

**David's Two Building Projects**  
**1 Chronicles 22**  
**Life of David Series**  
**(David: After God's Own Heart)**

Then David said, "This is the house of the Lord God, and this is the altar of burnt offering for Israel." 2 So David commanded to gather the aliens who were in the land of Israel; and he appointed masons to cut hewn stones to build the house of God. 3 And David prepared iron in abundance for the nails of the doors of the gates and for the joints, and bronze in abundance beyond measure, 4 and cedar trees in abundance; for the Sidonians and those from Tyre brought much cedar wood to David.

5 Now David said, "Solomon my son is young and inexperienced, and the house to be built for the Lord must be exceedingly magnificent, famous and glorious throughout all countries. I will now make preparation for it." So David made abundant preparations before his death.

6 Then he called for his son Solomon, and charged him to build a house for the Lord God of Israel.

7 And David said to Solomon: "My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build a house to the name of the Lord my God; 8 but the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood and have made great wars; you shall not build a house for My name, because you have shed much blood on the earth in My sight. 9 Behold, a son shall be born to you, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies all around. His name shall be Solomon, for I will give peace and quietness to Israel in his days. 10 He shall build a house for My name, and he shall be My son, and I will be his Father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel forever.'

**David had two building projects going on at the same time at this point in his Life.**

**A)One was the Preparation for the building of the Temple of God**

**B)The other was the Preparation of his son Solomon to be the next King in Israel.**

C)All of us in this room are also Building something – we have projects that God has given us as well

**Our Building Projects:**

**A)#1 There is the building of your own life in the Lord! – Always growing**

- B)We are told to Grow in the grace 2 Peter 3:18
- We are to grow in Wisdom and Knowledge: Colossians 1:9-10
  - We are to grow in Spiritual maturity: Ephesians 4:15-16
  - We are to grow in our Spiritual stamina: Galatians 6:9
  - We are to grow in our love and service: Hebrews 10:24-25

C)The Christian life is to be a life that is always about moving forward in the Lord  
1)and never being stagnate.

D)We should never stop learning, we never stop growing and never stop allowing our faith to be stretched

1)Taking on new steps of faith – new opportunities for God to work in and through our lives!

So We all have #1 The Building project of our own faith and lives in the Lord

**A)#2 We have the building of our Ministries –**

B)You might be thinking – I don't have a ministry. I am not a pastor – I am not even serving in the church.

C)But when you Hear the word Ministry – think of your calling.

Everyone in this room....watching online who is a follower of Jesus has a Calling –

A)Jesus says you are His steward.

**B)A Steward is someone who has been entrusted by someone with three things –**

**1)Resources, Responsibilities, Relationships**

C)Resources are your Time, talents, treasures, -

D)Finances but also your special giftings that you have – Physically and Spiritually

Physical gifts – Mechanic or handy person – Music – Sports, etc

A)Spiritual gifts – Helps, generosity, teaching, leading, etc

B) We all have spiritual and physical gifts that God has given us

God has entrusted these talents and treasures –

A) As Resources he wants you to steward – to take care of and use

**B) This is what he is looking for in a Steward – that they would be found faithful**

C) He has also given you responsibilities – Job, Schooling, your team,

1) a ministry opportunity at church.... Faithful

And he has given you Relationships to Steward: Friends to pour into –

A) As iron sharpens iron – man sharpens the countenance of a friend

B) Are you building up your friends in the Lord

C) Husbands and Wives – building each other up – Parents with Kids

1) Grandparents with Grand kids

All of that relates to the Calling that God has ENTRUSTED to each one of us in this room –

A) Our Calling is to Steward those Resources, Responsibilities and Relationships well.

B) Those are a part of our Calling in the Lord – that we are to be Building

1) Your Calling/ Your ministry Jesus is wanting you to be faithful in

C) So let's see what we can learn today from how David approached these two Building projects

**Learning from David about Building:**

- **David's Approach**
- **David's Cost**
- **David's Charge**

**Let's start with David's Approach to Building the Temple**

A) When David could have been tempted to slow down in his old age or to think – the Building of the temple is not my problem

B) God told me No -I couldn't build it – my son would build it – David said – I am going to do what I can

C) I will make preparations: So David found the site for the temple. He discovered it, he purchased it,

Notice the end of V.5 So David made small preparations / weak preparations

D) No it says He made ABUNDANT preparations

In V.1-4 we learn He provided an abundance of workers –

A) 1 Kings we are told 70k foreigners were recruited and given jobs to work on the temple

B) Abundance of Cedar wood – Abundance of nails – iron in abundance, Bronze in Abundance

C) V.14 100,000 talents of Gold –

1) now by today's standards 100,000 talents of gold would equate to 3,750 tons

2) Worth \$45 billion dollars

D) Also 1 million talents of Silver = \$1.3 trillion dollars today

E) And bronze and iron above measure

**Here is the point – When it came to making preparations for the building of the temple.**

**A) David spared no expense – he didn't cut corners**

B) He wasn't cheap in his preparations for what he was doing for the Lord

C) Now you might be thinking – that is great for David –

1) but I don't have those kind of resources – or influence

D) So I can't make abundant preparations – I don't have an abundance of anything

As I was pondering this this week – the Lord reminded me of that scene in John chapter 2

A) The Wedding at Cana –

B) Jesus turned water into Wine – 1<sup>st</sup> Miracle – Remember?

C) Wedding receptions in Jesus day last 7 days. A wedding reception was a 7 day party.

D)I find it refreshing and amazing that Jesus wasn't too busy to go to a 7 day party.

Now it is also worth noting that 1<sup>st</sup> Century in Israel Hospitality was a big deal – Hospitality culture

A)Taking care of guest the right way was Huge.

B)So running out of wine at your wedding reception was a BIG DEAL – IT would be a big disgrace

C)And Cana was a small place- small town. Make Bonsal feel like a major city

1)So A blunder like that would DEFINE YOU FOREVER

Think about it if something like that happened here in SD –

A)You could move to another part of SD where no one knew you.

B)In Cana – for decades when your name came up – oh you are that couple.

C)So this was a major deal

D)So Mary the Mother of Jesus comes to him and says- You need to do something –

1)They have run out of wine.

E)She wasn't asking him to do a super market run - not an option - those didn't exist

Remember Jesus response to his mom – Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.”

A)Now this is not a WWJD moment you want to immolate – Remember WWJD what.....DO?

B)In that culture to address your mother as woman was a sign of respect and honor

C)Listen Young people Today you don't want to say to your Mom – Woman –

1)If you said this to you mother Woman, what does your concern have to do with Me? My hour has not yet come.”

D)She might respond: Wait to your father gets home – you are going to find out your Hour has come.

**But here is what I want you to catch today: I was reminded of this week.**

**A)Mary turns to the servants at the house and says – Whatever Jesus says do it.**

**B)That is a great description of the way to live your life and experience great blessing –**

**1)Whatever Jesus says do it**

C)Jesus tells the servants – see those 6 stone pots – go and fill them up with water

1)The text tells us those pots were 20-30 gallons each – like a trash can

No Hose and Spicket –

A)We are talking 3 gallon bucket and making 60+ trips back and forth to the Well

B)Imagine how long that took, how hard that was

C)And the text says: they filled each of those stone water pots TO THE BRIM!

D)That is what I thought of this week – when I was considering this phrase –

1)David made abundant Preparations –

E)These guys filled the pots up not half way – not  $\frac{3}{4}$  But to the brim

**That is what it means for us to make abundant preparations**

**A)What ever Jesus says to you- whatever Jesus has entrusted to you – do it to the Brim – do it to the Fullest**

B)Realize this: More water meant more opportunity for Jesus to make New Wine

Listen Church family – God has invited us to be involved in the Building of His kingdom –

A)pouring into lives – serving

B)Using our treasures and talents – our resources and our gifts – for his glory –

1)building up others – expanding his work

C)He wants our very best

**David's Cost: Notice V.14 Indeed I have taken much trouble to prepare the house of the Lord**

A) Much trouble: It wasn't easy came at a great personal cost of time energy and resources.

B) And get this David did all of that knowing that he would not live to see the completion of the building of the temple

C) Talk about being farsighted – and focused on the kingdom

D) Who does that today? – Who invests in something  
1) that they know they are not going to LIVE TO see the return on that investment or the fruit of

E) I think that is so foreign to our thinking –

F) But it is the very essence of being Kingdom minded – investing in the Kingdom

**You invest time, energy, resources into people and kingdom things –**

A) You might not see the final outcome

B) But the fruit that comes out of that person – that ministry –

1) that endeavor is a part of your reward in Heaven – Amazing

Many of us in this room – because of our age

A) have the opportunity to be investing in Kingdom things – Kingdom activity

B) That should the Lord tarry in his Coming – those things are going to outlive us –

C) We won't see what the Lord does here at CV –

1) we might not see what the Lord does in the life of a person we are discipling

D) But when we get to heaven – we will see the result – and what we invested in our time, treasures, talents

1) We will be rewarded

Notice in V.15 it mentions Skillful men were chosen for every kind of work –

A) The fact that they were skillful men – meant that someone had to train them.

B) Some of you here have a role to play in training the younger generation in the ways of the Lord and ministry.

C) I know that some of you right away – say those young people won't listen to me –

1) they act like they know it all -already

Yes that is true of some younger people – They are prone to learn things the hard way.

A) But I have found that is not true of most –

B) I have found that most young people are looking for mentors – eager to learn and glean

**C) But here is the Key to those relationships – they have to know that you Care about that –**

**1) really interested in them**

Last week I led a 3.5 day cohort retreat with a group of 8 younger SR pastors.

A) This will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> time we have met for 3.5 days over the course of this past year.

B) These are guys who are all at least 10-27 yrs younger than me –

C) Vision: If we can strengthen and encourage 8 SR Pastors

1) we are going to have the potential to strengthen 8 churches

D) Those 8 pastors collectively are ministering to several thousand people

1) They came from 3 different states – on Planes

E) One guy Nor Cal drove over 8 hrs

Taking time away from their families and churches to come and gather together.

A) Why are they so eager to do that? I am not some brilliant leader – not some leadership guru –

B) In fact a lot of what I share with them are things I have learned from my mistakes in ministry –

1) A LOT OF MATERIAL

C) Some of them I didn't even know really well when I invited them to be a part of the group

D) But this is what I think they would all say about Me: They know I genuinely care about them

**Guys that is the key to successful mentoring and discipleship –**

A)It is not just covering material in a book/Bible – that can be part of it

B)It is investing your heart – your time into another person – where they really know you love them

1)You are for them – you love them

C)Costly- It will cost you time and resources – sweat

D)And I would say there is Nothing more rewarding!

### David's Charge:

➤ **1<sup>st</sup> to the Leaders**

➤ **2<sup>nd</sup> His Charge to his Son**

Notice V.17 <sup>17</sup> David also commanded all the leaders of Israel to help Solomon his son, *saying*, <sup>18</sup> “*Is not the LORD your God with you? And has He not given you rest on every side? For He has given the inhabitants of the land into my hand, and the land is subdued before the LORD and before His people.*

<sup>19</sup> Now set your heart and your soul to seek the LORD your God. Therefore arise and build the sanctuary of the LORD God, to bring the ark of the covenant of the LORD and the holy articles of God into the house that is to be built for the name of the LORD.”

A)David Commanded the leaders (those who are mature) in Israel to help Solomon – Arise and Build the temple.

B)Here was his logic: V.18 The Lord your God is with you. – You guys know the Lord –

1)He is your God –

C)that is going to come in handy – in helping others especially when hard times come –

1)any building project there will be set backs – hard time

D)You guys will be able to give wise council in those situations because you know the Lord –

1)know his ways – History with Him

<sup>2nd</sup> V.18 He has given you rest on every side –

A)For those of you older here – retired – Given you rest – means time

B)You have more time than ever to be investing in the things of the Lord and in people. –

C)More time to Build up others and leave a Spiritual legacy

<sup>3rd</sup> the Lord says – I have given you inhabitants of the land –

A)That includes not just people but the land and it resources

B)Again the Lord would say to you today – I have given you provision not just so you can be comfortable –

C)But so you can bless others –Core V Blessed to be a blessing

So David is Charging these leaders who have been given rest = time – leisure

A)Who have been given Provision in abundance –

B)Set your heart and Soul -Seek the Lord – Keep him first –

C)David knew firsthand the traps of getting comfortable – Bathsheba

D)OF taking your foot off the gas pedal and going into cruise control mode

V.19 Set your heart and soul to seek the Lord – Keep him First in your life

A)And Arise and Build – stay engaged in the Work of the Lord

B)Can I be so bold as to say that is a WORD from the Lord for some of you today.

C)CV You leaders – you men and women who know the Lord – have experience with him – finish well!!!!

### **So that is was David's Charge to the leaders – Now let's consider his Charge to his son**

A)What David says to his son Solomon gives us insight on how we can grow in the Lord personally –

B)As well as how to help others Grow

C)Notice before he charges Solomon he prays for Solomon <sup>11</sup> Now, my son, may the LORD be with you; and may you prosper, and build the house of the LORD your God, as He has said to you. <sup>12</sup> Only may the LORD give you wisdom and understanding, and give you charge concerning Israel, that you may keep

the law of the LORD your God. <sup>13</sup> Then you will prosper, if you take care to fulfill the statutes and judgments with which the LORD charged Moses concerning Israel.

D)The best thing we can do for the people God has entrusted into our lives is – Pray for them

David prays that the Lord would prosper Solomon – and give him all that he needs to Build the temple –  
A)As well as fulfill his role to be King

B)He prays that Solomon would live according to the Word – Keep the law of the Lord

**C)And then he gives him this Charge - Be strong and of good courage; do not fear nor be dismayed**

Interesting: God gave this same charge to Moses, to Joshua – Be strong – Be of good courage don't fear  
A)Why does God give that Charge to his leaders – why does David give this charge to Solomon?

B)Naturally – they were afraid of the task that was before them

C)Solomon might have been looking at this idea of stepping into his Dads shoes – terrified him

D)David's charge to him is be Strong – Be of good courage – don't be afraid

E)The Lord is with you and he is going to prosper you

**I believe that a Word for a few people here today: God has put something before you – You are afraid**

**A)He says – Be strong – take Courage – because I am with you – I am in this – Don't be afraid**

B)We see later in 1 Chronicles 28:9 – Similar conversation David has with Solomon – Charges him again

<sup>9</sup>“As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever. 1 Chronicles 28:9

C)His charge: Know the God of your Father –

**Here is the point: Know him – don't just know about Him**

**A)The Christian life is a life of relationship**

B)God wants us to know Him – He made a way in sending Jesus

1)He wants us to walk with in – live in relationship with him

C)So David Charges Solomon to know God

And then to Serve Him

A)Serving God flows from Knowing God – the more I know him – the more I want to serve him

B)Service is not a Duty – not to earn points – or Favor – We have his Favor

C)So we are serving out of a response to his Love for us

Notice How David encourages Solomon in his service

**A)Serve Him with a Loyal heart – Means ALL IN – Not a divided heart**

B)James 1:8 says, “A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.”

C)Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do. James 1:8 NLT

“being a double-minded man, is unstable and restless in all his ways [in everything he thinks, feels, or decides].” James 1:8 AMP

D)Paul said: Whatever you do in Word or deed – do all in the name of the Lord.

So Serve him with a Loyal heart and a Willing mind

A)Whatever it is that you are involved in with the Lord – count it as a privilege

B)God doesn't need us – but he allows us to be used by Him –

C)He gives us the privilege to serve – Parking cars, changing diapers

1)Teaching kids – making meals – leading studies –

On the Home Front –

A)The Bible says every good and perfect gift is from God – your Kids are a gift –

B)Home is a gift

C)Count it as a privilege – You get to do what you do

1)you get to be faithful with what God has put in your hands –

D)Gift from God – See it that way

Your Job – is a gift – Talk to anyone who doesn't have one - Stressful –

A)Serve there with a Loyal heart and willing mind – for the Glory of God – Mission Field

B)That will radically change the way you look at your Job

C)So David Charges Solomon to Know the Lord and Serve the Lord

**Finally to Seek the Lord**

**A)Seek to know him More – Seek him with all your heart –**

B)Seek him because there is so much more of him to know.

C)Don't be satisfied with a surfacy relationship with God –

D)Seek him Diligently – seek him with all your heart

1)Seek him in the Word each day – Do Word searches on

The Lord is the rewarder of those who diligently seek – He rewards us with more of himself

A)The Lord loves you and is for you Church –

B)Know Him Seek Him – Serve Him – and you with all your heart

As we close today: Communion

**Jesus is Building His Church**

**A)His Approach: He made Abundant Provision- For God so Loved the World that He gave his Only Son**

B)Jesus left Heaven – came to this earth –

C)A body was Prepared for Him that would take upon himself – all the sin of the world

1)Your Sin my sin – So that we could be forgiven/ Saved/ Brought into right relationship with God

**D)His Cost: He paid it all- FINISHED**

**His Charge:**

**Believe and Follow**