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LIFEGROUP RESOURCES: 08.25.24 Pulpit Curriculum

Broadcasting His Glory: Generosity

Main passage: 1 Chronicles 29

1) Why do we cling to what we own? Considering Possessiveness (v.3)

- Possessiveness of worldly things is not the way of Christ, but the heart of the worshiper is in giving. Sometimes possessiveness is about our control over our little kingdom instead of actively building God's kingdom. God so loved the world that He gave His son (John 3:16; Eph 5:2), and Jesus lowered Himself to the death on the cross (Phil 2:7-8). Giving is mentioned 17 times in 22 verses of 1 Chronicles 29.

A. What is the focus of your life? How are you oriented – on God's kingdom or your own? _____

2) Stewardship not ownership. Gotta keep our mindset in check (v. 14-16)

- This is an important concept about stewardship and how we handle our resources (money, time, efforts, etc). All that we have is from God and we are called to manage well the things that He has given us. He is calling us to own the ministry and manage His resources. Managers do not have the right to grasp the things that God has given us for their own good, but for His glory. Our hope is not fixed on all the things that God has given us to freely enjoy, but fixed on God (1 Tim 6:17). We should have a stewardship mindset, not an ownership mindset.

B. What are some examples of someone owning instead of stewarding the resources God gives us? Are you owning or stewarding what He has given you?

C. In your own words, describe biblical stewardship. _____

3) Flipping the script on giving. The tremendous privilege of giving to God (v. 14-16)

- Who are we that we should be able to offer anything to God? Our text mentions a freewill (voluntary) offering five times. Apostle Paul remembered the words of Jesus Christ in that it is better to give than to receive (Acts 20:35), and King



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David felt the same as he was giving to build the temple. Money is an important and essential daily part of our lives, and the Bible speaks at length about it (over 2300 verses).

- D. David's heart posture in verse 14 is that of humility. What is your heart posture towards giving? Do you consider it a privilege?

- E. What are some common misunderstandings when it comes to biblical stewardship and giving? Explain the importance on having a biblical view on the stewardship of resources and giving. _____

4) Searching for the loose change. Being creative (v. 2, 8)

- There is a diversity of gifts and not everyone gives in the same way or amount. God is desirous of our resources and energy, with our whole lives committed to our God. David strove with all his ability to provide for the building of the temple.
- F. How do you manage your resources and talents? How does your management reflect biblical stewardship? _____

- G. Do you budget your time, money, or other resources? What are some steps you can take to better manage your resources and talents? _____

5) When the coffers fill up. An Amazing story of generosity (Exod. 35:21-36:7):

- Moses first built the tabernacle, and David raised resources to build the temple. As Moses was preparing for the tabernacle, the peoples' hearts were stirred and moved to provide resources and to do the work. The people brought more than what was required (Ex 34:37). The posture of the peoples' hearts is not solely in the building or in the tabernacle, but in the glory of God. The posture of our hearts should be a response to his generosity toward us in Christ so that we would be rich towards God.

- H. How you are being rich toward God in the resources He has given you? Not everyone is able to give of themselves in the same way/amount, what are some ways you can grow in being rich towards God and His people? _____
