

Giving Your Resources (1 Chronicles 29:1-14)

Basic Training – Part 7

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Deuteronomy 28:1-2 (NIV) If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God:

Deuteronomy 28:15 (NIV) However, if you do not obey the LORD your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

Matthew 6:19-21 (NIV) "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 6:38 (NIV) Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Haggai 1:9 (NIV) "You expected much, but see, it turned out to be little. What you brought home, I blew away. Why?" declares the LORD Almighty. "Because of my house, which remains a ruin, while each of you is busy with his own house.

1. Give with a _____ for God

1A. Be _____ to God's church

1 Chronicles 29:2-3 (NIV) With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God--gold for the gold work, silver for the silver ... 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:

1B. _____ yourself to the Lord

1 Chronicles 29:5b (NIV) Now, who is willing to consecrate himself today to the LORD?"

2. Give with a _____ in God

2A. Give _____ not grudgingly

1 Chronicles 29:6 (NIV) 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.

2B. Give with _____

1 Chronicles 29:9 (NIV) 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.

3. Give with an _____ of God's ways

3A. _____ belongs to God

1 Chronicles 29:11 (NIV) Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

3B. Everything you have came from _____

1 Chronicles 29:12 (NIV) Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

3C. Give _____ what God gave you

1 Chronicles 29:14 (NIV) "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.

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Intro. Why does blessing come when we obey and carefully follow God's commands (Deuteronomy 28:1-2)?

What kinds of curses come upon those who do not carefully obey God's commands (Deuteronomy 28:15f)?

What commands does Jesus give with regard to giving in Matthew 6:19-21)?

What promise does Jesus state with respect to giving in Luke 6:38?

How does God take away financial resources when not given to His work (Haggai 1:9)?

Why do you think that some people have trouble giving to God's work?

1A. What does it mean to be devoted to God's temple or church (1 Chronicles 29:2-3)?

1B. What was David asking the people to do when he asked who was willing to consecrate themselves to the Lord (1 Chronicles 29:5b)?

1C. What does Jesus' story of the poor widow in Mark 12:41-44 teach us about giving?

2A. In what ways did the people of David's day and the poor widow in Mark 12 trust God?

2B. What does it mean to give willingly (1 Chronicles 29:6)? What is the opposite?

2C. How is giving to the Lord's work something to rejoice about (1 Chronicles 29:9)?

2D. Why does God encourage us to test Him by tithing to God's church (Malachi 3:8-10)?

2E. How does our giving demonstrate our trust in God?

3A. How does the fact that everything belongs to God change the way we think about our resources (1 Chronicles 29:11)?

3B. If all that we have comes from God, why do we often resist giving it back to Him (1 Chronicles 29:12)?

3C. According to 1 Chronicles 29:14, what is the secret to being a generous giver?

3D. Why do you think that some people struggle with the biblical concept of tithing?

3E. How can you grow in being a generous, cheerful giver (2 Corinthians 9:7)?