



Are You Willing?

2 Samuel 7

# Where would God live? (Mt.8:20)

- 2 Samuel 7
  - David: not right to live in better house than God does (tent)
  - 1 K.8:15-18, a *good* thought (good motives, intentions)
  - Pr.23:7
- Two kinds of willing Christians

# I. Willing Attitude Accepts God's Will

# David wants to build Temple

- God says no; Solomon will build . . .
- David could have been . . .

Resentful. God admits need...

Embarrassed. Gn.4

Vindictive. "If I can't build it..."


Disobedient. "I'll do it anyway"

Idle. 1 Chr.22:1-5

Discouraging. 1 Chr.22:6-19

I. Willing Attitude Accepts God's Will

II. Willing Attitude Equals  
Actual Work



David was willing to build Temple  
Solomon actually did  
David was equal to Solomon  
because he wanted to...

God commends attitudes

# God commends attitudes (1/4)

Mk.12:41-44, poor widow

- She did not give to be seen
- She did not give to compete
- She did not give as an investment
- She did not give spare change
- She gave all; nothing left

**Means and motive  
determine generosity**

## God commends attitudes (2/4)

### 2 Co.8:1-5, extreme poverty

2: great affliction. 1:8, Paul

2: depth of poverty = overflow of generosity

3: gave more than they could afford

3: gave of own free will

4: beggars (not to get, but to give)

5: *first* gift: gave `selves to Lord



# God commends attitudes (3/4)

2 Co.8:12, 'I can't give much'

- Do what you can, not what you can't
- God does not accept us on basis of amount, but attitude

# God commends attitudes (4/4)

Ph.2:12-13, God works, we work

- If God has our 'will,' He has our 'work'
- Ex.35:5...
  - No force; free will
- 1 Chr.29:2, 6-9

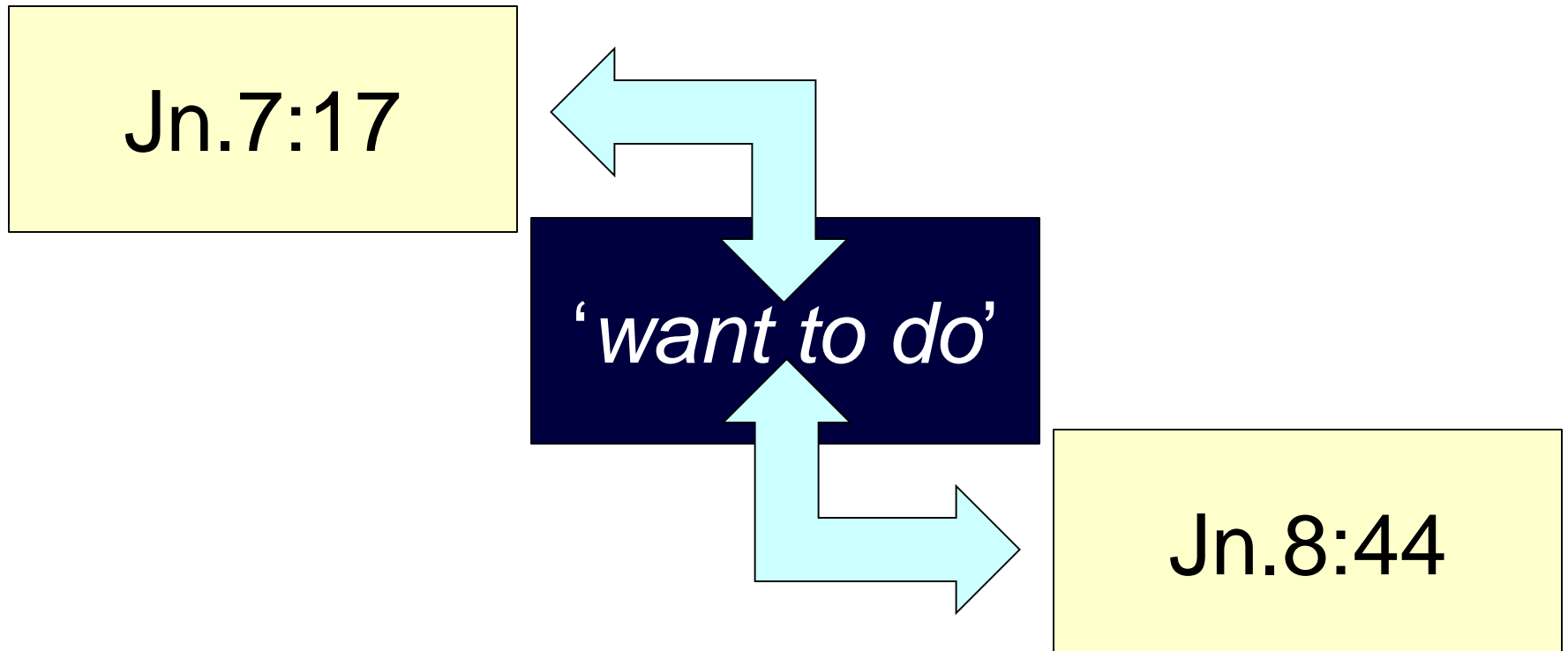
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II. Willing Attitude Equals Actual Work

**III. Unwilling Attitude  
Equals Defiance**

# John 8:41-44

- How to distinguish children of God and children of devil?





John 8:41-44

Ro.14:22-23

- Not wrong to eat meat
- Why is this sinful?
  - Heart of a sinner

John 8:41-44

Ro.14:22-23

Hb.10:...26

- Sin 'willfully' (deliberately, intentionally, of one's own accord ('on purpose'))
- NOT sin of momentary weakness
  - Reject Christ – no other Savior
  - Gospel may no longer affect heart (6:4-6)

# What does this mean to me?

1. Do best you can in God's will.

Ep.6:6

2. Maintain best attitude while doing as much as you can. 2 Pt.3:18

3. Avoid stinginess – it defeats the will.

2 Sm.24:24; Jn.3:16

Though right it is to *give* thanks,  
True gratitude will *live* thanks