

# Real Spirituality

## How Real People Connect to God

### David's Prayer at Death

5/3/2020

1 Chronicles 29:6-20

#### WHAT DID DAVID WANT FOR HIS PEOPLE?

The great passion of David's life is to get the **PRESENCE** of God into the **MIDST** of his people.

#### DAVID'S GENEROSITY

1. The **SIZE** of the gift is astounding.
2. The **MOTIVATION** for the gift is amazing.
  - In response to the **GRACE** of God, David gave.

#### WHAT DAVID STARTED

The **HEARTS** of the people changed.

If the power of money is broken in our lives, then we learn how to **GIVE**; and as we give, the power of money is **BROKEN** even more in our lives.

#### WHAT THE TEMPLE TELLS US

- The temple is a sign of the **FUTURE HEALING** of the world God is going to bring about.
- This **TEMPLE** was a miracle too, because God's **PRESENCE** was there.
- The temple is a **BRIDGE**.
- Jesus doesn't just build the temple; he **IS** the temple.

#### THE GENEROSITY OF OUR KING

1. It will forever change your **ATTITUDE** to God.
2. It changes your attitude toward your **MONEY** and **STUFF**.

## 1 Chronicles 29:6-20

<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> 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.

<sup>8</sup> Anyone who had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the temple of the LORD in the custody of Jehiel the Gershonite. <sup>9</sup> 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.

<sup>10</sup> David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, "Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> 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.

<sup>13</sup> Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. <sup>14</sup> 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. <sup>15</sup> We are aliens and strangers in your sight, as were all our forefathers. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope.

<sup>16</sup> O LORD our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. <sup>17</sup> I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things I have given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you.

<sup>18</sup> O LORD, God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep this desire in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you. <sup>19</sup> And give my son Solomon the wholehearted devotion to keep your commands, requirements and decrees and to do everything to build the palatial structure for which I have provided." <sup>20</sup> Then David said to the whole assembly, "Praise the LORD your God." So they all praised the LORD, the God of their fathers; they bowed low and fell prostrate before the LORD and the king.

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### GROWTH GROUP DIGGING DEEPER QUESTIONS

To catch the weekend message, go to the MTC App, or [MissionTrailsChurch.com](http://MissionTrailsChurch.com).

#### GETTING STARTED

1. **GROUP LEADER:** Consider splitting your group meeting into 3 parts, keeping the meeting closer to 60-70 minutes:
  - a) Touch base on how everyone is doing – 10-15 min.
  - b) Discuss the questions below – 30-40 min.
  - c) Pray together – 10-15 min.

#### DIGGING DEEPER

2. **Was there anything about this week's online sermon that was encouraging, inspiring, challenging or confusing?**
  
3. **READ 1 Chronicles 29:6-20**  
**How would you describe the response of David and the Israelite people in this passage?**

**What do their actions, their generosity and their worship represent about what's going on in their hearts?**

#### GETTING PERSONAL

**4. Have you experienced your relationship with Christ changing the way you relate to money and stuff? If so, share some about that.**

#### BRINGING IT HOME

**5. How does an understanding of God's generosity to us turn us into more generous people?**

**6. How would you say God has made you "wealthy" (time, money, energy, creativity, skill, love, etc.), and how do you think he wants you to share that "wealth" more generously?**

Or...

**What is one thing the Holy Spirit is leading you to do?**

#### PRAY TOGETHER