



GIVE LIKE GOD

**Generosity is a good thing
worth celebrating.**



So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to go on ahead to you and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised, so that it may be ready as a willing gift, not as an exaction.

2 Corinthians 9:5-7



The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

2 Corinthians 9:5-7



Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:5-7



“I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind about what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving.”

- **Eugene Peterson**



1 Chronicles 29



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1 Chronicles 29:9



And they ate and drank before the Lord on that day with great gladness.

1 Chronicles 29:22



**How does generosity move
from a wearisome duty
to a worshipful delight?**



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1 Chronicles 29:9-11



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.

1 Chronicles 29:9-11



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.

1 Chronicles 29:9-11



Yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and
you are exalted as head above all.

1 Chronicles 29:9-11



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For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine.

Psalm 50:10-12



If I were hungry, I would not tell
you, for the world and its fullness
are mine.

Psalm 50:10-12



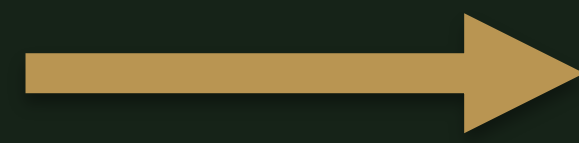
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Three Shifts for Cheerful Giving:

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I have
I've earned



Everything
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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.

1 Chronicles 29:12-16



And now we thank you, our God,
and praise your glorious name. “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.

1 Chronicles 29:12-16



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.

1 Chronicles 29:12-16



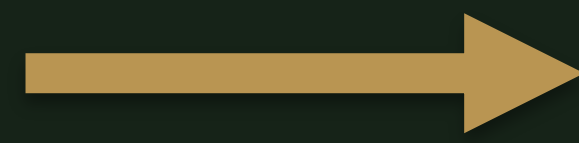
O Lord our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own.

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“If you had been born on a mountaintop in Tibet in the thirteenth century, instead of a Western country in the twentieth century, then no matter how hard you worked, you wouldn’t have had much to show for it.

- **Tim Keller**



If you have money, power, and status today, it is due to the century and place in which you were born, to your talents and capacities and health, none of which you earned. In short, all your resources are in the end the gift of God.”

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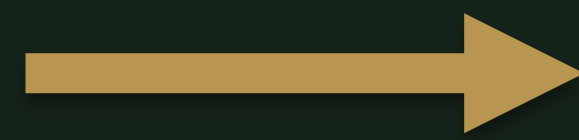
You will be enriched in every way
to be generous in every way, which
through us will produce
thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:11



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Three Shifts for Cheerful Giving:

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Effort



Spirit-
Empowered
Obedience



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,

1 Chronicles 29:17-18



and now I have seen your people,
who are present here, offering
freely and joyously to you.

1 Chronicles 29:17-18



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.

1 Chronicles 29:17-18



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“Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.”

Luke 12:32-34



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