

"On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

I CHRONICLES 29

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This chapter is one for the ages. Read it and read it again. If you are a pastor, business owner and most of all, a husband and father, this chapter is for you. David is the epitome of leadership. I have studied the life of David for almost a half a century. This is how it is done. David did not tell his son and the people of Israel what to do until he himself had done what he was asking others to do.

Before the entire congregation of Israel, he spoke of his dependence on God and that his son, Solomon, was a young, inexperienced man who would need God's wisdom and aid in carrying on the work that was placed before him. He reminded the people that the work they were undertaking was "not for man, but for God" and that makes all the difference. Notice closely what King David said to the people.

And now, because of my devotion to the Temple of my God, I am giving all of my own private treasures of gold and silver to help in the construction. This is in addition to the building materials I have already collected for his holy Temple. I am donating more than 112 tons of gold from Ophir and 262 tons of refined silver to be used for overlaying the walls of the buildings and for the other

gold and silver work to be done by the craftsmen. Now then, who will follow my example and give offerings to the LORD today?" (I Chronicles 29:3-5)

David said, "Follow my example" and his words had power because they were backed by someone who lived out what he was asking others to live out. This is how it is done. We never get the results God wants in our lives by telling someone else what they need to do when we have never experienced that ourselves.

Our seminaries and Bible colleges, as well as other training schools, are filled today with men teaching people what and how to build something that they have never built themselves. Look at the results in the rest of Chapter 29 and the result of David's selflessness and unselfishness with his wealth. God doesn't give us wealth to play with and enrich ourselves, but rather to use for His glory. It is one thing to provide for our families. It is another to hoard what God gives us to bless other with for His glory.

Prayer and Action Steps

Father in heaven, please help me to be as generous with others as you have been with me. Amen

Date _____ Scripture _____

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing?

Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? _____

Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? _____

Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? _____

