

Generous God, Generous King

THE PURSUIT OF GOD: THE LIFE OF DAVID · 1 CHRONICLES 28-29 & VARIOUS PASSAGES
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*"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generous as this?
Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."
(1 Chronicles 29:14)*

God was Generous to David (1 Chronicles 28)

- God chose King David from a humble beginning (1 Chronicles 28:4-7)
- Gave him his Holy Spirit to guide him with the plan of the temple (1 Chronicles 28:11-12,19)
- God established an everlasting kingdom for David that will never end (2 Samuel 7:16)

King David was a Generous King

- David was generous in sharing his wealth for the building of the temple (1 Chronicles 29:3)
- David was generous to people, including Mephibosheth (2 Samuel 9), his men, and the elders of Israel (1 Samuel 30:26, 2 Samuel 23.)
- David was generous in sharing the word of God with Solomon and the people of Israel (1 Chronicles 28:8-9, and various Psalms, Psalm 19:7-11)
- David was generous with his praise of God—he did not hold back (1 Chronicles 29:10-13)
- David invited the leaders to give, and they responded generously (1 Chronicles 29:6-9)

God is Generous to Us

- Creation reveals God's generosity to humans (Genesis 1, Psalm 8, Psalm 19)
- God is generous with His providence on the good and the bad, and daily provision (Luke 6:35-36, Acts 14:17)
- God is generous with His gift of Jesus (Romans 6:23, John 3:16, Philippians 2:5-11)
- God is generous by blessing us with every spiritual blessing in Christ (Ephesians 1:3)
- God, the Father, and Jesus, the Lamb of God, will be with believers in eternity, generously lavishing life and blessings on us more than we can imagine (Revelation 21:1-5, 1 Corinthians 2:9)

Making it Real

1. Praise God and King Jesus for His generosity toward you. Receive His gift with gratitude.
2. Praise God for using people like King David to show His generosity
3. Be generous. Give financially, give your time and talents, give yourself to serve God and others. You are blessed when you give. (Luke 6:38, Proverbs 11:25, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8.)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Share a time when someone was generous to you.
2. This week, we continue our sermon series, "The Pursuit of God," by examining the generosity of King David in providing precious materials for the construction of the temple of God, as recorded in 1 Chronicles 28 and 29. Begin your study in prayer, asking God to speak to you through the Scripture, and then read that passage aloud.
3. Background: David was told that he would not build the temple of God (2 Samuel 7). Instead, God would build a house for David that would last forever. David then decided to provide his son Solomon with materials and plans for the Lord's temple.
4. King David states in 1 Chronicles 29:14 that everything comes from God, and we give out of what the Lord gave us. How should this affect us when we are asked to give to God and others?
5. Read 1 Chronicles 29:12. Where does wealth come from, according to this verse? Also read Deuteronomy 8:17-18. How should this affect the way you go about your life, trying to make money and build wealth, and God's part in it?
6. Read 1 Chronicles 29:10-13. What does this praise of God section by King David tell you about God (His attributes and character)? What does it tell you about King David?
7. King David asked the whole congregation to praise God in 1 Chronicles 29:20. What forms or methods of praise and worship did the congregations use?
8. Why is it a great thing to praise God? Read these Psalm verses written by King David that talk about why we should praise God. Psalm 103:1-4, Psalm 145:1-5.
9. Read 1 Chronicles 29:2-5. King David gave generously towards building the temple. What kinds of things did he give to the work of the Lord?
10. King David gave and then asked the leaders of the people to give in 1 Chronicles 29:6-8. How did they respond?
11. God produced in King David and in the people a fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). What is that fruit? Thank God for giving us Joy when we give to him and to others.
12. What is one thing you sense God speaking to you personally through this week's study? In small groups, discuss this together and then pray about what you shared. If you are on your own, write it down, pray about it, and consider sharing your thoughts with someone this week.