them.—*Bishop Reynolds.*