

1970s: Communerosity

We Invest in Community with Grateful Generosity

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1 Chronicles 29:14-16 (All Verses from New International Version 1984)

¹⁴ ...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.

INTRODUCTION: Community + Generosity = Communerosity.

Moving to Communerosity

- 1 Chronicles 29:12 ***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.***

 - 1 Chronicles 29:14 ***...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.***
- 1. Everything I have comes from God.**

- 2 Corinthians 8:7 **...just as you excel in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us--see that you also excel in this grace of giving.**
- 2 Corinthians 8:5 **...they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.**

2. Excelling in the grace of giving flows from giving my heart first to Jesus.

- Matthew 6:21 **For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

3. My heart will follow where my giving goes.

CONCLUSION: Trust and Obey.

G.P.S. Grow. Pray. Study.



Things I'd like to remember from this week's message:

Get each day's GPS downloaded to your computer/phone/etc. by going to this link clcm-gps.com or subscribing through **Feedly.com** (or other RSS Reader) to receive daily updates.

Monday: Read *1 Chronicles 29:12*. How has God made you “wealthy”? How can you thank Him today for all that He has given you?

Tuesday: Read *1 Chronicles 29:14*. Who is a model of generosity for you? Why? Who might see you as a model of generosity in their life?

Wednesday: Read *2 Corinthians 8:7*. Where are you in the following four steps of generosity? Are you ready to take the next step?

- Become a first time giver.
- Become a regular giver.
- Become a tither.
- Become an extravagant giver.

Thursday: Read *2 Corinthians 8:5*. What does it mean for you to give yourself to the Lord? Where do you have to guard against guilt being a motivation for giving? How have you tapped into God's grace and generosity as your motivation to give? When do you most enjoy expressing generosity?

Friday: Read *Matthew 6:21*. Reflect on the following 2 statements and comment on how you think they are true in your life and what is going on in your heart right now.

“Giving reveals your heart”

“Giving shapes your heart”

Saturday: Read *1 Chronicles 29:14-16*. In what ways besides giving money can you be generous to others in the name of Christ?

Going Deeper:

BOOK TO READ: *Satisfied* by Jeff Manion.

NEXT WEEK: Jeremiah 29:7 **The 1980s: Should We Stay or Should We Move?**