

Week Six – *NEXT is Now*
1 Chronicles 29:1-9

Spend FIFTEEN – Day One

1. Solomon is preparing to construct his famous temple to the glory of God. According to 1 Chronicles 17:1-12 and 1 Chronicles 22:7-8, why didn't David build the temple.
2. Had David done anything wrong? How does this Scripture compare to 1 Corinthians 3:5-9? How does this truth apply to us?
3. How does the proverb "It's to your credit if you don't care who gets the credit" apply?
4. Was David upset that God had rejected his request to build the temple? What did David do to help the cause anyway?
5. Why do you think God wanted a man of peace to build His temple? What does that say about God?
6. Ecclesiastes 3 states that there is a time for war and a time for peace. In the Jewish culture, the word for peace is shalom. Would you define God's peace as the absence of hostility or does it mean more than that?
7. Read Matthew 5:9, then finish your FIFTEEN by using these words to pray to be one of God's peacemakers.

Spend FIFTEEN – Day Two

8. Have you ever been a part of something important? Explain.
9. Read 1 Chronicles 29:1-9. How does verse 3 describe the attitude of David when making his offering to God?
10. Read verse 6. What's the connection between David and the elders? Between the elders and the people? What principle applies?
11. Consider similar advice in 2 Corinthians 9:6-7. Why does attitude matter so much to God?
12. Read Hebrews 11:6. Explain it in your own words.

13. What does the phrase, “Equal sacrifice, not equal giving”, mean to you? What’s the problem with excusing people of modest means from being generous in service to the Lord? What does that attitude suggest?
14. Finish your FIFTEEN in prayer by asking God to give you a generous spirit in all things.

Spend FIFTEEN – Day Three

15. Read 1 Chronicles 29:5. What question does David ask?
16. Read 1 Chronicles 29:14-16. What is the source of all gifts given to God for His work?
17. The theme for this week is NEXT IS NOW. What does that imply?
18. Do you do a good job of living in the moment or are you more inclined to live in the past or eagerly wait for the future?
19. God loves to do uncommon things through common people so that the power of His blessing might be seen. Read Paul’s words on this point in 2 Corinthians 12:9-10. What was he saying?
20. Is this your moment to do something important in the kingdom of God? Explain.
21. As you conclude your FIFTEEN in prayer, pray that God would grant you faith to take action.

Spend FIFTEEN – Day Four

22. David gave his entire life and all his energy to serve the Lord. Why was it important that he also contribute his money?
23. Read Jesus’ words in Matthew 6:19-24. How do you lay up treasure in heaven?
24. What does the Bible mean when it says, “But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness”? How important is the right perception?
25. Read the concluding words of Matthew 6:33-34. What is the solution to the potential problem of misplaced

priorities?

26. Were you raised in a generous home? What effect has the attitude of your family had on your generosity now?
27. Are you more or less blessed in the things of this world than you anticipated when you were young?
28. End your FIFTEEN in prayer. Pray for your eyes to be opened to the goodness of the Lord in your life.

Spend FIFTEEN – Day Five

29. Re-read the 1 Chronicles 29:1-9. What observation is the most prominent to you?
30. It is important that we pass on the lessons we have learned in life to the next generation. How are you helping the next generation understand that all good things come from God?
31. Read James 1:17-18. Have you ever felt that God played favorites? What made you feel that way?
32. God made us all different. Why do so many believe that everyone has the same right to affluence, certain talents or opportunities?
33. Read 1 Timothy 6:6-11. According to this passage, what's the key to a full life?
34. Continue reading 1 Timothy 6:17-19. What is uncertain in life? What is the key to life that is life indeed?
35. Conclude your final FIFTEEN in prayer. Pray for a life that is content while pressing forward to greater achievement. Pray for a greater measure of God's perspective about possessions.