



Phil 4:10, The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you. But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. 11 Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: 12 I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. 13 I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. 14 Nevertheless you have done well that you shared in my distress. 15 Now you Philippians know also that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church shared with me concerning giving and receiving but you only. 16 For even in Thessalonica you sent aid once and again for my necessities. 17 Not that I seek the gift, but I seek the fruit that abounds to your account. 18 Indeed I have all and abound. I am full, having received from Epaphroditus the things sent from you, a sweet–smelling aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well pleasing to God. 19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. 20 Now to our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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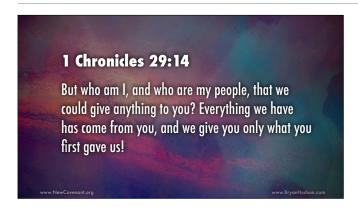


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2. WE GIVE ourselves to God's purposes, including the seed designed for sowing. Seed can be eaten, but, a) It's not a good meal. b) That part (our seed) designed by God for investment is wasted. c) Someone else becomes responsible to do what we should have done.



WE RECEIVE increase in for God's kingdom and we also increase

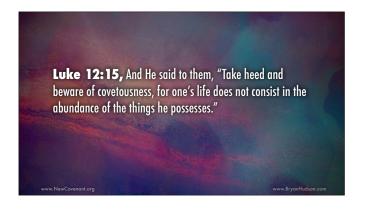
There is something called a "worldview," which is how we see the world and our part in it. We live a world where the predominant view is "Get all you can, can all you get, and sit on the can" or "My name is Jimmy, I'll take all you can gimme." The feeling of both need and greed drive this worldview. It can be called a consumption mentality.

Resource: A supply of money, materials, staff, and other assets that can be drawn on by a person or organization in order to function effectively.

Source: A point of origin or procurement; any thing or place from which something comes, arises, or is obtained

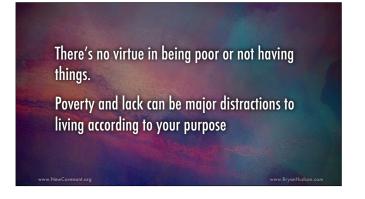
We want to understand sources and resources and keep the proper perspective. Ultimately, we know that God is our source. We also want to be clear about other sources.

For example, in finance, your bank account and investment our resources. Your employment and stewardship of your money would look more like sources. You spend a supply of money, but you cultivate earning money.



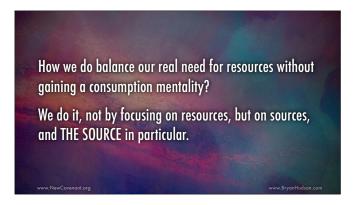
Having a lot of stuff is not necessarily a sign of God's blessing. Gangsters, liars, cheaters, and people who profited off abusing other have a lot of stuff. People taking over whole countries doing that. You can even go into debt and get a lot of stuff.

### Psalm 33:16, No king is saved by the multitude of an army; A mighty man is not delivered by great strength...18 Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, On those who hope in His mercy,



He just did not say blessed are the poor. He said "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"

We always say, if you think being poor is a blessing, you have not been poor enough.



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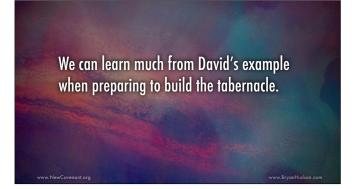
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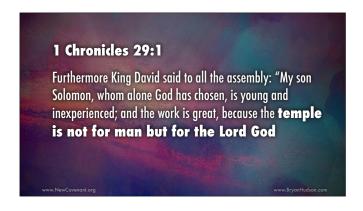
- 1. He is motivated by fatherly love
- 2. He is the possessor of heaven and earth and has access to everything we need
- 3. He requires that we worship Him, not the things or the people in our lives.
- 4. He blesses those who humble themselves and give to Him

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### The call and the response:

1 Chron. 29:3 Moreover, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, I have given to the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, my own special treasure of gold and silver: 4 three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, to overlay the walls of the houses; 5 the gold for things of gold and the silver for things of silver, and for all kinds of work to be done by the hands of craftsmen. Who then is willing to consecrate himself this day to the Lord?""

6 Then the leaders of the fathers' houses, leaders of the tribes of Israel, the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the officers over the king's work, offered willingly. 7 They gave for the work of the house of God five thousand talents and ten thousand darics of gold, ten thousand talents of silver, eighteen thousand talents of bronze, and one hundred thousand talents of iron. 8 And whoever had precious stones gave them to the treasury of the house of the Lord, into the hand of Jehiel[b] the Gershonite. 9 Then the people rejoiced, for they had offered willingly, because with a loyal heart they had offered willingly to the Lord; and King David also



# 1 Chronicles 29:12 Both riches and honor come from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great And to give strength to all. 13 Now therefore, our God, We thank You And praise Your glorious name. 14 But who am I, and who are my people, That we should be able to offer so willingly as this? For all things come from You, And of Your own we have given You.



Recognizing your source puts you in position to receive from Your Source. Riches (resources) and honor (recognition) from from God.

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If we get the source wrong, everything we be confusion and askew.

When we get the Source correct, blessing and favor follow