

Start with the Heart

January 28-29, 2017

1 Chronicles 28:2 (All verses NIV 1984)

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INTRODUCTION: Journey of Generosity

When You Start with a Generous Heart...

- 1. You live out of gratitude, not guilt.**
 - 2 Corinthians 8:1b-2 ^{1b} ***...we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ² Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity.***
 - 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. Your life flows from the savior's desires, not your desires for stuff.**
 - Luke 12:15b ***...Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.***

- Luke 12:16b ...**The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop.**
3. You seek to build a legacy that blesses, not burdens others.
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 - 1 Chronicles 28:9-10 ⁹**And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with wholehearted devotion and with a willing mind, for the LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever. ¹⁰Consider now, for the LORD has chosen you to build a temple as a sanctuary. Be strong and do the work.**

CONCLUSION: Create for Community: Start with the Heart, Start with Prayer.

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

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

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Monday: Read *2 Corinthians 8:1b-2*. Who modeled/models generosity for you? How has that person's generosity impacted your own?

Tuesday: Read *2 Corinthians 8:5*. When have you given out of guilt? Why? What impact did "guilt giving" have on you? When have you given out of gratitude? Why? What impact did "gratitude giving" have on you?

Wednesday: Read *Luke 12:15*. What is an area of greed in life that tempts you? When does stuff get in the way of the Savior?

Thursday: Read *Luke 12:16*. As you look at all you have in life, take time today to thank God for His generosity to you.

Friday: Read *1 Chronicles 28:2*. As you look at family and friends that have influenced your life, how have they blessed you? How are you passing on such blessings to others?

Saturday: Read *1 Chronicles 28:9-10*. Consider your faith legacy. What values do you want to pass on to the next generation? What impact and influence for God do you want to have on our community?

Going Deeper:

BOOK TO READ: *The Generosity Factor: Discover the Joy of Giving Your Time, Talent and Treasure* by Ken Blanchard.

NEXT WEEK: 1 Chronicles 28:11-19 **Make the Sweet Swap**