

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 28:1-8

Trace the lineage described in verses 4 and 5.

What charge did David make to Israel's leaders?

Read 1 Chronicles 28:9-21

How should Solomon serve his father's God, and why?

Where did the plans for the temple come from?

How did David encourage his son in verses 20 and 21?

Read 1 Chronicles 29:1-9

Comment on David's words in verse 1.

How much personal treasure did David give?

Agree or disagree? "No one should know how much anyone else gives in offerings."

How did the leaders of Israel respond to David's question in verse 5?

What effect did all this have on the people?

Read 1 Chronicles 29:10-22

For what does David praise God in verses 10-13?

What is the point of David's question in verse 14?

Look at verse 17. What important thing does David understand?

What does David pray for in verses 18 and 19?

Describe what the assembly did in verse 20.

What was sacrificed and presented the next day?

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?

How can we apply this section from 1 Chronicles to our congregation and its current work?

----- 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?