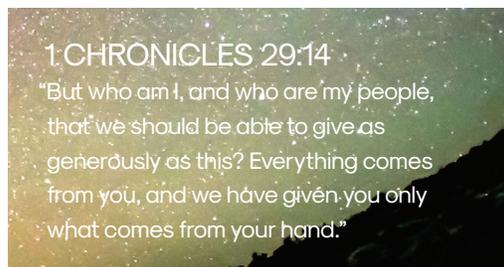




# 1 CHRONICLES 29:1–9

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, 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 of gold (gold of Ophir) and seven thousand talents 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 and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze and a hundred thousand talents 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.



# SERMON REFLECTIONS

- We come into the world with nothing and we take nothing with us when we go because nothing belongs to us. Everything belongs to God. David prayed in 1 Chronicles 29:16, “... all of it belongs to You.” If this is true why do you think so many of us live as though what we have belongs to us?
- King David, the Israelites, the Macedonian believers all gave like they did because they had first consecrated themselves to God. The word “consecrated” means “to fill His hand” – to give all I am and all I have into His hands for His use however He chooses. Why is this kind of surrender so critical to experience the fullness of life that Jesus is offering?
- **Read 1 Chronicles 29:17.** How does God use our handling of money and possessions to test out hearts? Why do you think God calls the way we give a test of our integrity? What would our giving look like if we gave “willingly and with an honest intent”?
- **Read 2 Corinthians 9:6–15.** What are some of the realities and results of generous giving? What would it look like to be a cheerful giver and why is that so important to God?
- **Read Luke 16:10–15.** What is worldly wealth? What are the true riches God wants to entrust us with? How does handling worldly wealth become an indicator of our readiness to be a kingdom manager of God’s true riches?
- Why is it so important to know and live the reality that comes from knowing that everything belongs to God?