

A Calling to Lead

1 Chronicles 2:9-10 - The people rejoiced at the willing response of their leaders, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord. David the king also rejoiced greatly. ¹⁰ David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly, saying, "Praise be to you, Lord, the God of our father Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.

Giving Honor to God the Father, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. To All of God's Sons and Daughters. Our scripture lesson comes from 1 Chronicles 2:9-10. Today's topic is "A Calling to Lead."

An Example

In chapter 2 of Chronicles, we witness a great move of God's people working together in unity and in love. King David informs his people that God had chosen his son Solomon as the next King of Israel, while he was very young and inexperienced. Solomon had an enormous task ahead of him to build a temple, not for just men and women, but it was for the Lord God himself. King David had used every resource at his command and gathered as much as he could for building the temple of God. David brought gold, silver, bronze, iron, wood, as well as great quantities of onyx, other precious stones, costly jewels, and all kinds of fine stone and marble. He was so devoted to building the temple of God, that he gave his private treasures of gold and silver to help in the construction, along with the building material that he had already collected for his holy Temple. He donated more than 112 tons of gold (\$12 billion USD) from Ophir and 262 tons (\$1 billion USD) of refined silver to be used for overlaying the walls of the buildings and for the other gold and silver work to be done by the craftsmen. In his address to the people, the King says, "Now then, **who will follow my example** and give offerings to the Lord today?" (1 Chr. 2:1-5) **A Calling to Lead.**

The People's Response

How do you think the people responded to King David's request? How would you have responded and how do you respond to Kingdom Building today? According to the text, "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 for the construction of the Temple of God. They gave about 188 tons (\$20 billion USD) of gold, 10,000 gold coins, 375 tons (\$1.5 billion USD) of silver, 675 tons of bronze, and 3,750 tons of iron. They also contributed numerous precious stones, which were deposited in the treasury of the house of the Lord under the care of Jehiel, a descendant of Gershon. The people rejoiced over the offerings, for they had given freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord, and King David was filled with joy. (1 Chr. 2:6-9) My brothers and sisters, every one of us has a unique calling and it is vitally important that we respond to the Holy Calling on our lives. The scripture says, "Work willingly at whatever you do, as though you were working for the Lord rather than for people. Remember that the Lord will give you an inheritance as your reward, and that the Master you are serving is Christ. But if you do what is wrong, you will be paid back for the wrong you have done. For God has no favorites. (Colossians 3:23-25) It's a blessing to trust in the Lord. It's also a blessing when the Lord can trust His people to respond to the calling. You have a high calling and whether you know it or not, someone is looking at your leadership and following the

Christ-like model they see in you. It's also a blessing to come together as a body of Christ; **"Not forsaking the assembling** of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Hebrews 10:25) As we come together as a body, the beautiful bond of leadership, followship, and fellowship take place. When the body of believers come together, qualities like: love, synergy, inspiration, encouragement, teambuilding, sharing, empowerment, empathy, and relationships are formed which strengthens the entire assembly. Have you ever been going through a tough time, but you made it to the service (congregation of believers) and realized that you felt better and you were able to overcome your obstacles, or you encouraged someone else through their storms. YES, Yes, yes... you have A Calling to Lead!!!

God Gets the Praise

Have you ever been so thankful for the goodness of the Lord that you just couldn't hold your peace? David felt that way. As the Lord is blessing and the people working together in love, David magnified the Lord and gave a Hallelujah Praise. 1 Chr. 2:10 says, then David praised the Lord in the presence of the whole assembly: "O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, may you be praised forever and ever!" In all things we should worship the Lord with gladness; come before Him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, the sheep of His pasture. (Psalm 100:2-3). The temple was being built, the people were on one accord, and the congregation were standing on the word of God. They could stand on the same Gospel that we stand on today. *"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom."* (Luke 6:38) Hallelujah, payday is coming and you have A Calling to Lead. Even if it seems the storms of life are raging, keep **'Your Soul Anchored in the Lord'**. The Lord deserves our praise. Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; praise Him in His mighty heaven! Praise Him for His mighty works; praise His unequalled greatness! Praise Him with a blast of the ram's horn; praise Him with the lyre and harp! Praise Him with the tambourine and dancing; praise Him with strings and flutes! Praise Him with a clash of cymbals; praise Him with loud clanging cymbals. Let everything that breathes sing praises to the Lord! Praise the Lord! (Psalm 150) You have a Calling to Lead!!!

In closing, you can do all things through Christ who is your strength. Make sure that you invite Him into your heart. All that call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Rom. 10:13) A charge to keep we have, a God to glorify, a never-dying soul to save, and fit it for the sky. To serve the present age, my calling to fulfill, O may it all my powers engage, to do my Master's will! The **great calling** on your life produces blessings. Continue to **avoid distractions** and bring every thought into captivity. Demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God and take **captive every thought** to make it **obedient to Christ**. (2 Cor. 10:5) Don't let anything shake your faith. Stand firm and don't let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. (1 Cor. 15:58) Keep in mind that you are a Kingdom Builder. You are called to lead. You have a High Calling. Claim it. **A Calling to Lead.**

Benediction

I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus Name. Amen.