

Bible Study 12 - Generous giving - 1 Chronicles 29:1-30

Rich countries should spend less on weapons in the Syrian civil war and more on education, Nobel Peace Prize laureate Malala Yousafzai said, calling world leaders “quite stingy” as she toured a camp for the conflict's refugees. Aid agencies asked for \$4.5 billion for 2015 to help refugees, but have been forced to slash support programs because of large funding gaps. Today we look at an example of generous giving near the end of David’s life.

The context (1 Sam 8 - 1 Sam 24)	David was the second king over Israel (1040–970BC). He ruled in Jerusalem. God gives David great promises (fame & dynasty) and military victories. But when he should be off to war he commits adultery and arranges a murder. He confesses after being confronted by the prophet Nathan. Israel was punished after David counted the fighting men. Then David makes plans for the temple which is to be built by his son Solomon.
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PART 1 Read and summarise each section – 1 Chronicles 29:1-30

Generous giving (v.1-9)	
David’s prayer (v.10-19)	
People worship (v.20-22a)	
Solomon reigns (v.22b-25)	
David dies (v.26-30)	

PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage

1. What I learnt about God.

2. What I learnt about people like us.

3. Summarise a key verse in your own words.

4. In your opinion, what are the most important biblical principles being taught?

5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?

6. What can motivate us to be generous (James 1:17)?

7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?

Let’s praise God and be generous with our time, talents and money, because He is the source of all good things.

