

## Word Study → Psalm 119:108

Accept, LORD, the *willing praise of my mouth*, and teach me your laws.

# 56:7



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### 'the willing praise of my mouth'

From the Matthew Henry Commentary:  
(bold mine)

What David here earnestly prays for the acceptance of are the *free-will offerings*, not of his purse, but of his *mouth*, his prayers and praises. **The calves of our lips** ([Hos. 14:2](#)), **the fruit of our lips** ([Heb. 1:15](#)), these are the spiritual offerings which all Christians, as spiritual priests, must offer to God; and they must be *free-will-offerings*, for we must offer them abundantly and cheerfully, and it is this willing mind that is accepted. The more there is of freeness and willingness in the service of God the more pleasing it is to him.

### Willing Praise (H5071) נְדָבָה (nēdabah)

- 1) voluntariness, lit. free-will offering
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  - b) freewill, voluntary, offering

From the root: (H5068) - nadab  
-to impel or to incite; to volunteer

Exod 35:29 - All the Israelite men and women who were **willing** brought to the LORD **freewill offerings** for all the work the LORD through Moses had commanded them to do.

Psalm 54:6 - I will **freely** sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD; for it is good. (KJV)

Psalm 68:9 - You gave **abundant\*** showers, O God; you refreshed your weary inheritance.

\*speaks of giving from the 'overflow' or giving without holding back

**Synonyms: 'at one's pleasure', intentionally, openly, abundantly, without reserve, 'with an open hand'**

**The Idea of a 'free-will offering'** is profound inasmuch as it shows that the recipient has somehow won or obtained the favor of the one giving the gift. Our God is so wonderful, so kind, so amazing that His servants gladly lavish praise on Him. God does not *need* our praise or obedience (*he could raise up 'sons of Abraham' even from the rocks*) nevertheless it is His eternal glory that we willingly cry out 'Hosanna!' and cast ourselves at His feet.