Worship the giving God 2018-08-18

Questions:

1. Read 1 Chr29:10-11. How often do you think about the fact that God owns everything? What perspective does it give you about possessions, work, and life?

2. Read 1 Chr29:12. God owns all things and He gives. What does He give to all His creations? His people? You?

3. Read James 1:17. Consider a gift from God; why is it perfect and good? Why is the gift from God in John 3:16 is the most costly and precious?

4. Read 1 Chr29:14. Why would King David be surprised that he and his people would be able to give generously? Why would you be willing to give generously when we worship God?

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(page 1) God owns everything

1 Chr29:11 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.

1. Background
2. God creates and sustains
3. He owns
4. We don’t- we know it when we face death

(page 2) God gives generously

1 Chr29:12 Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all.

1. He owns and he delighted in giving us what he owns
2. He gives us free will- we were his creation
3. He gives us work
4. Text, David could say this as a man who had a life full of both riches and honor. He knew that those things came from God and not from David Himself.

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James 1:17 Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

1. Compare an image of a scenery vs going there
2. Compare Beyond artificial meat and USDDA Prime
3. Compare unconditional giving and transaction
4. His love and just does not falter

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John 3:16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

1. He sacrifices in giving us his only Son- separating the union that can not be separated
2. Giving yourself is very different than giving what you have

(page 3) Celebrate and worship a giving God

1 Chr29:14 “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.”

1. David knew that both the ability and the heart to give were themselves gifts from God.
2. He was actually humbled by having such a heart to give
3. Worship the generous God
4. Celebrate the generous God
5. Imitate the generous God

1 Chr 29:10-14

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. 11 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. 12 Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. 13 Now, our God, we give you thanks, and praise your glorious name. 14 “But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.