



Life Guide

applying God's Word to life

This is BIG!
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(1 Chronicles 29:10-18) David praised the LORD in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, "Praise be to you, O LORD, God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting. {11} Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O LORD, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. {12} Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. {13} Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. {14} "But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand. {15} We are aliens and strangers in your sight, as were all our forefathers. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. {16} O LORD our God, as for all this abundance that we have provided for building you a temple for your Holy Name, it comes from your hand, and all of it belongs to you. {17} I know, my God, that you test the heart and are pleased with integrity. All these things have I given willingly and with honest intent. And now I have seen with joy how willingly your people who are here have given to you. {18} O LORD, God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Israel, keep this desire in the hearts of your people forever, and keep their hearts loyal to you.

1. What is the biggest event/celebration you've ever attended?

2. For background to this Scripture lesson, read 2 Chronicles 28:2-3,11-12; 29:1-9 and answer the following questions:

a. If gold is worth \$1200/ounce, what would be the modern day value of David's gift (29:3)?

b. Was David right or wrong for telling the people the amount of his offering? Should church leaders follow his example today?

c. Agree/disagree: The people of Israel rejoiced in the size of the leaders' gifts (29:9).

3. We have a BIG God. What does that statement mean for your heart and life? What does it mean for Mount Olive?

4. "Who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this?" (29:14). Why does David say this? What is he acknowledging?

5. What motivates your gifts to God, including to *Forward in Faith*?

6. "Keep [our] hearts loyal to you." In what way is this a BIG prayer?

7. What other BIG prayers are you bringing to God these days?

8. What memories of the Forward in Faith Campaign, Building Project or Dedication will you take with you?