



Living Beyond Yourself Through Generous Giving
1 Chronicles 29:10

Introduction:

“If today were your last, would you do what you’re doing? Or would you love more, give more, forgive more? Then do so! Forgive and give as if it were your last opportunity. Love like there’s no tomorrow, and if tomorrow comes, love again.” - Max Lucado

I. Our proper perspective about God in our giving.

A. Who He is in terms of His preeminence.

1 Chronicles 29:11 *Thine, O LORD, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O LORD, and thou art exalted as head above all.*

“In trying to capture how incredible God is, David proclaimed “I will meditate on the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on Your wondrous works” (Psalms 145:5).” - Jerry Vines

B. Who He is in terms of His providence.

1 Chronicles 29:12 *Both riches and honour come of thee, and thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all.*

II. Our proper perspective about our goods in our giving.

- A. Our proper perspective about who has given what we give.

1 Chronicles 29:14 *But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee.*

“Everything that we have to give to God is what God has already given to us.” - Adrian Rogers

- B. Our proper perspective about who we are in our giving.

1 Chronicles 29:15 *For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding. (V.16) O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name cometh of thine hand, and is all thine own.*

What Is David Saying About the Power of Giving?

- ◆ We are all sojourners, our time on earth is quick and fleeting. The greatest impact that we can make is what we give away.
- ◆ We have benefited from the generosity of our forefathers. It has placed us in a special place of grace.
- ◆ What God has given us to share in generosity, is a powerful testimony of His blessing in our lives.

III. Our proper perspective about the goals in our giving.

- A. Our goal should be to give out of a willing heart.

1 Chronicles 29:17 *I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast pleasure in uprightness. As for me, in the uprightness of mine heart I have willingly offered all these things: and now have I seen with joy thy people, which are present here, to offer willingly unto thee.*

- B. Our goal should be to leave an ongoing heritage.

1 Chronicles 29:18 *O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee: (V.19) And give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all these things, and to build the palace, for the which I have made provision.*

“When you invest in another person just for the sake of seeing that person blossom, with no thought to any benefit you might receive, you will be the kind of generous person others want to be around.”

- John Maxwell