

Heart for the House Family Offering_2022

Gratefulness and Generosity

WELCOME: **Me and Amy**

1 Chronicles 29:3-6

“Because I have set my heart on the house of my God, I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house...Who among you is ready and willing to join in the giving?”

MESSAGE:

Core Value: We practice gratefulness and generosity in everything we do.

I can have eternal impact when I align my resources (time, talent, and treasure) with the Kingdom.

There’s no better place to be generous with our resources than the Kingdom of God.

An Old Testament “Heart for the House” family offering day.

- Beautiful picture of Generosity and Gratefulness
- They invested their resources in the house for the Kingdom
- 4 1/2 Billion in today’s money

1 Chronicles 29:6-18 (NLT)

⁶ Then the family leaders, the leaders of the tribes of Israel, the generals and captains of the army, and the king’s administrative officers all gave willingly. ⁷ For the construction of the Temple of God, they gave about 188 tons of gold, 10,000 gold coins, 375 tons of silver, 675 tons of bronze, and 3,750 tons of iron. ⁸ They also contributed numerous precious stones, which were deposited in the treasury of the house of the Lord under the care of Jehiel, a descendant of Gershon. ⁹ The people rejoiced over the offerings, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord. King David was filled with joy.

¹⁰ Then David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly: “O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, may you be praised forever and ever! ¹¹ Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. Everything in the heavens and on earth is yours, O Lord, and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things. ¹² Wealth and honor come from you alone, for you rule over everything. Power and might are in your hand,

and at your discretion people are made great and given strength. ¹³ “O our God, we thank you and praise your glorious name! ¹⁴ But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us!

What made this offering so special and how does it model the generous life?

LOVE to GIVE

⁹ The people rejoiced over the offerings, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord,

- **Wholehearted**

- They were ALL IN!
- Their heart wasn't spread out, it was wholly in the house, for the Kingdom.
- The amount of treasure wasn't what made it special; it was how much of their heart they gave willingly (Matthew 6:21 Heart follows treasure)

2 Corinthians 9:7 (TPT)

Let giving flow from your heart, not from a sense of religious duty. Let it spring up freely from the joy of giving—all because God loves hilarious generosity

GET to GIVE

- **Adoring**

and this is your kingdom. We adore you as the one who is over all things.

- We aren't giving to get, we are getting to give
- They adored the giver of life more than the life they had been given
- They loved the “Blesser” more than the blessing
- They were giving to the King and His Kingdom. Giving is supernatural when we direct it to the Lord (form of worship)
- Aren't you grateful for the opportunity? This is about His Kingdom and He has invited us to join in the building of it?

LIVE to GIVE

- **Humbly**

¹⁴ But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you first gave us!

- They were not doing God a favor. They were honored and humbled to have the opportunity to bring God something
- The generous life connects to our Kingdom purpose, our significance and impact we have in this world
- Their offering paved the way for God's Kingdom to expand like never before. (Matt 6:19-20 Treasures in Heaven)

My giving creates ripples on earth and eternal impact in Heaven.

- Every time we give, the Kingdom is extended.
- Look for ways to be a blessing. Order your life in a way that when God presents an opportunity to give, we can say "yes."

2 Corinthians 9:11-12b (TPT)

¹¹ You will be abundantly enriched in every way as you give generously on every occasion for when we take your gifts to those in need, it causes many to give thanks to God..., it inspires an outpouring of praises and thanksgiving to God himself.

Love to Give, Get to Give, and Live to Give