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Bible Study

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Godly Characteristics of a Generous Church Body

I Chronicles 29:1-10

Acts 4:32 reads, *“The group of believers were united in their hearts and spirit. All those in the group acted as though their private property belonged to everyone in the group. In fact, they shared everything.”* (NCV) This verse reveals many positive traits about the members of the early church in Jerusalem. All Christian churches should seek to operate in a way that motivates other ministries to do likewise. One way of accomplishing this is by cultivating the gift of generosity among parishioners. This lesson is designed to share godly characteristics of a generous church body.

Breakdown of I Chronicles Chapter 29:1-20

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| 1. The <u>Proposal</u> | from the King | Verses 1-6 |
| 2. The <u>Presents</u> | for the King | Verses 7-9 |
| 3. The <u>Prayer</u> | by the King | Verses 10-20 |

1. Exemplification is a godly characteristic of a generous church body.
Verses 2, 3, 5

“Using every resource at my command, I have gathered as much as I could for building the Temple of my God. Now there is enough gold, silver, bronze, iron, and wood, as well as great quantities of onyx, other precious stones, costly jewels, and all kinds of fine stone and marble. 3) “And now, because of my devotion to the Temple of my God, I am giving all of my own private treasures of gold and silver to help in the construction. This is in addition to the building materials I have already collected for his holy Temple. 5) And for the other gold and silver work to be done by the craftsmen. Now then, who will follow my example and give offerings to the Lord today?” (NLT)

2. Collaboration is a godly characteristic of a generous church body.
Verse 6

“Then the family leaders, the leaders of the tribes of Israel, the generals and captains of the army, and the king’s administrative officers all gave willingly.” (NLT)

3. Celebration is a godly characteristic of a generous church body.
Verse 9

“The people rejoiced over the offerings, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord, and King David was filled with joy.” (NLT)

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