

Generous Giving 1 Chronicles 29

Giving has become a sore spot for many Christians and to some extent that is understandable. Every Day we are bombarded with requests to give, to a wide variety of charities, organization and causes. Large and Small, Religious and Non Religious, Political Left, Political Right, Worthy and not so Worthy; it is enough to cause us to say Stop! The question is how can we adopt Godly attitudes towards giving so we can live and give generously and wisely.

- ü How do you tend to respond when people ask you for your
 - o Finances?
 - o Time?
 - o Talents?

 - ü How would you describe your own attitudes, or the attitudes of contemporary Christianity toward giving?
1. What do we learn from David's example giving to God? (Vs 1-5)
 2. What effect did David's example have on the leaders and people of Israel? (Vs 6-9)
 - a. Have you ever been motivated to give more generously or faithfully by the example of another Christian?
 3. What does David's prayer reveal about his view of God? (Vs 10-13)
 - a. Is there a relationship between our view of God and our commitment to generous and faithful giving?
 4. David could have been boastful about his giving, but what is revealed about his reasons for humility? (Vs 14-19)
 5. David could have had remorse or regrets about giving up so much of his wealth. What impact did the generous giving have on him and the people?
 6. How do the events of this chapter provide a fitting conclusion to the life of David? (Vs 26-30)

Applying It In My Life:

1. Giving is one way to express our devotion to the Lord. According to this chapter, in what other ways can we do the same?

2. Did David...
 - a. Give until it hurts?
 - b. Give until it felt good?

3. From easiest to hardest, how would you rate these areas in which we can be generous givers?
 - a. Time
 - b. Talents
 - c. Finances

4. Take a personal inventory of your Time, Talents & Finances: In what specific ways can you be a generous giver this week with them?

5. What did you learn, or appreciate most from our study of David?

6. In what way have you been challenged by the positive or negative examples of David?