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The well that Isaac's servants dug in the valley of Gerar was a well of springing water (meaning it generated water, instead of being a cistern that simply **collected** rainwater).

- **Genesis 26:19:** "And Isaac's servants digged in the valley, and found there a well of springing water."

Joseph told Pharaoh that whoever was put in charge of Egypt should **collect** 20% of Egypt's crops during the seven years of plenty (so the nation would have food during the seven years of famine).

- **Genesis 41:34:** "Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint officers over the land, and take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years."

During the years of famine, Joseph didn't give out the food that he **collected** for free. Instead he charged people for it.

- **Genesis 47:14:** "And Joseph gathered up all the money that was found in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, for the corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house."

When a census was taken of the Israelites, the half shekel tax that was **collected** was an offering to God.

- **Exodus 30:13-14:** "This they shall give, every one that passeth among them that are numbered, half a shekel

after the shekel of the sanctuary: (a shekel is twenty gerahs:) an half shekel shall be the offering of the LORD. Every one that passeth among them that are numbered, from twenty years old and above, shall give an offering unto the LORD."

When a census was taken of the Israelites, the money that was **collected** from the half shekel tax was offered as a memorial. (This is because it helped make atonement for them, since it paid for the upkeep of the tabernacle).

- **Exodus 30:16:** "And thou shalt take the atonement money of the children of Israel, and shalt appoint it for the service of the tabernacle of the congregation; that it may be a memorial unto the children of Israel before the LORD, to make an atonement for your souls."

When Moses **collected** materials to build the tabernacle, all of the men gave an offering of gold to the Lord.

- **Exodus 35:22:** "And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing hearted, and brought bracelets, and earrings, and rings, and tablets, all jewels of gold: and every man that offered offered an offering of gold unto the LORD."

When the Israelites gave toward the offering that was **collected** to construct the tabernacle, they brought gold bracelets, earrings, and rings.

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Those who gave toward the offering that was **collected** to build the tabernacle had a willing heart.

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- **Exodus 35:29:** "The children of Israel brought a willing offering unto the LORD, every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the LORD had commanded to be made by the hand of Moses."

When the Israelites gave materials for the offering that was **collected** to build the tabernacle, they brought fine linen, goat hair, ram skins, and badger skins.

- **Exodus 35:23:** "And every man, with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats' hair, and red skins of rams, and badgers' skins, brought them."
- **Exodus 35:25:** "And all the women that were wise hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, both of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, and of fine linen."
- **Exodus 35:26:** "And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun goats' hair."

The offering that Moses **collected** to obtain the materials to build the tabernacle was called the Lord's offering.

- **Exodus 35:24:** "Every one that did offer an offering of silver and brass brought the LORD's offering: and every man, with whom was found shittim wood for any work of the service, brought it."

When the Israelites gave materials for the offering that was **collected** to build the tabernacle, they brought silver, brass, and shittim wood.

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When the Israelites gave materials for the offering that was **collected** to build the tabernacle, the rulers brought stones for the priestly garments. They also brought spices and oil.

- **Exodus 35:27-28:** "And the rulers brought onyx stones, and stones to be set, for the ephod, and for the breastplate; And spice, and oil for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense."

The craftsmen who worked on the tabernacle items realized that too much had been **collected**. People brought more than was needed.

- **Exodus 36:4-5:** "And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made; And they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service

of the work, which the LORD commanded to make."

The silver that was used when making the tabernacle came from the tax that was **collected** when a census was taken of the Israelites.

- **Exodus 38:25-26:** "And the silver of them that were numbered of the congregation was an hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred and threescore and fifteen shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary: A bekah for every man, that is, half a shekel, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for every one that went to be numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for six hundred thousand and three thousand and five hundred and fifty men."

The Israelites donated 70 talents of brass, and 2400 shekels of brass, in the offering that was **collected** to create the tabernacle.

- **Exodus 38:29:** "And the brass of the offering was seventy talents, and two thousand and four hundred shekels."

When Moses took the 5 shekel tax from the firstborn of the tribes of Israel who didn't have a Levite to redeem them, he **collected** 1365 shekels.

- **Numbers 3:50:** "Of the firstborn of the children of Israel took he the money; a thousand three hundred and threescore and five shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary:"

The offering the Israelite officers gave after coming back from battle with the Midianites came from the spoil that they **collected** after the battle.

- **Numbers 31:52-53:** "And all the gold of the offering that they offered up to the LORD, of the captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels. (For the men of war had taken spoil, every man for himself.)"

Before Achan was put to death, the evidence that he had stolen the cursed items was **collected** and displayed before the nation.

- **Joshua 7:22-23:** "So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran unto the tent; and, behold, it was hid in his tent, and the silver under it. And they took them out of the midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and unto all the children of Israel, and laid them out before the LORD."

Although King Jehoash commanded the priests to use the money they **collected** to repair the temple, they didn't do that.

- **2 Kings 12:6:** "But it was so, that in the three and twentieth year of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house."

The money that was **collected** from the chest that was in the temple was given to those who were repairing the temple.

- **2 Kings 12:11-12:** "And they gave the money, being told, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the

oversight of the house of the LORD: and they laid it out to the carpenters and builders, that wrought upon the house of the LORD, And to masons, and hewers of stone, and to buy timber and hewed stone to repair the breaches of the house of the LORD, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair it."

- **2 Kings 12:14:** "But they gave that to the workmen, and repaired therewith the house of the LORD."

King Joash told the high priest that the Levites should have been **collecting** money from the Israelites each year to fund the maintenance of the temple. (However, they hadn't been doing that.)

- **2 Chronicles 24:6:** "And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the collection, according to the commandment of Moses the servant of the LORD, and of the congregation of Israel, for the tabernacle of witness?"

During the reign of King Joash, the people were glad when money was **collected** to repair the temple.

- **2 Chronicles 24:9-10:** "And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to the LORD the collection that Moses the servant of God laid upon Israel in the wilderness. And all the princes and all the people rejoiced, and brought in, and cast into the chest, until they had made an end."

During the reign of King Joash, the money that was **collected**

in the temple chest was used to repair the temple.

- **2 Chronicles 24:12:** "And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of the LORD, and hired masons and carpenters to repair the house of the LORD, and also such as wrought iron and brass to mend the house of the LORD."

During the reign of King Josiah, the money that was given to Hilkiah to repair the temple was **collected** from people throughout the land.

- **2 Chronicles 34:9:** "And when they came to Hilkiah the high priest, they delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites that kept the doors had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin; and they returned to Jerusalem."

Ezra was authorized to **collect** whatever freewill offerings he could find in the entire province of Babylon.

- **Ezra 7:16:** "And all the silver and gold that thou canst find in all the province of Babylon, with the freewill offering of the people, and of the priests, offering willingly for the house of their God which is in Jerusalem:"

Since the rich had been illegally charging interest to the poor, Nehemiah commanded them to restore a percent of what they had wrongfully **collected**.

- **Nehemiah 5:11:** "Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their lands, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the hundredth part of the money, and

of the corn, the wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them."

Nehemiah appointed people over **collecting** the firstfruits and the wood offerings for the temple.

- **Nehemiah 13:31:** "And for the wood offering, at times appointed, and for the firstfruits. Remember me, O my God, for good."

Hezekiah **collected** the proverbs of Solomon.

- **Proverbs 25:1:** "These are also proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah king of Judah copied out."

One of the reasons Solomon **collected** proverbs was to teach people wisdom.

- **Ecclesiastes 12:9:** "And moreover, because the preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yea, he gave good heed, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs."

During the reign of Hezekiah, the Jews obtained water from a cistern (which was a pit in the ground that **collected** water).

- **Isaiah 36:16:** "Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, Make an agreement with me by a present, and come out to me: and eat ye every one of his vine, and every one of his fig tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own cistern;"

After Jesus fed 5000 people, the leftover fragments of food

were **collected**.

- **Matthew 14:19-21:** "And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude. And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children."
- **Mark 6:43-44:** "And they took up twelve baskets full of the fragments, and of the fishes. And they that did eat of the loaves were about five thousand men."
- **Mark 8:19:** "When I brake the five loaves among five thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve."
- **Luke 9:14, 17:** "For they were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, Make them sit down by fifties in a company. ... And they did eat, and were all filled: and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets."

Jesus knew the person who **collected** tribute money had spoken to Peter.

- **Matthew 17:24-25:** "And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received tribute money came to Peter, and said, Doth not your master pay tribute? He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers?"

Jesus asked Peter if the kings of the earth **collected** taxes from their own children, or from strangers.

- **Matthew 17:25-26:** "He saith, Yes. And when he was come into the house, Jesus prevented him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? of whom do the kings of the earth take custom or tribute? of their own children, or of strangers? Peter saith unto him, Of strangers. Jesus saith unto him, Then are the children free."

Jesus told Peter to go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take up the first fish that came up. When he opened its mouth he would find a coin. He was to give that coin to the person who **collected** tribute money, to pay what was owed for both of them. (In other words, Christians should pay taxes to avoid offending the government.)

- **Matthew 17:27:** "Notwithstanding, lest we should offend them, go thou to the sea, and cast an hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened his mouth, thou shalt find a piece of money: that take, and give unto them for me and thee."

In the parable of the ten virgins, the people who were excluded from the marriage were *bridesmaids*, not the bride. The bride wasn't excluded from her own wedding. (The church is the bride of Christ, not a **collection** of bridesmaids.)

- **Matthew 25:10-12:** "And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I

know you not."

The fragments of food that were left over after Jesus fed 4000 people weren't wasted. Instead they were **collected** into baskets.

- **Mark 8:20:** "And when the seven among four thousand, how many baskets full of fragments took ye up? And they said, Seven."

The government has the right to **collect** taxes.

- **Romans 13:6:** "For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing."

Paul said the Christians who were in Achaia took up a **collection** to help the church in Jerusalem.

- **Romans 15:26:** "For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the poor saints which are at Jerusalem."

Although the Gentile churches had taken up a **collection** to help suffering Jewish Christians, the fruit of that offering wasn't going to be sealed until the moment the offering was actually given to those Jewish Christians.

- **Romans 15:28:** "When therefore I have performed this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will come by you into Spain."

The church is a **collection** of different people and gifts that all act in harmony. There are different spiritual gifts and different areas of service, but it's all one body, one Spirit, and one God.

- **1 Corinthians 12:4-6:** "Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all."

Paul commanded the Corinthian church to take up a **collection** to financially support the saints who needed it.

- **1 Corinthians 16:1-3:** "Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by your letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem."

Paul didn't want an offering to be **collected** after he arrived. Instead he wanted it to be collected ahead of time, so it would be ready when he got there.

- **2 Corinthians 9:5:** "Therefore I thought it necessary to exhort the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your bounty, whereof ye had notice before, that the same might be ready, as a matter of bounty, and not as of covetousness."

It's good for churches to **collect** offerings to meet the needs of

other Christians.

- **2 Corinthians 9:12:** "For the administration of this service not only supplieth the want of the saints, but is abundant also by many thanksgivings unto God;"

Abraham **collected** loot from his battle with the kings who had conquered Sodom and taken his nephew Lot captive. (He then gave a tithe of it to Melchisedec.)

- **Hebrews 7:1, 4:** "For this Melchisedec, king of Salem, priest of the most high God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings, and blessed him; ... Now consider how great this man was, unto whom even the patriarch Abraham gave the tenth of the spoils."

The descendants of Levi **collected** tithes from people.

- **Hebrews 7:5:** "And verily they that are of the sons of Levi, who receive the office of the priesthood, have a commandment to take tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though they come out of the loins of Abraham:"