

Let's review some Christian giving principles from 2 Corinthians 8-9:

- **Christian giving is a gift of God's grace to the givers.**
- **Christian giving comes from knowing the saving grace of the Lord Jesus Christ.**
- **Christian giving comes out of what a person has, not what he does not have.**
- **Christian giving strives to give bountifully.**
- **Christian giving is done thoughtfully and cheerfully.**
- **Christian giving trusts that God will provide all that is needed to do every good work.**
- **Christian giving goes along with confessing the gospel.**

Read 1 Chronicles 21:1-19

Why did God punish Israel?

How did God punish Israel?

Explain how *the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite* suddenly came to prominence.

Read 1 Chronicles 21:20 – 22:1

What did David request of Araunah?

What offer did Araunah make?

Why did David refuse the offer?

What happened when David sacrificed the offerings?

Explain why *the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite* would remain prominent.

Read 1 Chronicles 22:2-19

What provisions did David begin making in verses 2-4?

Why did David plan to make extensive preparations for the temple before his death?

Summarize what David told Solomon in verses 7-10.

What were David's wishes for his son Solomon?

What had David already provided for the work on the temple?

What orders did David give the leaders of Israel?

List other preparations which David made in the following sections:

23:3-5,25-32 –

24:1-3 –

25:1,6-8 –

26:12-13 –

26:20 –

Final Discussion

Which Christian giving principles did you notice in action in this part of the Bible? Where did you locate them in the text?

----- What / how much to give?

How should I feel about the amount I have given?

Should I be feeling guilty about not giving more?

I would like to give more, but am I wrong in not trusting more in God's promises? Being on a fixed income, it is hard to give what I would like to give.

----- Stewardship balance

Is there a possibility of giving too much? In the story of "A Bad Example," Mr. Clinton gives until he has no way to support his family. He does this out of a true love of his fellow man. There was no ego in it. It was purely out of love. Could we say that this was too much and maybe even wrong?

----- Planning to give

Is deciding on your offering once a year and making that automated once a month okay?

What about online giving / automatic withdrawals for church offerings? Are we still going through the heart and thought processes God would have us go through when we give in those ways?

----- Related issues

Do we (the WELS) have any outreach to the Jewish church?