

GOD REMEMBERS

Godly Man (1 Chronicles 11-29)

Memory Verse: "Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all." I Chronicles 29:11



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- This section records how God established David as king, gave him victory, centered Israel's worship around Himself, corrected David's pride, enabled David to prepare the temple, organized Israel for worship and service, and allowed David to finish his life by preparing Solomon and the next generation to faithfully serve God.
 - 1 Chronicles 14:2
 - A godly man is not defined by his successes (those come from God), but by the level of his submission to God
1. A godly man is devoted to God's purpose, not his own plans
 - 1 Chronicles 11:2
 - Your life (marriage, kids, job, successes) belongs to God; it's a calling, not a manufacturing
 - John 6:38
 - 1 Chronicles 15:2
 - David had tried his plans, but it cost Uzziah his life. God's purposes must take priority over our plans.
 - George Muller provided for thousands of orphans according to God's plans not his own personal reputation
 2. A godly man is faithful in his responsibilities for his lifetime and his legacy
 - 1 Chronicles 17:4
 - You are called to be faithful, even when God tells you NO. Your flesh tells you that you deserve it, but your God tells you His plan.
 - 1 Chronicles 22:5,14
 - You are called to build something that you may never see this side of heaven: Kingdom Living
 - 1 Chronicles 23:2-5
 - Faithfulness requires good stewardship of responsibilities in all areas, not just the big ideas: David organized priests, musicians, gatekeepers, military leaders, treasurers.
 - 1 Corinthians 4:2
 - 1 Chronicles 28:9,20
 - You are called to pass your faith to the next generation, not just your stuff!
 - Deuteronomy 6:6-7
 3. A godly man worships his God who makes all things possible
 - 1 Chronicles 29:11,14

- God is the giver of all, so you are called to give all to your God!
- Worship should be the conclusion of every believer's life: both personal and public
 - 1 Chronicles 29:20,28
- A people that cannot openly worship their God, are people that do not acknowledge their God for all that He has done for them!
- Jonathan Edwards and Max Jukes lived in the 1700s but their legacy is radically different. Edward lived for God while Juke lived for self. Your decision today for God will impact generations! Will your life lead people to works or worship?
 - Luke 1:32-33

Questions:

1. Read 1 Chronicles 14:2; 29:11-14; Psalm 24:1; Romans 12:1-2. Who really owns your life? David recognized that God had established him and that everything he possessed ultimately came from God. What areas of your life are easiest to surrender to God? What areas are hardest? How does 1 Chronicles 29:14 challenge the idea that we are "owners" rather than stewards? What does Romans 12:1 mean when it calls us to present our bodies as a living sacrifice? Where might your decisions reveal that you functionally believe, "This is mine"?
2. Read 1 Chronicles 17:1-12; 22:5-10; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Proverbs 3:5-6. How do you respond when God says NO? David wanted to build the temple, but God gave that responsibility to Solomon. How did David respond to God's limitation? Why can God's "no" be difficult for us? What is the difference between disappointment and disobedience? How does David's preparation for Solomon demonstrate mature faith? Is there something God has prevented you from doing that you need to surrender rather than resent?
3. Read 1 Chronicles 28:9-10,20; Deuteronomy 6:4-9; Psalm 78:5-7; 1 Corinthians 11:1; 2 Timothy 1:5. What kind of example are you leaving? David didn't merely give Solomon instructions, he gave Solomon an example. If the people closest to you imitated your spiritual life, what would they learn? What would your children or grandchildren learn about prayer by watching you? What does Paul mean when he says, "Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ"?
4. Read 1 Chronicles 29:3-17; Matthew 6:19-24; Colossians 3:1-5. What/Who has your heart? David said: "I have set my affection to the house of my God." What does your calendar reveal about your priorities? What does your bank account reveal? How does Jesus' statement, "where your treasure is, there will your heart be also," connect with David's generosity? Is your giving motivated primarily by duty, guilt, gratitude, worship, or something else?
5. Read 1 Chronicles 28:9; 29:28; Psalm 71:17-18; 145:4; 2 Timothy 2:2. What will be your spiritual legacy? David prepared Solomon. Paul instructed Timothy to prepare others. This is generational discipleship. Who spiritually invested in you? Who are you currently investing in? What does 2 Timothy 2:2 teach about multiplying faithful disciples? If God gives you another 10, 20, or 30 years, what spiritual investment do you want to have made