



For The Glory of God

Give as Worship

1 Chronicles 29:1-20

How to Prepare

Begin preparing by reading the full passage a few times. Then answer the questions for yourself. Then think about how your Small Group might answer them. Try re-wording the questions to fit you and your Small Group. Don't feel tied down to the discussion guide, just be sure to discuss the main point of the text in your conversations.

Resources-

<https://www.gotquestions.org/how-much-to-tithe.html>

<https://learn.ligonier.org/devotionals/widows-mite>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/toward-the-tithe-and-beyond>

Sermon Outline:

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1. The Proportion of Worshipful Giving. V. 2
2. The Priority of Worshipful Giving. V. 3-9
3. The Purpose of Worshipful Giving. Vv. 10-20

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Offerings for the Temple

- 1 Then King David said to the entire assembly, "My son Solomon, whom alone God has chosen, is still young and inexperienced and the work is great; for the temple is not for man, but for the Lord God.
- 2 Now with all my ability I have provided for the house of my God the gold for the things of gold, and the silver for the things of silver, and the bronze for the things of bronze, the iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood, onyx stones and inlaid stones, stones of antimony and stones of various colors, and all kinds of precious stones and alabaster in abundance.
- 3 Moreover, in my delight in the house of my God, the treasure I have of gold and silver, I give to the house of my God, over and above all that I have already provided for the holy temple,
- 4 namely, 3,000 talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and 7,000 talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the buildings;
- 5 of gold for the things of gold and of silver for the things of silver, that is, for all the work done by the craftsmen. Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the Lord?"
- 6 Then the rulers of the fathers' households, and the princes of the tribes of Israel, and the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, with the overseers over the king's work, offered willingly;
- 7 and for the service for the house of God they gave 5,000 talents and 10,000 darics of gold, and 10,000 talents of silver, and 18,000 talents of brass, and 100,000 talents of iron.
- 8 Whoever possessed precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the Lord, in care of Jehiel the Gershonite.
- 9 Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the Lord with a whole heart, and King David also rejoiced greatly.

Scripture (New American Standard Bible 1995)

- 10 So David blessed the Lord in the sight of all the assembly; and David said, "Blessed are You, O Lord God of Israel our father, forever and ever.
- 11 Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O Lord, and You exalt Yourself as head over all.
- 12 Both riches and honor come from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone.
- 13 Now therefore, our God, we thank You, and praise Your glorious name.
- 14 "But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from You, and from Your hand we have given You.
- 15 For we are sojourners before You, and tenants, as all our fathers were; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope.
- 16 O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided to build You a house for Your holy name, it is from Your hand, and all is Yours.
- 17 Since I know, O my God, that You try the heart and delight in uprightness, I, in the integrity of my heart, have willingly offered all these things; so now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here, make their offerings willingly to You.
- 18 O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, our fathers, preserve this forever in the intentions of the heart of Your people, and direct their heart to You;
- 19 and give to my son Solomon a perfect heart to keep Your commandments, Your testimonies and Your statutes, and to do them all, and to build the temple, for which I have made provision."
- 20 Then David said to all the assembly, "Now bless the Lord your God." And all the assembly blessed the Lord, the God of their fathers, and bowed low and did homage to the Lord and to the king.



Discussion Questions

Ask a volunteer to read 1 Chronicles 29:1-20

INTRODUCTION

Here is a question or two to help introduce the topic and jump-start discussion.

1. Based on your spending habits, what are some things that you value the most in life? How does this illustration connect to the concept of worshipping through giving to the Lord and His Church?

UNDERSTANDING AND APPLICATION

These questions should help your Small Group dig deeper into the text and then apply it to your lives today.

I. The Proportion of Worshipful Giving. V. 2

2. According to 1 Chronicles 29:2, how did David determine how much he was going to give for building the temple? What biblical principle about giving to the Lord does this example show us?

3. What does it mean to give a proportion of what you have, and how is that different from giving a fixed amount?

4. What does it mean to give a sacrificial proportion of what you have rather than giving a proportion you don't really "feel" when you give it? How does the gospel motivate this kind of giving?

II. The Priority of Worshipful Giving. V. 3-9

5. Why did David decide to give even more than he had already given to build the temple? What kind of planning and preparation do you think it would have taken for David to give the amount of things he gave?

6. What biblical principle does David's example in 1 Chronicles 29:3-5 show us? Likewise, what biblical principle does the people's example in vv. 6-9 show us?

7. How does the gospel motivate us to be cheerful and purposeful givers? What are some practical ways to make giving a priority?

III. The Purpose of Worshipful Giving. Vv. 10-20

8. In vv. 10-16, what is David claiming about the source and ownership of all wealth and power? What does David's prayer in vv. 17-20 reveal about his purpose and desire behind all the giving?

9. How does it change our perspective on giving if we truly believe that everything we own actually belongs to God? How does the gospel demonstrate God's sacrificial, purposeful, and joyful giving?

10. How does sacrificial, purposeful, and joyful giving demonstrate that we value God more than things in the world?

Commentary (from ESV Study Bible)

1 Chron. 21:1–29:30 David's Census and Preparation for the Temple. The Chronicler tells how David paves the way for Solomon to build the temple; even his sinful census (21:1–22:1) yields a plot of land for the building site.

1 Chron. 29:1–9 David exhorts all of the assembly to support Solomon in his task by contributing to the temple fund, just as he has himself given generously from his own personal property. The temple is designated a palace, indicating that it is God's kingly residence among his people. The freewill offerings of the people that David calls for signify that they are consecrating themselves to Yahweh (cf. v. 5, ESV footnote: it is the same expression used of the ordination of priests; Ex. 28:41). The people's response calls to mind the gifts made by the Israelites for the tabernacle in Moses' day (Ex. 35:20–29). The writer stresses their wholehearted and joyful devotion to the task.

1 Chron. 29:7 darics. The daric was a Persian coin first minted under Darius I (522–486 B.C.). The Chronicler uses this contemporary loanword to convey to his readers the value of what was given, and to indicate a sense of the leaders' generosity. The example of the people in David's day was intended to speak to the Chronicler's own generation, encouraging them in their commitment to the upkeep of the temple, its services, and its personnel. See also 2 Chron. 31:4–10.

1 Chron. 29:10–19 David's great prayer of praise and supplication marks the climax of his reign. Israel's king praises God for his universal kingdom and recognizes him as the source of all wealth and strength (vv. 10–13). Indeed, even the generosity of David and the people in providing for the temple comes from God himself (vv. 14, 16). They depend entirely on God for their security and well-being, and even in the Promised Land they are strangers and sojourners before God (v. 15). David then reflects that God examines the human heart for uprightness or integrity (v. 17), a further indication that the Chronicler cares above all for the inner reality of faith. David concludes by praying that God will keep the people in the same purpose and mind as they have shown this day, and will give to Solomon a whole heart in obedience to God's commandments (vv. 18–19).