"Worship of the Freewill Offering"
1 Chronicles 29:1-22

C.I.T.—David reveals the heart behind the freewill gift.
C.I.S.—What does a freewill gift communicate to God?
Purpose—I want to show what giving a freewill offering communicates to God and what not giving one communicates.
Introduction

- **1 Chronicles 29:1-9**—Freewill offering for the construction of the temple
- Old Testament Model for funding ministry
    - Temple and the Levites/Priests to work it
    - The people were to bring a tithe of their harvest/revenue to the Levites, at the temple and then in the third year to their local town.
    - This provided for the day-to-day operation.
    - This is the equivalent of our budget/undesignated giving—as people make money, they will give a portion of that—biblical principle of the tithe/t0%
- Old Testament Model for funding special projects
    - Freewill offering
    - They would give as their hearts moved them to give.
- This example was a freewill offering to fund the temple.
    - David gave a freewill offering.
    - The leaders gave a freewill offering.
    - The people later gave.
    - This resulted in praise and excitement and buy in among the rest of the people.
- Vs. 10--David offered a prayer to the Lord after seeing this offering, and reveals what a freewill offering means to God.

I. ***Recognizes God's Greatness*** Vs. 11-13
    a. Stature—God possesses greatness, power, glory, splendor, majesty
    b. Source—He is the owner of all the universe—the earth is the Lord's and everything therein
    c. Sovereignty—yours is the kingdom—not just of Israel, but of the universe
    d. Supply—He alone can give honor and riches, power and might to people.
    e. Illus.—Man who built bigger barns
    f. Application
        i. When we give, we tell him that we are trusting in Him for these things.
        ii. If we don't trust in Him, then we will use everything that we have.
        iii. We don't have to cling to our possessions, because we know that He can and will give more to take care of us.

II. ***Recognizes God's Grace*** Vs. 14-16
    a. Mankind is nothing compared to God.
    b. Yet, God chooses to allow us to participate in His kingdom and in His plans.
        i. God allows us to participate with him.
        ii. God empowers us to participate with him: we would have nothing to give if it weren't for His blessing in our lives.
    c. When we participate with Him, we benefit from what He is doing.
    d. Illus.—Oklahoma Indians surprised to find out that they could give to God
    e. Application
        i. What a blessing to get to be on His team!
        ii. Couple that were ecstatic that they were able to give a large sum for kingdom work.

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iii. God felt they were faithful to entrust riches, and they were humbled by the fact that He would bless them in such a way that they could be a blessing.
iv. A freewill offering recognizes His grace!

III. ***Recognizes His Great Commission*** vs. 17-19
a. His leadership served as a testimony to others.
i. The leaders and the entire congregation of God’s people were giving joyfully and willingly.
ii. The trust and support that David showed was reflected in the lives of the people.
iii. He share the good news of this opportunity with the people and they responded.
b. The hope was that this passion for God’s kingdom would spread to subsequent generations.
i. Keep this desire in the thoughts of yor people
ii. Confirm their hearts
iii. Give Solomon and undivide heart
c. David knew that his willingness to give a freewill offering would have an effect on the hearts and souls of others.
d. There would be a great commission impact on others.
e. Illus.—Blessed in the people whose old men plant tress under which they will never sit.
f. Application
i. We recognize that these freewill offerings will be felt throughout eternity.
ii. We know that more people will come to Christ because of these offerings.
iii. We are not investing in buildings or in programs, but in eternity.

Conclusion
- Vs. 20-22—resulted in a greater expression of worship
- Guided prayer time/Fill out pledge cards
- Invitation

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a. S_____
b. S_____
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d. S_____
II. Recognizes _____.
III. Recognizes _____.