

GeneroUS: Legacy

1 Chronicles 29:1-9;14

Transition Scripture

1 Chronicles 29:1-9 Then King David said to the whole assembly: “My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the LORD God. ² With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God—gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise,^[a] stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble—all of these in large quantities. ³ Besides, in my devotion to the temple of my God I now give my personal treasures of gold and silver for the temple of my God, over and above everything I have provided for this holy temple: ⁴ three thousand talents^[b] of gold (gold of Ophir) and seven thousand talents^[c] of refined silver, for the overlaying of the walls of the buildings, ⁵ for the gold work and the silver work, and for all the work to be done by the craftsmen. Now, who is willing to consecrate themselves to the LORD today?”

⁶ Then the leaders of families, the officers of the tribes of Israel, the commanders of thousands and commanders of hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king’s work gave willingly. ⁷ They gave toward the work on the temple of God five thousand talents^[d] and ten thousand darics^[e] of gold, ten thousand talents^[f] of silver, eighteen thousand talents^[g] of bronze and a hundred thousand talents^[h] of iron. ⁸ Anyone who had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the temple of the LORD in the custody of Jehiel the Gershonite. ⁹ The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

Points

- \$15 an hour x 2080 hours in a year x 40 years of work = \$1,248,000.
- Big Question: What will be your financial legacy
- “My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the LORD God.
- Every year God gives you is to help the next generation.
- Who needs your legacy?
- Matthew 6:19 - But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal
- Everything I kept, I lost; everything I gave away lasts for eternity – Pat Neff
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- 1 Chronicles 29:14 - ¹⁴ "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.
- Why did God give you what he gave you? To leave a legacy.
- Five minutes after you die, what will you wish you had given away?

Discussion Questions

Starter: Do you know someone who left a positive financial legacy? Tell a little about them?

Go Deeper

1. Read 1 Chronicles 29:1-9
2. Think about David's life. What could explain why he wanted to be generous to the LORD's work?
3. David would not see the Temple in his lifetime. In your opinion, what would motivate people to give something they would never see?
4. David tells about what he will give to show the people the way. In your opinion, what is the best way to distinguish between someone bragging about their giving (Matthew 6:1-4) and someone who shares their giving as a testimony (this passage)?
5. Verse 9 describes the rejoicing of the people and the King. In your opinion, why were they rejoicing? Do we rejoice in giving?
6. Read 1 Chronicles 29:14
7. In your opinion, what is the best way to determine the purpose of what God has given you?