

And David the king said to all the assembly, “Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, is young and inexperienced, and the work is great, for the palace will not be for man but for the LORD God...³ Moreover, in addition to all that I have provided for the holy house, I have a treasure of my own of gold and silver, and because of my devotion to the house of my God I give it to the house of my God: ⁴ 3,000 talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and 7,000 talents of refined silver, for overlaying the walls of the house, ⁵ and for all the work to be done by craftsmen, gold for the things of gold and silver for the things of silver. Who then will offer willingly, consecrating himself today to the LORD?”

⁶ Then the leaders of fathers' houses made their freewill offerings...⁸ And whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD...⁹ Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

¹⁰ Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: “Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. ¹¹ 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. ¹² 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.¹³ And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

¹⁴ “But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.¹⁵ For we are strangers before you and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding. ¹⁶ O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own.

¹⁷ I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. ¹⁸ O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you.

1 Chronicles 29:1-18

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- You can make a difference ¹

WHY we should give (*motivation*)

- Mine, mine mine?
 - o God in perspective (v11-12)
 - o Us in perspective (v14-15)
 - o Giving in perspective (v14,16)
- Joy, joy, joy! (v9,17) ²

HOW we should give (*manner*)

- Generously (v3,6-8) ³
- Willingly (v5,6,9,14,17,18) ⁴

WHERE we should give (*mission*)

- To the Lord (v5,9,14)
- To the gospel ⁵

¹ *Gospel Patrons*: John Rinehart (2014)

² Acts 20:35

³ 2 Corinthians 8:9

⁴ 2 Corinthians 9:7

⁵ 1 Peter 2:4; 1 Corinthians 9:13-14