

I. The Message From Our Giving (1-5)

A. It is a generational message (1) - “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.”

B. It is a visible message (2a) - “So I have provided for the house of my God, so far as I was able...”

C. It is a practical message (2b, 4-5a) - “...the gold for the things of gold, the silver for the things of silver, and the bronze for the things of bronze, the iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood, besides great quantities of onyx and stones for setting, antimony, colored stones, all sorts of precious stones and marble... 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, 5a and for all the work to be done by craftsmen, gold for the things of gold and silver for the things of silver.”

The outflow of ministry requires funding. From where does God design that funding to appear?

D. It is an individual message (3,5b) - “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...5b Who then will offer willingly, consecrating himself today to the Lord?”

David made his contribution public. He called on the people of God to make their commitment to give public.

II. The Release Of Our Giving (6-9)

A. It flowed forward from each home (6) - “Then the leaders of fathers' houses made their freewill offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and the officers over the king's work.”

B. It pointed upward to higher priorities (7) - “They gave for the service of the house of God 5,000 talents and 10,000 darics of gold, 10,000 talents of silver, 18,000 talents of bronze and 100,000 talents of iron.”

C. It arrived ahead of time, anticipating the later need (8) - “And whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the Lord, in the care of Jehiel the Gershonite.”

D. It flourished inwardly in Kingdom joy (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.”

III. The Theology Behind Our Giving

A. A theology which honors God (10-11) - “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.” The headship of Christ over our lives is not a reality until we become givers”

B. A theology which expresses our dependence (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.”

C. A theology which results in humility & gratitude (13-14) - “And now we thank you, our God, and praise Your glorious name. 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.”