

ABC's of Stewardship "Blessings"

1 Chronicles 29:10-29:16

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“Stewardship”

Using God Given Abilities to...

...Manage God Given Resources,

...to Accomplish God Given Results.

Stewardship Areas

- **Time**
- **Talent**
- **Treasure**
- **Testimony**
 - Acknowledgement**
 - Attitude**
 - Action**

“Stewardship”

Many Think...

- **Stewardship= money** (*giving of my resources*).
 - **But giving money to church is not stewardship**, it is part of it
- **Maybe it is about doing ministry** (*giving of my abilities*).
 - **BUT what you do in ministry for God is also only a Part**

Well, if Stewardship is not only about What I Can Give....

...and not only about What I Can Do...

What is Stewardship about?

“Attitude of Stewardship”

Stewardship is about Having the Heart Of Stewardship

- Good Stewardship is a Matter of Attitude that...
...Stands Behind Your
...Giving and Service**

Now Lets Look at the...

...Blessings of Stewardship

1 Chronicles 29:10-16 (HCSB)

¹⁰ *Then David praised the LORD in the sight of all the assembly. David said, May You be praised, LORD God of our father Israel, from eternity to eternity.*

¹¹ *Yours, LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the splendor and the majesty, for everything in the heavens and on earth belongs to You. Yours, LORD, is the kingdom, and You are exalted as head over all.*

¹² *Riches and honor come from You, and You are the ruler of everything. Power and might are in Your hand, and it is in Your hand to make great and to give strength to all.*

¹³ *Now therefore, 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? For everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your own hand.*

¹⁵ *For we live before You as foreigners and temporary residents in Your presence as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope.*

¹⁶ *Yahweh our God, all this wealth that we've provided for building You a house for Your holy name comes from Your hand; everything belongs to You.*

Everything

- Verse 11- the Word *“everything”*
- Verse 14- the Phrase, *“Everything comes from you”*
- Verse 16- the Phrase, *“and all of it belongs to you”*

King David Understood that...

...**EVERYTHING** Comes from God.

EVERYTHING

God's Power: His Ability to Give (12)

#1 Truth- we need to know our God has the Ability to Give.

"Does God have the power to give to us what we need?"

The Answer throughout the Scriptures is "YES!"

v12, David said: *"Wealth/ honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt / give strength to all."*

God is an All-Powerful, All-Sufficient God

He has the power to give to you everything you need for today!

God's Power: His Ability to Give (12)

God is Sovereign

- **Supreme** -Jehovah **Sabaoth**: "*The Lord of Hosts*" -[Isa 1:24](#)
- **All-Powerful** -**El Shaddai**: "*God Almighty*" -[Gen 49:24](#)
- **All-Sufficient** -**Elohim**: "*Creator, Mighty /Strong*" -[Gen 17:7](#)
- **Able to Give** -**Yahweh-Jireh**: "*The Lord Will Provide*" -[Gen 22:14](#)
- **Big God** -**El-Gibhor**: "*Mighty God*" -[Isa 9:6](#)

"And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus" (Phil 4:19).

God's Provision: His Willingness to Give (14)

#2- Truth that we need to know about God's willingness to give.

"Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand." (14)

**God is Willing to Give to You Today What You Need.
He has Already Given us the Resources for Anything He Asks
Us**

I Am Going To Tell You Something That Will Change Your Life!

Do you want to know what causes problems is in this area?

We want resources that we don't need.

You see, God gives us today what we need for today

God's Provision: His Willingness to Give (14)

**It's Really a Matter of Trusting Him to Supply You All That You
Need... ...For This Hour**

- **When God gave manna in wilderness...a Daily Supply
 ...When they weren't satisfied to take enough for one day.**
- **They discovered the next morning that the manna was bad to eat.**
- **On Fridays God commanded that they Collect Enough Manna for 2 days
 ...And that manna did stay fresh for two days**

The Lesson:

**God Gives Willingly, But He Gives You What You Need for Today.
 ...He Doesn't Give You Tomorrow's Grace Today**

God's Partnership: His Reason to Give (14, 16)

#3- Truth that We Need to Know He Has a Reason to Give Why does God give to us?

(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."*

God gives to us so that we can give back to him and to others...

...because in our partnership with him

...God wants us to be like him

...He is a Giving God.

God's Partnership: His Reason to Give (14, 16)

We Need to Remember that God is the Initial Giver

- **He Models It for Us- He Expects us to Do Something With It**
- **He Gives us Things so that we Can Give Them Back to Him**
- **Its Called the "*Cycle of Stewardship*"**

The Partnership Is Not Complete

Until We Give Back

Conduit or Container

- **Nothing has more impact on a person than to be a Blessing**
- **Giving is the Highest Level of Living we Can Achieve.**
- **It's Not What You Have that Makes the Difference.**
 - **It's What You Do With What You Have.**

The Partnership is Complete

How Do We Give Back?

...Become a Conduit?

We become Conduits of God's Blessings when...

...We Focus our Time and Energy on

...How We Can Be a Blessing to Others Rather Than

...What We Can Get From Them

The Partnership is Complete

How Do We Give Back?

We Give to Back to God...

- **Directly by Bringing Tithe and Offering to Storehouse**
 - Use Our Time, Talent, Treasures, Testimony to **Bless His House**
- **Indirectly by Giving to Others**
 - Use Our Time, Talent, Treasures, Testimony to **Bless Others**

**This Partnership or Stewardship that God Calls us to...
...Completes the Cycle**

Spiritual Facts about Giving

When We Give We...

- **Obey God's Command -Acts 20:35 (KJV)**

³⁵ *...It is more blessed to give than to receive.*

- **Submit to God's Lordship –(11)**
 - **Exhibit God's Heart – John 3:16 –God so Loved he Gave..**
 - **Trust God's Provision -Ecclesiastes 11:1 (KJV)**
- ¹ *Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days.*
- **Advance God's Kingdom –(9, 16)**