

## Lesson 6      13 September, 2020

### David Charges Solomon and Israel

**Lesson Scope:** [1 Chronicles Chapters 28 & 29](#)

*References in brackets relate to Lesson Scope unless noted otherwise*

#### Lesson Focus

As David neared the close of his life, he sensed the urgency of transferring his leadership to Solomon. He also communicated to Solomon and Israel his burden for building the temple.

David invited zealous participation by all in the great Work of building “the palace . . . for the LORD God.” He did this by instruction and encouragement, by being an example in sacrificial giving, and by the personal invitation: “And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?” (2915). Israel’s positive response to David’s question is phenomenal.

Our loyalty to Christ and the church is just as important as Israel’s loyalty to temple building. Are we willingly consecrating our service to God and inspiring such consecration in the rising generation? God’s plan for preserving the faith is for one generation to teach and train the next. The all-consuming desire of spiritual parents is to produce children who are faithful to the Lord.

Fill your soul with zeal for consecrated, voluntary, stranger-and-pilgrim Christian living. Let your inspiration spill out into your hearers. May God bless you as you make this lesson practical.

**Lesson Aim:** To see principles for inspiring loyalty to God in the rising generation.

**Theme Verse:** [Psalm 78:5](#). For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, Which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children.

## Lesson Text

### David Charges the Leaders

1 Chronicles 28:2-8

<sup>2</sup> (KJV) Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: *As for me*, I *had* in mine heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building: <sup>3</sup> But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build an house for my name, because thou *hast been* a man of war, and hast shed blood. <sup>4</sup> Howbeit the LORD God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever: for he hath chosen Judah *to be* the ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he liked me to make *me* king over all Israel: <sup>5</sup> And of all my sons, (for the LORD hath given me many sons,) he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel. <sup>6</sup> And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him *to be* my son, and I will be his father. <sup>7</sup> Moreover I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he be constant to do my commandments and my judgments, as at this day. <sup>8</sup> Now therefore in the sight of all Israel the congregation of the LORD, and in the audience of our God, keep and seek for all the commandments of the LORD your God: that ye may possess this good land, and leave *it* for an inheritance for your children after you for ever.

### David Charges Solomon

1 Chronicles 28:9-11

<sup>9</sup> (KJV) And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever. <sup>10</sup> Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do *it*. <sup>11</sup> Then David gave to Solomon his son the pattern of the porch, and of the houses thereof, and of the treasuries thereof, and of the upper chambers thereof, and of the inner parlours thereof, and of the place of the mercy seat,

1 Chronicles 28:19-20 <sup>19</sup> (KJV) All *this*, said David, the LORD made me understand in writing by *his* hand upon me, *even* all the works of this

pattern. <sup>20</sup> And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do *it*: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, *even* my God, *will be* with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

## David Charges the Congregation

### 1 Chronicles 29:1-5

<sup>1</sup> (KJV) Furthermore David the king said unto all the congregation, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, *is yet* young and tender, and the work *is* great: for the palace *is* not for man, but for the LORD God. <sup>2</sup> Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for *things to be made* of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and the brass for *things* of brass, the iron for *things* of iron, and wood for *things* of wood; onyx stones, and *stones* to be set, glistening stones, and of divers colours, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. <sup>3</sup> Moreover, because I have set my affection to the house of my God, I have of mine own proper good, of gold and silver, *which* I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, <sup>4</sup> *Even* three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses *withal*: <sup>5</sup> The gold for *things* of gold, and the silver for *things* of silver, and for all manner of work *to be made* by the hands of artificers. And who *then* is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?

### 1 Chronicles 29:14-16

<sup>14</sup> (KJV) But who *am* I, and what *is* my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things *come* of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. <sup>15</sup> For we *are* strangers before thee, and sojourners, as *were* all our fathers: our days on the earth *are* as a shadow, and *there is* none abiding. <sup>16</sup> O LORD our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee an house for thine holy name *cometh* of thine hand, and *is* all thine own.

### 1 Chronicles 29:20-23

<sup>20</sup> (KJV) And David said to all the congregation, Now bless the LORD your God. And all the congregation blessed the LORD God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the LORD, and the king. <sup>21</sup> And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the LORD, and offered burnt

offerings unto the LORD, on the morrow after that day, *even* a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, *and* a thousand lambs, with their drink offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel: <sup>22</sup> And did eat and drink before the LORD on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed *him* unto the LORD *to be* the chief governor, and Zadok *to be* priest. <sup>23</sup> Then Solomon sat on the throne of the LORD as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him.

## **Questions for Study**

### **David Charges the Leaders**

1. What basis did David use to appeal to the leaders?
2. How do we demonstrate “keep[ing] and seek[ing] for all the commandments of the LORD”?
3. Why is accountability important in transmitting the faith?

### **David Charges Solomon**

4. How can we help our children develop perfect hearts and willing minds?
5. How should we encourage young people as they take up the work of the church?
6. Where should our children seek the pattern for their lives?

### **David Charges the Congregation**

7. How can we respond to the call for consecration today?
8. How can we be strangers and pilgrims in the twenty-first century?
9. How can we show affection for the house of our God?

## **Analysing the Passage**

In this passage we see David trying to pass on to others the burden, zeal, and affections of his own heart. Notice David’s seven attributes that inspire loyalty in us yet today.

1. Diligent obedience. “Keep and seek for all the commandments of the LORD” (28:28).
2. Voluntary service. “Serve him . . . with a willing mind” (28:9).
3. Parental concern. “And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father” (28:9).
4. Devout faith. “The LORD God . . . will be with thee” (28:20).

5. Profound reverence. “The palace is not for man, but for the LORD God” (29:1).
6. Affectionate sacrifice. “I have set my affection to the house of my God” (29:3).
7. Heaven-centred vision. “We are strangers before thee: . . . there is none abiding” (29:15).

## **Principles and Applications**

### **David Charges the Leaders**

1. Parents inspire loyalty in their children by their personal commitment to God’s will (28:2-3). We cannot lead our children beyond where we have attained. Our children must hear us verbalize our commitment and also see us live by it. As they view our life, they will understand what we really put first.
2. Godly parents teach the rising generation to keep and seek the Lord’s commandments (28:8). If we seek the Lord’s commandments, we will study the Bible seriously. We will not spend our time reading intellectual philosophy. We will carefully guard what we listen to on educational CDs. We will not go to the world for help on difficult decisions. If we fill our minds from these sources, we will lose our ability to clearly understand and practice Bible truth.
3. We must serve God with an awareness of our accountability to the church (28:8). A church that does not require accountability of its members is not a safe church. We must teach young people to appreciate accountability to their parents, employers, and the government.

### **David Charges Solomon**

4. Loyalty to God is revealed by a perfect heart and a willing mind (28:9). A perfect heart is undivided. It searches for God’s perfect will, rather than what it can get away with. Today many people attempt to circumvent issues by circular reasoning that never faces the “Thus saith the Lord.” A willing mind equals a voluntary life. We want to obey God and serve His cause. The church is our highest joy and deepest concern. The church is a voluntary organism. The Gospel message is for “Who-soever will.” No one is forced, and everyone is welcome.
5. The older must encourage the younger to fulfill the responsibilities assigned to them (28:10). Each generation will serve its time and pass on. We must teach faithfulness, diligence, service, honesty, and perse-

verance to those following us. We cannot make life easy for them. They will have troubles. They will be tested and tried. As they take up the work, we can only point them to the Lord who cared for us.

6. The faithful inspire loyalty in the rising generation by outlining the Biblical basis for our church life (28:11, 19). It is easy for people to theorize and philosophize on how to do things. David told Solomon how God had given him the inspiration for the pattern for the temple. We need the authority of the Scriptures as an anchor for everything we teach and practice. “For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ” (1 Corinthians 3:11). He is our pattern, “leaving us an example, that [we] should follow his steps.”

7. Loyalty is empowered by trust in the Lord (28:20). Religious zeal powered by self-energy is a dangerous force. A loyal saint who is connected by faith to the power of God faithfully fulfill the work of the Lord until his service is completed. God’s promise to Jacob was similar to David’s words to Solomon: “for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of” (Genesis 28:15).

### **David Charges the Congregation**

8. We inspire loyalty when the Lord’s work is first in our lives (29:3, 5). Prayer meetings, cottage meetings, home and school meetings, literature distributions, summer and winter Bible schools, street meetings, foreign missions, jail services, and revival meetings are all opportunities. We should be praising the Lord for these blessings. What is not appreciated will be lost. Our families should grow up eagerly anticipating serving in the Lord’s work. Perhaps some will go away from home to serve the Lord. Those that remain gladly support the work by serving at home.

9. Recognizing that we are only stewards inspires loyal sacrifice (29:14-16). A steward is an accountable servant. Are we loyal to the Master’s cause? Are we using what He has given us for ourselves? If we are, we are thieves. “Will a man rob God?” Many do! What is sacrificial living in America or the place where you live? We can eat in classy restaurants, live in fine homes, operate elite businesses, dress gorgeously, and drive elegant vehicles. What is our sacrifice?

10. Meaningful worship inspires loyalty to God and His kingdom (29:20, 23). Fathers lead in meaningful family worship and do not make excuses to skip it. With modern schedules and lifestyles, family worship

is threatened. Collective worship with God's people ought to always be a highlight for us.

### **Important Teachings**

1. Parents inspire loyalty in their children by their personal commitment to God's will (28:2-3).
2. Godly parents teach the rising generation to keep and seek the Lord's commandments (28:8).
3. We must serve God with an awareness of our accountability to the church (28:8).
4. Loyalty to God is revealed by a perfect heart and a willing mind (28:9).
5. The older must encourage the younger to fulfill the responsibilities assigned to them (28:10).
6. The faithful inspire loyalty in the rising generation by outlining the Biblical basis for our church life (28:11, 19).
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### **Answers to Questions**

1. What basis did David use to appeal to the leaders?

David appealed to them by his personal example, by their accountability to God, and by God's promises of blessing on their faithfulness.

2. How do we demonstrate "keep[ing] and seek[ing] for all the commandments of the LORD"?

We demonstrate this first by our diligence in Bible study. Our speech, as we discuss issues, should abound with Biblical references rather than the phraseology of secular writers and speakers. We should obey simple Bible commands rather than employ complicated reasoning that circumvents obedience.

3. Why is accountability important in transmitting the faith?

Because of the Fall, we are by nature rebellious. We want to run our own lives. This carnal nature must be crucified. To teach children the

fear of the Lord and obedience to Him, they must learn to take responsibility for their actions. They must learn obedience to their parents and those over them in their parents' absence, such as schoolteachers, Sunday school teachers, and grandparents. When our children become Christians, they should take up their accountability to the church body with joyfulness. They will learn this from their parents. How sad when young people must be coerced into compliance with church standards in order to be baptized. We need accountability to safeguard us from the deceptiveness of ourselves.

4. How can we help our children develop perfect hearts and willing minds?

In a sense, this will need to be their personal choice. Their understanding of the meaning of their choice is influenced by the examples set before them. They must see Biblical zeal, faith, love, obedience, conscientious living, and Christian grace in the church body and home. Young people must understand the voluntary nature of the Christian life. They must learn willing service in the home, in the community, and in the church by sometimes serving others without pay. They should learn to obey the spirit of a requirement and not to live only by the letter of the law.

5. How should we encourage young people as they take up the work of the church?

Our praise and our criticisms must be kept in balance. As a general rule, it takes three compliments to overcome the negative impact of one criticism. When we give them responsibility, we should let them fulfill it without implying that they cannot do it good enough without us. We must point them to God and His grace. They must learn to do their best as to the Lord and not unto men. We teach them to trust in the Lord's guidance and be satisfied that they are in the Lord's will.

6. Where should our children seek the pattern for their lives?

We should teach them to turn to the Bible, to read the historic writings of the Mennonite church, to walk in the ways of their parents and grandparents, and to follow church leaders committed to keeping the faith. We should explain clearly to them the calamity of following new winds of doctrine, liberal groups, secular writers and speakers, or change minded leaders. As the number of Mennonite groups continues to explode and experimental church life multiplies, we must teach our

children to reject the new and unproven and to follow the faith of the martyrs.

7. How can we respond to the call for consecration today?

We must see that all our life needs to be consecrated to God. We yield all our time, talent, and money to the Lord each day.

8. How can we be strangers and pilgrims in the twenty-first century?

We need to live in simple homes—they are a tent on our Way to glory. We need to be satisfied with simple foods, not lusting after delicacies and exotic foods. We need to avoid the eating-out mentality. Our businesses should serve the basic needs of men, not their luxuries. These businesses need to be structured to support a lowly lifestyle, not to fund extravagant living. (More practical illustrations could be given.)

9. How can we show affection for the house of our God?

We show affection for the house of our God by reverence in worship, by our zealous support for all services and activities of the church, by our support of special services and church-wide meetings, and by willingly fulfilling whatever task is assigned us.

### **Summarizing the Lesson**

That on which the parents concentrate will captivate their children. May our children be captivated by our love and loyalty to God and His people. If God is our king, our children will be greatly aided to choose wisely.

### **Research Guide**

Study Doctrines of the Bible, by Daniel Kauffman, Part 7, Christian Life, Sections 1-5.