

**The David, Shepherd and King**  
**#24 David's Final Days, 1 Chronicles 29**  
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David understood that the true glory of Israel was found in her covenant relationship with Jehovah God.

**David and the Leaders Reveal Timeless Principles  
that Characterize People Who Have a Heart for God**

1. David's Plea to Israel's Leaders (1-9)

***God Accomplishes His Work through His People***

- **David understood that God was the focus, not man**

David knew that Israel's strength was not in her king but Her God. Paul believed the same thing, 1 Corinthians 3:6-7. David at the end of his life charged the leaders of Israel to make themselves available for God to use in His work.

**A Person with a Heart for God Has a Heart for God's Work**

- **David accepted God's purpose for his life**

David never realized his heart's desire to build the Temple, Acts 13:36.

God's purpose for David at the end of his life was not to build the temple but to make the preparations. David committed himself whole heartedly to this task.

**A Person with a Heart for God Accepts and Acts upon God's Will**

- **David invested in the Temple because he was already vested**

David's treasure went for the temple because, as we have seen, that is where his heart was. This is exactly what Jesus said.

Matthew 6:21, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." This principle has a dual application in a sense. Our heart follows our treasure and our treasure reveals our heart.

Randy Alcorn in his book, *The Treasure Principle*, writes "As surely as the compass needle follows north, your heart will follow your treasure." We care about what we invest in and we invest in what we care about.

**A Person with a Heart for God Invests in God's Work**

- **David challenged the leaders to follow his example of commitment**

The literal translation is "to fill our hands to the Lord". This was a technical phrase used to describe ordination to the priesthood.

David was challenging the leaders to a higher level of devotion.

Paul challenges New Testament believers to this.

Romans 12:1, "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service."

My level of dedication is revealed in my day to day living.

**A Person with a Heart for God Is Dedicated to God**

- **The leaders voluntarily followed David's example**

They transferred wealth from their treasury to God's treasury. "The Treasure Principle" is seen here again. These leaders, like their king,

had a heart for God. The emphasis is not on the amount they gave but the attitude in which they gave it.

The New Testament teaches that we are "a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ",

1 Peter 2:5. This is also seen in other ways in which we reveal our dedication to Christ, Hebrews 13:15-16.

**A Person with a Heart for God Serves God with a Joyful Willingness**

2. David's Prayer to the LORD God of Israel (10-19)

***He Prayed to God before the Leaders***

- **David proclaimed God's greatness** (11-12)

At the end of his life David was not rehearsing his accomplishments or achievements. David had no illusions about Who the true King of Israel was. He fully understood that all he was and all he possessed was only because of God's blessing. (12) "Both riches and honor come from You..." In the New Testament we proclaim God's greatness through Christ., Philippians 2:9-11,.

**A Person with a Heart for God submits to the Life**

**Lordship of Christ over Their**

- **David professed God's ownership** (11-16)

This is foundational to our understanding of stewardship. All of our possessions, properties, and our life itself belong to God. Psalm 24:1,

"The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein."

The idea that we own anything is an illusion. He allows us to hold them temporarily in trust for Him. We should, therefore, use them for His purposes. David would tell us to quit thinking like an owner.

**A Person with a Heart for God Views All of Life as a Stewardship**

- **David prayed for fixed hearts** (11-16)

What was on the heart of David at the end of his life? He desired that the leaders of Israel and that his son, Solomon, would have a heart like his. The heart is the center of thinking and reason as well as emotions and will. It is the most comprehensive biblical term for the authentic person. David understood the importance of the heart, as Solomon would one day. Proverbs 4:23, "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life."

David's greatest concern for the nation was not military or material, but spiritual. David's greatest concern for his son, Solomon, was that he would have a heart for God.

**A Person with a Heart for God Is Focused On Christ**