

The Faithful Generous Heart

Read: 1 Chronicles 29:1-22

Main Idea: Faithfulness in our giving reflects our devotion to God and His work, revealing the generous heart that He desires from His people.

Key Verses: “Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.” (1 Chronicles 29:11-12)

Key Principles:

- True devotion to God begins with personal sacrifice, as leaders set the example by giving from their own treasures to inspire others.
- Collective generosity among God’s people creates joy and unity, mirroring the freewill offerings for the tabernacle and pointing to our role in building His kingdom today.
- Recognizing God’s sovereignty over all creation fosters humility, reminding us that our gifts are merely returning what He has provided.
- Gratitude for God’s blessings flows from acknowledging our dependence on Him, transforming giving into an act of praise and thanksgiving.
- A heart tested by God desires uprightness, leading to faithful stewardship that aligns our resources with His eternal purposes.
- Dedication to God involves both giving and worship, empowering believers to pursue His mission with integrity and communal celebration.

Discussion:

1. How does this story connect to our church’s Forward initiative for a new building? Share how you’ve seen God inspire personal generosity in your life.
2. How have your expectations about faithfulness been challenged by God’s plans?
3. What challenges might arise when aligning your resources with God’s kingdom, especially in this new season at CRBC? How does the Holy Spirit equip us for this?
4. How does David’s prayer model responding with gratitude to God’s provision? Discuss steps you can take to foster faithful giving toward our church’s mission.
5. Why is obedience to God’s instructions on stewardship essential for building His kingdom, and how does it emphasize Christ’s eternal reign over human efforts?
6. How does the passage’s emphasis on heart posture affirm God’s commitment to bless His people? Share how this truth motivates you to make a giving commitment.

Prayer:

- Pray for openness to God’s plan to redirect our expectations and build His kingdom.
- Pray for
 - Courage to give sacrificially, reflecting God’s faithfulness in the Forward initiative.
 - The Spirit’s conviction and empowerment to engage with our mission.
 - Faithfulness to respond with upright and willing generosity toward His work.

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| I. | Express <u>devotion</u> through <u>generosity</u>. | 29:1-9 |
| 1. | Give <u>personally</u> to <u>honor</u> God. | 29:1-5 |
| 2. | Rejoice <u>collectively</u> in <u>cheerful</u> offerings. | 29:6-9 |
| II. | Acknowledge <u>dependency</u> on God's <u>provision</u>. | 29:10-16 |
| 1. | Praise God for His <u>greatness</u> . | 29:10-13 |
| 2. | Praise God for His <u>blessings</u> . | 29:14-16 |
| III. | Pursue <u>dedication</u> towards <u>uprightness</u>. | 29:17-22 |
| 1. | Your heart posture affects your <u>giving</u> . | 29:17-19 |
| 2. | Your heart posture affects your <u>worship</u> . | 29:20-22 |

NEXT WEEK:
Obeying God's Call to Build
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