

The Restoration of the Worship of God - 2 Chronicles 31:2-21

Topics: Abundance, Blessing, Devotion, Fairness, Faithfulness, Family, Generosity, Goodness, Instructions, Law, Leadership, Ministry, Obedience, Possessions, Praise, Responsibility, Serving, Thanksgiving, Tithing

Open It

1. What is one of the biggest management responsibilities you've ever had?
2. How have some of the people you've known handled the issue of giving to the church?
- * 3. What have been the results of projects on which you have worked wholeheartedly?

Explore It

4. What were the duties of the various divisions of priests and Levites as assigned by Hezekiah? (31:2)
5. Where did Hezekiah get the required offerings for the appointed feasts in the temple? (31:3)
6. How did Hezekiah make sure that the priests and Levites had time to do their jobs properly? (31:4)
7. What was the response of the people when Hezekiah called on them to bring the required portion of their wealth for the support of the priests? (31:5-7)
8. How did Hezekiah and his officials respond to the generosity of the people? (31:8)
9. What did the chief priest tell Hezekiah about the abundance piled up in heaps around the temple? (31:9-10)
10. What organizational structure did Hezekiah put in place for taking care of the goods that were brought by the people? (31:11-13)
- * 11. What sort of distribution system was developed to get the provisions to all of the priests? (31:14-15)
- * 12. Whose needs were provided through the administrators of the offerings? (31:16-19)
- * 13. What qualities characterized all of Hezekiah's actions as king, especially in relation to the temple worship? (31:20-21)

Get It

14. How did Hezekiah show himself willing to set an example for the people in the practices he was instituting or reinstituting?
- * 15. What response on the part of the people indicated that the revival that took place during the Passover celebration was a lasting change of heart for many of the people?
16. What "happy problem" developed when Hezekiah called for the offerings to be brought for the support of the priests?
17. When have you seen God supply so abundantly that a whole new structure was required to handle the quantity of gifts?
- * 18. Why is it appropriate to praise God when His people give generously?
19. What are the pros and cons of Christian ministers being responsible for raising their own support versus being on salary?
20. What was the source of Hezekiah's guidance for these ambitious projects?

Apply It

21. When can you set aside time to read up on a ministry you support with your finances so that your gifts might be wholehearted and generous?
- * 22. How can you say thank you to God for the work His people do?
23. What can you do to develop a servant's attitude in dependence upon God?