

King-Sized Hearts
1 Chronicles 29:1-22; 1Corinthians 14:1, 5

Your spiritual gifts are needed for the strengthening of the church

1 Corinthians 12 - The Need for Everyone

Your Heritage

2 Timothy 1:6-7 - For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

We are who we are because others have invested in us. Timothy had been invested in by his mother, grandmother and Paul. This investment by those close to us is magnified by God's power. Therefore, we can serve without fear.

May 16 – The Stewardship of Gifts

1 Peter 4:10, 11 - As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever.

It's important that we see our gifts as a means to serve others. God has blessed us and we should in turn bless others. This is a stewardship principle.

We should never turn away from the pain of development

May 23 – Miraculous Gifts

1 Corinthians 14:1, 5 - Pursue love, and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy.

Now I want you all to speak in tongues, but even more to prophesy. The one who prophesies is greater than the one who speaks in tongues, unless someone interprets, so that the church may be built up.¹

¹ Unless otherwise stated, all Scripture is from *The Holy Bible: English standard version*. 2001. Wheaton: Standard Bible Society.

The choices you make today will affect generations

****Illustration** – Financial Peace University – 3 most important expenditures –

Savings, Retirement, Tithe

One affects me immediately

One affects me and my children long term

One affects eternity

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Reasons for Preaching – Inform, Convict, Persuade, Move to Action

Today, my intention is to move you to action

The choices you make today concerning the investment of your time, finances, emotional energy, gifts and talents will affect you immediately, coming generations and eternity

Birth of Grace

- Place of extreme acceptance and grace
- Know God
- Priority on worship – pursuing God’s presence
- Connecting people
- Embracing both the power of God and absolute authority of Scripture
- Fully receive and fully give God’s grace
- Amazing generosity – not just meet budget, but care for the poor, plant churches and support (really support) missions
- Everybody discover, develop and use their spiritual gifts (not church without it)

What are you going to do, how will you live, how will you invest yourself so that the next generation and generations to come will enjoy the church that God has called us to be?

1 Chronicles 29:1-9 – And David the king said to all the assembly, “Solomon my son, whom alone God has chosen, is young and inexperienced, and the work is

great, for the palace will not be for man but for the LORD God. ² So I have provided for the house of my God, so far as I was able, the gold for the things of gold, the silver for the things of silver, and the bronze for the things of bronze, the iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood, besides great quantities of onyx and stones for setting, antimony, colored stones, all sorts of precious stones and marble. ³ Moreover, in addition to all that I have provided for the holy house, I have a treasure of my own of gold and silver, and because of my devotion to the house of my God I give it to the house of my God: ⁴ 3,000 talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and 7,000 talents of refined silver, for overlaying the walls of the house, ⁵ and for all the work to be done by craftsmen, gold for the things of gold and silver for the things of silver. Who then will offer willingly, consecrating himself today to the LORD?"

⁶ Then the leaders of fathers' houses made their freewill offerings, as did also the leaders of the tribes, the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, and the officers over the king's work. ⁷ They gave for the service of the house of God 5,000 talents and 10,000 darics of gold, 10,000 talents of silver, 18,000 talents of bronze and 100,000 talents of iron. ⁸ And whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the LORD, in the care of Jehiel the Gershonite. ⁹ Then the people rejoiced because they had given willingly, for with a whole heart they had offered freely to the LORD. David the king also rejoiced greatly.

David had a huge heart for God. The fact that God had not allowed him to build the temple didn't faze him. He was not in it for personal satisfaction. His agenda was to glorify God and see his son succeed.

So he made a huge personal investment

He made a huge kingdom investment

And he called the people to make a huge investment

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1 Chronicles 29:10-22 – Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: "Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. ¹¹ Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above

all. ¹² Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. ¹³ And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

¹⁴ “But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. ¹⁵ For we are strangers before you and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding. ¹⁶ O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. ¹⁷ I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. ¹⁸ O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you. ¹⁹ Grant to Solomon my son a whole heart that he may keep your commandments, your testimonies, and your statutes, performing all, and that he may build the palace for which I have made provision.”

²⁰ Then David said to all the assembly, “Bless the LORD your God.” And all the assembly blessed the LORD, the God of their fathers, and bowed their heads and paid homage to the LORD and to the king. ²¹ And they offered sacrifices to the LORD, and on the next day offered burnt offerings to the LORD, 1,000 bulls, 1,000 rams, and 1,000 lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel. ²² And they ate and drank before the LORD on that day with great gladness.

Next steps

Because I want Grace Community to continue to thrive for generations to come, I commit to:

Give of my time, talents, and gifts

Tithe to support the church

Consecrate my life to be an example of authentic Christianity

Give generously beyond a tithe to Growing Grace

Give generously beyond a tithe to missions

Give generously beyond a tithe to ministries in Greenville