

TITLE: REACHING FORTH IN PREPARATION

"And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that ministered to the king by course, and the captains over the thousands, and captains over the hundreds, and the stewards over all the substance and possession of the king, and of his sons, with the officers, and with the mighty men, and with all the valiant men, unto Jerusalem.² Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: As for me, I had in mine heart to build an house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and for the footstool of our God, and had made ready for the building: ³ But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build an house for my name, because thou hast been a man of war, and hast shed blood. * Howbeit the LORD God of Israel chose me before all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever: for he hath chosen Judah to be the ruler; and of the house of Judah, the house of my father; and among the sons of my father he liked me to make me king over all Israel: ⁵ And of all my sons, (for the LORD hath given me many sons,) he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the LORD over Israel. ⁶ And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. ⁷ Moreover I will establish his kingdom for ever, if he be constant to do my commandments and my judgments, as at this day.⁸ Now therefore in the sight of all Israel the congregation of the LORD, and in the audience of our God, keep and seek for all the commandments of the LORD your God: that ye may possess this good land, and leave it for an inheritance for your children after you for ever.⁹ And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever. ¹⁰ Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it." (1 Chronicles 28:1-10)

"Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the Lord spake in that day; for thou heardest in that day how the Anakims were there, and that the cities were great and fenced: if so be the Lord will be with me, then I shall be able to drive them out, as the Lord said." (Joshua 14:12)

Quote: "The last days of our life should be spent giving thought as to how much we can give, not how much we can keep."—**Lehman Strauss**

"And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the LORD had given him rest round about from all his enemies; ² That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains." (2 Samuel 7:1-2)

1. _____ Are Needed

A. Chosen

THE HEART OF A SERVANT

Quote: "[Heart] denotes the whole soul of man and all its faculties, not individually, but as they all work together in doing good or evil."—**Jerry Bridges**

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;" (Colossians 3:23)

"Who shall ascend into the hill of the LORD? or who shall stand in his holy place? ⁴ He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; who hath not lifted up his soul unto vanity, nor sworn deceitfully." (Psalm 24:3-4)

"But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the Lord hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the Lord hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the Lord commanded thee." (1 Samuel 13:14)

Quote: "The ultimate secret (of generosity) is a changed heart." **–Ken Blanchard**

THE SUBMISSION OF THE SERVANT

B. Chosen

"But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. ¹⁶ And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever. ¹⁷ According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David." (2 Samuel 7:15–17)

DAVID CHOSEN KING OVER ISRAEL SOLOMON CHOSEN KING OVER ISRAEL

2. _____ Are Required

A.

Quote: "If a vision will survive, it must be accompanied by a strategy of faith."

DIMENSIONS OF THE TEMPLE

THE FURNITURE IN THE TEMPLE

B.

PERSONALLY

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest." (Ecclesiastes 9:10)

Quote: "David knew God was the owner, and he was the manager."

Quote: "The successful person has learned how to make money, but the significant person has learned how to give it away." —**Ken Blanchard**

AFFECTIONATELY

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." (Colossians 3:1-2)

ABUNDANTLY

"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." (2 Corinthians 9:7) **Quote:** "The natural by-product of gratitude is generosity." **–Ken Blanchard**

_____ Is Provided

A. Be_____

3.

"The LORD is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in him, and I am helped: Therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; And with my song will I praise him." (Psalm 28:7)

"And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, even my God, will be with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD." (1 Chronicles 28:20)

B. Be of Good

Quote: "When God is going to do something wonderful, He starts with the difficult. When God is going to do something miraculous, He starts with the impossible."—**Tom Malone**

"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Philippians 4:13)

Quote: "If the Lord fails me at this time, it will be the first time."—**George Müller**

"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich." (2 Corinthians 8:9)

"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (2 Corinthians 5:21)



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