

## *GeneroUS: Progress*

### *2 Chronicles 24:4-14*

#### Scripture

2 Chronicles 24:4-14- <sup>4</sup> Some time later Joash decided to restore the temple of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> He called together the priests and Levites and said to them, “Go to the towns of Judah and collect the money due annually from all Israel, to repair the temple of your God. Do it now.” But the Levites did not act at once.

<sup>6</sup> Therefore the king summoned Jehoiada the chief priest and said to him, “Why haven’t you required the Levites to bring in from Judah and Jerusalem the tax imposed by Moses the servant of the LORD and by the assembly of Israel for the tent of the covenant law?”

<sup>7</sup> Now the sons of that wicked woman Athaliah had broken into the temple of God and had used even its sacred objects for the Baals.

<sup>8</sup> At the king’s command, a chest was made and placed outside, at the gate of the temple of the LORD. <sup>9</sup> A proclamation was then issued in Judah and Jerusalem that they should bring to the LORD the tax that Moses the servant of God had required of Israel in the wilderness. <sup>10</sup> All the officials and all the people brought their contributions gladly, dropping them into the chest until it was full. <sup>11</sup> Whenever the chest was brought in by the Levites to the king’s officials and they saw that there was a large amount of money, the royal secretary and the officer of the chief priest would come and empty the chest and carry it back to its place. They did this regularly and collected a great amount of money. <sup>12</sup> The king and Jehoiada gave it to those who carried out the work required for the temple of the LORD. They hired masons and carpenters to restore the LORD’s temple, and also workers in iron and bronze to repair the temple.

<sup>13</sup> The men in charge of the work were diligent, and the repairs progressed under them. They rebuilt the temple of God according to its original design and reinforced it. <sup>14</sup> When they had finished, they brought the rest of the money to the king and Jehoiada, and with it were made articles for the LORD’s temple: articles for the service and for the burnt offerings, and also dishes and other objects of gold and silver. As long as Jehoiada lived, burnt offerings were presented continually in the temple of the LORD.

#### Points:

- Am I willing to be generous?
- What financial legacy will I leave?
- Generosity makes things happen.
- <sup>4</sup>...There was within the heart of Joash to renew the house of the LORD
- What has God put in your heart?
- Most people when offered vision that requires discomfort choose comfort.
- Maturity is when you can speak truth to your mentor.
- Matthew 6:21 – Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- If you are not being generous, your soul is sick.
- Intending to is failure to.
- The offering is for the Temple, but the offering is to God.
- Generosity makes things happen.
- When you are generous, you are just like Jesus.
- Your generosity makes things happen
- Heavenly Father, Show me my part and give me the courage to do it.

## **Discussion Questions**

**Starter:** Please share a time in your life when you saw generosity make a difference.

### **Go Deeper**

- 1. Read 2 Chronicles 24:4-5.**
- 2. Notice Joash is not satisfied with the status quo. What status quo bothers you? What call to action may be present?**
- 3. The Levites are passive aggressive. Why do you think they resisted Joash's command.**
- 4. Read 2 Chronicles 24:6.**
- 5. Think about the courage it took for Joash to confront Jehoiada. Is there someone in your life you need to have the courage to confront? Who? Why?**
- 6. Read 2 Chronicles 24:8-12**
- 7. Notice the details of the officials who handled the money and what they did with it. What does this say to churches about the way they handle God's money?**
- 8. Read 2 Chronicles 24:13-14.**
- 9. Generosity makes things happen in the Temple. What is God saying to you about your generosity and what could be done with it?**