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1 Furthermore David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great: for the palace is not for man, but for the LORD God.

2 Now with all my ability I have provided for the house of my God the gold for the *things of gold*, the silver for the *things of silver*, the bronze for the *things of bronze*, the iron for the *things of iron*, wood for the *things of wood*, onyx stones and inlaid stones, stones of antimony and stones of various colors, and all kinds of precious stones and alabaster in abundance.

2 Now with all my ability I have provided for the house of my God the gold for the *things of gold*, and the silver for the *things of silver*, and the bronze for the *things of bronze*, the iron for the *things of iron*, and wood for the *things of wood*, onyx stones and inlaid stones, stones of antimony and stones of various colors, and all kinds of precious stones and alabaster in abundance.

2 To the extent that I have been able to do so, I have provided supplies for the Temple of my God, including gold for what is to be made of gold, silver for what is to be made of silver, bronze for what is to be made of bronze, iron for what is to be made of iron, wood for what is to be made of wood, and great quantities of onyx, precious stones, antimony, colored stones, all types of other semi-precious stones, and plenty of marble.

2 Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for things to be made of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and the brass for things of brass, the iron for things of iron, and wood for things of wood; onyx stones, and stones to be set, glistening stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance.

- Oh, to have his heart! These gifts were his own personal property.

3 In addition, in my delight in the house of my God, the treasure I have of gold and silver, I give to the house of my God, over and above all that I have *already* provided for the holy temple,

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3 "In addition to everything that I have supplied for the Temple, it pleases me to provide my own treasure of gold and silver, so because of my love for the Temple of my God I hereby give to the Temple of my God the following:

3 Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, which I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house,

4 *namely*, three thousand talents of gold, from the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the buildings;

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4 3,000 gold talents imported from Ophir, 7,000 talents of refined silver for gilding the walls of the Temple

4 Even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses withal:

- According to 22:14, the spoils of battle devoted to the Lord amounted to 3,750 tons of gold and 37,500 tons of silver

— David added from his own wealth 110 tons of gold and 260 tons of silver, meaning David was responsible for providing 3,860 tons of gold and 37,760 tons of silver

— But the king then urged his leaders to give generously to the “building fund” (v6-9), and they contributed 190 tons of gold, plus another 185 pounds, 375 tons of silver, 675 tons of bronze, and 3,750 tons of iron, as well as precious stones

— The Israelites of Moses’ day had been similarly generous in providing building materials for the tabernacle (Ex 25:1-7; 35:4-9,20-29)

5 gold for the *things of gold* and silver for the *things of silver*, that is, for all the work done by the craftsmen. Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the LORD?”

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5 and for all the work to be undertaken by skilled artists, gold for what is to be made of gold, and silver for what is to be made of silver. Who then, will be dedicating the productivity of his own work to the LORD today?”

5 The gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers. And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?

Often the extent to which we are prepared to put at risk our material well-being is a measure of the seriousness with which we take our discipleship.

(D) The people contribute financially to the temple project (29:6-9)

6 Then the rulers of the fathers’ *households*, the leaders of the tribes of Israel, and the commanders of thousands and hundreds, with the supervisors of the king’s work, offered **willingly**;

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6 So the leaders of the ancestral households presented their voluntary offerings, as did the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of thousands and hundreds, and the officials in charge of the king's business.

6 Then the chief of the fathers and princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers of the king's work, offered willingly, - "...willingly" - the key to all freewill giving; tithes were required for taxation to fund the theocracy. However, this was voluntary giving from the heart to the Lord.

- David knew that his people must have a share in the cost of the temple, so he asked the leaders of the nation to contribute, and they did so *willingly*

— David had first set the example in giving, and he reminded the people that they were giving to the Lord

— The mentioning of "gold, silver, and precious stones" reminds us of 1 Cor 3:10-23 and the language used to describe the building of the local church

7 and for the service of the house of God they gave five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of brass, and a hundred thousand talents of iron.

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7 They presented 5,000 gold talents and 10,000 gold darics for the work of the Temple of God, 10,000 silver talents, 18,000 bronze talents, and 100,000 iron talents.

7 And gave for the service of the house of God of gold five thousand talents and ten thousand drams, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of brass eighteen thousand talents, and one hundred thousand talents of iron.

8 Whoever possessed *precious* stones gave *them* to the treasury of the house of the LORD, in care of Jehiel the Gershonite.

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8 Whoever owned precious stones gave them to the treasury of the Temple of the LORD, in care of Jehiel the Gershonite.

8 And they with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasure of the house of the LORD, by the hand of Jehiel the Gershonite.

9 Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the LORD wholeheartedly, and King David also rejoiced greatly.

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9 Then the people rejoiced because they had given voluntarily, since with a devoted heart they had freely given to the LORD. King David also rejoiced greatly.

9 Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

(E) David leads the people in public worship of God (29:10-22a)

10 So David blessed the LORD in the sight of all the assembly; and David said, "Blessed are You, LORD God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

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10 Then David blessed the LORD in the presence of the entire assembly. David said, How blessed you are, LORD, the God of our ancestor Israel, from eternity to eternity!

10 Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever.

- God, not those He works through or the things they do, is the One worthy of our attention, actions and praise

11 Yours, LORD, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and on the earth; Yours is the dominion, LORD, and You exalt Yourself as head over all.

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11 To you, LORD, belongs the greatness, and the valor, and the splendor, and the endurance, and the majesty because all that is in heaven and on earth is yours. To you belongs the kingdom, LORD, and you are exalted as head over all.

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.

- David's kingdom prayer...

— When God created Adam, He gave him dominion

— Now what does He mean by "the Kingdom"? It is the rule of God over the earth.

— It is a prayer for the recovery of the earth, to bring it back under the rule of God

12 Both riches and honor *come* from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone.

12 Both riches and honor *come* from You, and You rule over all, and in Your hand is power and might; and it lies in Your hand to make great and to strengthen everyone.

12 Both wealth and honor proceed from you, and you are ruling over them all. You control power— you control who is made great, and how everyone becomes strong.

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.

13 Now therefore, our God, we thank You, and praise Your glorious name.

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13 And so, our God, we are giving you thanks, and we are praising your wonderful name!

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The truth that everything we have comes from God is the foundation for the doctrine of stewardship. Its basis is this: since our property is His (Ps 24:1), and since we hold it only temporarily and in trust (1 Chr 29:15-16), it should therefore be used for Him (Luke 17:10).

14 "But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from You, and from Your hand we have given to You.

14 "But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from You, and from Your hand we have given You.

14 But who am I, and who are my people, that we make such voluntary offerings as these? For all things come from you, and from your own hand we are giving to you.

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.

15 For we are strangers before You, and temporary residents, as all our fathers were; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope.

15 For we are sojourners before You, and tenants, as all our fathers were; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope.

15 For we are aliens and vagrants in your presence, as were all of our ancestors. Our days on the earth pass away like shadows, and we have no hope.

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.

16 LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided to build You a house for Your holy name, it is from Your hand, and everything is Yours.

16 O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided to build You a house for Your holy name, it is from Your hand, and all is Yours.

16 LORD our God, all of this abundance that we have given for building a temple for your great name was provided by you and all of it belongs to you.

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.

- The fact that we are "strangers and sojourners" in this world ought to encourage us to give generously to the Lord, for only what we give to Him will last (Matt 6:19-21)

— Life is brief and we can't keep anything for ourselves or take it with us when we go (1 Tim 6:7; see Ps 90:11)

17 Since I know, my God, that You **put the heart to the test** and delight in uprightness, I, in the integrity of my heart, have willingly offered all these *things*; so now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here, make *their* offerings willingly to You.

17 Since I know, O my God, that You try the heart and delight in uprightness, I, in the integrity of my heart, have willingly offered all these *things*; so now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here, make *their* offerings willingly to You.

17 And I know, God, that it is you who searches the heart and you who finds pleasure in righteousness. With a righteous heart I have freely given all these things, and now I have seen all of these people of yours giving freely and joyfully to you!

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.

- "...put the heart to the test" - opportunities for giving to God are tests of character of a believer's devotion to the Lord

— David acknowledges that the attitude of one's heart is significantly more important than the amount of offering

18 LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep this forever in the intentions of the hearts of Your people, and direct their hearts to You;

18 O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, our fathers, preserve this forever in the intentions of the heart of Your people, and direct their heart to You;

18 LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our ancestors, keep your purposes and thoughts constantly in the hearts of your people and direct their hearts toward you,

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:

19 and give my son Solomon a perfect heart to keep Your commandments, Your testimonies, and Your statutes, and to do *them* all, and to build the temple for which I have made provision."

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19 granting to my son Solomon to keep with a devoted heart your commands, your decrees, and your statutes, carrying out all of them, and that he may build the Temple for which I have made the preparations.

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.

20 Then David said to all the assembly, "Now bless the LORD your God." And all the assembly blessed the LORD, the God of their fathers, and bowed down and paid homage to the LORD and the king.

20 Then David said to all the assembly, "Now bless the LORD your God." And all the assembly blessed the LORD, the God of their fathers, and bowed low and did homage to the LORD and to the king.

20 Then David told the entire assembly, "Bless the LORD your God, please." So the entire assembly blessed the LORD God of their ancestors, bowing their heads and falling in the LORD's presence and before the king.

20 And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the LORD, and the king.

21 On the next day they made sacrifices to the LORD and offered burnt offerings to the LORD, a thousand bulls, a thousand rams, *and* a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel.

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21 The next day, they offered sacrifices and burnt offerings to the LORD amounting to 1,000 bulls, 1,000 rams, and 1,000 lambs, along with their libations. Sacrifices were abundant throughout all Israel,

21 And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the LORD, and offered burnt offerings unto the LORD, on the morrow after that day, even a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel:

(10) Transfer of power from David to Solomon (29:22b-30)

(A) Solomon's Ascension (29:22b-25) (Cf. 1 Kings 1:38-40; 2:12)

22 So they ate and drank that day before the LORD with great gladness.

And they made Solomon the son of David king a **second time**, and they anointed *him* as ruler for the LORD and **Zadok** as priest.

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22 and they ate and drank in the LORD's presence with great joy.

They crowned David's son Solomon king a second time and anointed him to serve as Commander-in-Chief to the LORD and Zadok to serve as priest.

22 And did eat and drink before the LORD on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed him unto the LORD to be the chief governor, and Zadok to be priest.

- "...second time" - David announced Solomon as king in two events:

(1) Solomon was anointed at Gihon to stop the insurrection by Adonijah (1 Kings 1:35-39)

(2) Solomon was publicly acknowledged king on the day following David's assembly and prayer with the nation's leaders (here)

— Solomon had been David's co-regent for the previous two years (Cf. 23:1)

- "...Zadok" - David's High Priest; he had been loyal to both father and son (1 Kings 1:32-40; 2:27-29), so he continued on as High Priest during Solomon's reign

23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of his father David; and he prospered, and all Israel obeyed him.

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23 So Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king in the place of his father David. He prospered, and all of Israel obeyed him.

23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him.

24 And all the officials, the mighty men, and also all the sons of King David pledged allegiance to King Solomon.

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24 All of the officials, all of the valiant soldiers, and all of King David's sons submitted to King Solomon's control,

24 And all the princes, and the mighty men, and all the sons likewise of king David, submitted themselves unto Solomon the king.

25 The LORD highly honored Solomon in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed on him royal majesty which had not been *bestowed* on any king before him in Israel.

25 The LORD highly exalted Solomon in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed on him royal majesty which had not been on any king before him in Israel.

25 and the LORD exalted Solomon magnificently in the sight of all Israel, bestowing upon him royal majesty such as had not been given to any king in Israel before him.

25 And the LORD magnified Solomon exceedingly in the sight of all Israel, and bestowed upon him such royal majesty as had not been on any king before him in Israel.

- The tragedy is that Solomon did not maintain a perfect heart before the Lord, but loved foreign women and worshiped their false gods (1 Kings 11)

— A perfect heart is not a sinless heart, for nobody can live without sinning in some way. It means a heart totally devoted to the Lord, a sincere heart.

— When Solomon began to worship other gods along with Jehovah, he had a divided heart and was not true to the Lord

— It was when Solomon forsook the Word of God that he began to worship idols (see Deut 17:14-20; Joshua 1:8)

(B) David's death (29:26-30)

26 Now David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

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26 Jesse's son David reigned as king over all of Israel,

26 Thus David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel.

27 The period which he reigned over Israel *was* forty years; he reigned in Hebron seven years and in Jerusalem thirty-three *years*.

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27 serving as king over Israel for 40 years. He reigned for seven years in Hebron and for 33 in Jerusalem.

27 And the time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

28 Then he died at a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor; and his son Solomon reigned in his place.

28 Then he died in a ripe old age, full of days, riches and honor; and his son Solomon reigned in his place.

28 He died at a good old age, having lived a full life, replete with riches and honor, and with his son Solomon reigning in his place.

28 And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honour: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead.

29 Now the acts of King David, from the first to the last, are written in the **chronicles of Samuel** the seer, in the chronicles of Nathan the prophet, and in the chronicles of Gad the seer,

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29 The activities of David the king are recorded in the History of Samuel the Seer, in the History of Nathan the Prophet, and in the History of Gad the Seer,

29 Now the acts of David the king, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of Samuel the seer, and in the book of Nathan the prophet, and in the book of Gad the seer, - "...chronicles of Samuel" - both 1 and 2 Samuel; the canonical book

30 with all of his reign, his power, and the circumstances which came upon him, Israel, and all the kingdoms of the lands.

30 with all his reign, his power, and the circumstances which came on him, on Israel, and on all the kingdoms of the lands.

30 including details regarding his reign, his power, the circumstances that attended his life, Israel, and all of the kingdoms of the countries that surrounded him.

30 With all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the countries.

- The writer highlighted David's greatness again and cited documentation for the sources he had used in researching David's life and reign

— Altogether, the Chronicler identified 32 sources that he used in writing 1 and 2

Chronicles. Most of these were official annals, genealogical records, or prophetic records.

— Compare the summary of Moses' life in Deut 34:7

A Russian proverb says, "Even the greatest king must at last be put to bed with a shovel."

True, but some bring glory to God even from the grave! From that day on, the Jewish kings were all measured against David (1 Kings 3:3; 15:5; 2 Kings 18:3; 22:2; 14:3; 15:3,34; 16:2; 18:3; 20:3). [Wiersbe]