

## Facing the Giant of Giving

### III: The Right \_\_\_\_\_ for Giving

David believed that God was the resource for all giving. Therefore, the right arrangement for giving begins with ...

A. God's \_\_\_\_\_ to us

Too many times people base their giving upon something that does not involve God. They don't pray about their giving and they don't rely on God to provide in order that they can give. But the right arrangement is based on faith that God will provide not only what we need to live on but also what He desires for us to give.

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The right arrangement continues with ...

B. Our \_\_\_\_\_

David responded to God's challenge and arrangement to give with a willing heart.

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The right arrangement for us is that we totally rely on God for our giving; that we totally rely on God to provide for us; and that we totally rely on God to keep His promises regarding giving.

As we head into our missions conference, there are two questions which will determine whether giving is a giant in our faith:

- 1) How much of my money shall I use for God?
- 2) How much of God's money shall I use for myself?

Don't let giving be giant before you. Don't let your perspective of your financial situation keep you from participating in God's great plan to evangelize the world. What is your attitude about giving? What is your approach to giving? And what is your arrangement with God pertaining to giving?

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1 Chronicles 29:1-18

While the story of David versus Goliath is not applicable specifically to the area of giving, what is applicable is that David trusted solely and completely in God to give him victory over Goliath.

Unfortunately, giving can be a giant that stands in the way for many Christians this morning because they are not willing to trust God to provide for their needs. And sadly, while most Christians do indeed give, they stop short of following God's directives to give due to a lack of faith, thus never affording God the opportunity to grow their faith in this area.

This morning, as we prepare for our upcoming missions conference, I want us to discover how David's heart and trust for God, as seen in his victory over Goliath, carried over to a time where David was ready, willing, and able to give to the building of the Temple. Let's discover three lessons from David that will up us kill the giant of giving.

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### I: The Right \_\_\_\_\_ for Giving: v2-3

One of the reasons giving is such a giant to so many Christian is because of a wrong attitude and perspective to giving.

We are happy to give a waitress a 15%-20% tip for good service at a restaurant but when it comes to giving God our tithes and offerings we resist in spite of all that Christ has done for us.

David's attitude for life was to simply trust in God which allowed David to have the right attitude to give.

A. David \_\_\_\_\_ to give

David was the one who originally planned to build the Temple however God wouldn't allow him to do it. In spite of this, David began to plan to financially contribute to the Temple

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B. David was \_\_\_\_\_ to give

<sup>2</sup> ***Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God***

Because David planned to give, ultimately when the time came to give, he was prepared to give.

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C. David was \_\_\_\_\_ to give

<sup>3</sup> ***Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God***

● 2 Cor. 9:7 ... ***God loveth a cheerful giver***

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The right attitude regarding giving to missions is not fear or selfishness but rather it involves planning, being prepared, and being pleased to be part of God's plan for world evangelization.

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### II: The Right \_\_\_\_\_ for Giving

David's approach to Goliath was to stand face to face to confront and challenge the enemy. Regarding giving ...

A. David \_\_\_\_\_ others to give  
v5b ... ***And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?***

In v7, David challenged all of Israel to give for service to God's work ...

● <sup>7</sup> ***And gave for the service ...***

And David challenged them to give for the house of God

● <sup>7</sup> ***And gave ... of the house of God***

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B. David was \_\_\_\_\_ in his giving

1. He gave out of affection for God's work – v3

2. He gave an amount that he treasured – v3

3. He made an appeal for others to give – v5

4. He had the attitude of "I'm willing to give ... how about you?"

5. He was thankful for the opportunity to give (vv9-17)

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The right approach to giving is to be challenged to give not to just give up and say it isn't possible. It is to be challenged to trust God to provide for you need in addition to your giving. It is to be challenged to participate in something that is the greatest cause you'll ever be involved with and then let our giving be contagious to one another and to other churches.

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