

ARE YOU WILLING TO CONSECRATE YOURSELF TO THE LORD TODAY?

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I Chronicles 29:1-9

In the text, David, the greatest king of Israel was ending his reign. God had already identified his son, Solomon, as the next king. Before David relinquished his throne there was one more thing he wanted to accomplish. He had already succeeded at bringing the Ark of the Covenant back to Jerusalem. However he was not satisfied that it had to sit in a tent and wanted to build a temple for God. God is excellent in every way; and He deserves nothing but the best. God told David through a dream it was Solomon who was to build a temple for the Ark of the Covenant because of David was a man of war.

The way we live our lives has a direct reflection on our children and grandchildren. What we do now affects the next generations. We want to create a place where people can come with all of their confusion, pain, and needs and lay them at the altar to be blessed. David had a plan with specific instructions that he passed on to Solomon to take action. You need a plan. Write the vision and make it plain. Be willing to work the plan. Don't you understand that God has more for you? He has more than you can believe in right now. God has plans for your life. Jeremiah 29:11 Plans fail when you fail to do the work. It is not enough to have a plan, you have to work it. You also need the resources to work the plan.

David took responsibility for his leadership. People follow your example when you are in leadership. He shared his principals on giving. He pledged to give lavishly from his personal resources because he loved God and God's house. David had a personal relationship with God which he cherished. Psalm 63:1 He longed to be with God and pursued God with reckless abandonment. To go after God with reckless abandonment is to go after God without caring what others think, say, or do. It is to go after God as if your heart depended on it. You will never possess what you will not pursue. You keep waiting for it to come to you but you after go after it with reckless abandon. Too many of us are going through life unsatisfied and empty looking for peace. Why do you go about looking for love in the wrong places? You go from house to house, place to place, and/or person to person looking for satisfaction. When you experience God you can't get enough so keep going after Him.

David was in love with God. When you are in love, you keep on giving no matter what kind of relationship it is. These days, we want to be secure. We want to have enough to live on day to day. David didn't secure his position this time. He trusted God to provide for him. He gave generously and willingly to the Lord. To consecrate something is to dedicate it to Lord for His

service and to set it apart. God set you apart before you were even born. Why do we have a need to be ordinary when we are extraordinary? Why do you want to be common? You are saved but are you surrendered? You are saved and surrendered but are you serving? Who is willing to consecrate himself or herself to God today?

When they built the tabernacle the people gave generously and David rejoiced. You are looking for more. You need and want more. We have to surrender. God wants to open that door you closed off to Him for your own security.

Pursue Him with everything.

Peace

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