

## **Building God's Kingdom in Others**

More than anything in his life, David wanted to build a Temple for God. God was very clear that he was not going to build the Temple but his son Solomon would build it. David spent the next 15 to 20 years preparing for the building of the Temple so his son wouldn't fail.

*“David said, "My son Solomon is young and inexperienced, and the house to be built for the LORD should be of great magnificence and fame and splendor in the sight of all the nations. Therefore I will make preparations for it." So David made extensive preparations before his death” . (1 Chronicles 22:5)*

### **1. The Land**

*“But King David replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying the full price. I will not take for the LORD what is yours, or sacrifice a burnt offering that costs me nothing." So David paid Araunah six hundred shekels of gold for the site. (1 Chronicles 21:24-25)*

Mount Moriah is the name given to a mountain range by the Book of Genesis, in which context it is the location where Abraham was told to sacrifice Isaac. It is also the site that God visited Gideon and other historic events and it would be here that the Temple would be built.

We need to be investors of vacant/empty land. Who are you asking God to build his Kingdom in? We can't save them, but we can point them to the one who can.

### **2. The Builders**

*“He said to me: 'Solomon your son is the one who will build my house and my courts, for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father. I will establish his kingdom forever if he is unswerving in carrying out my commands and laws, as is being done at this time.' (1 Chronicles 28:6-7)*

We need to introduce people to the real builder, the one who has plans (blue prints) for their lives. What a special thing for those who we have invested in when he becomes their Father and their God.

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### 3. The Plans

*“Then David gave his son Solomon the plans for the portico of the temple, its buildings, its store-rooms, its upper parts, its inner rooms and the place of atonement. He gave him the plans of all that the Spirit had put in his mind for the courts of the temple of the LORD and all the surrounding rooms, for the treasuries of the temple of God and for the treasuries for the dedicated things”. (1 Chronicles 28:11-12)*

What did Solomon have to do with the building of the Temple? Nothing! The Bible has everything we need to build on. Don't hesitate to speak God's plans over lives that God places around you and you have influence with.

### 4. The Workers

*“David also said to Solomon his son, "Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD God, my God, is with you. He will not fail you or forsake you until all the work for the service of the temple of the LORD is finished. The divisions of the priests and Levites are ready for all the work on the temple of God, and every willing man skilled in any craft will help you in all the work. The officials and all the people will obey your every command." (1 Chronicles 28:20-21)*

David gathered the workers for Solomon. We need to surround our kids with people that will influence their lives. This is why we need the best people teaching our kids, because it is crucial as God's Kingdom is built in their lives.

### 5. The Supplies

*“Then King David said to the whole assembly: "My son Solomon, the one whom God has chosen, is young and inexperienced. The task is great, because this palatial structure is not for man but for the LORD God. With all my resources I have provided for the temple of my God-gold for the gold work, silver for the silver, bronze for the bronze, iron for the iron and wood for the wood, as well as onyx for the settings, turquoise, stones of various colors, and all kinds of fine stone and marble-all of these in large quantities. Besides, in my devotion to the temple of my God I now give my personal treasures of gold and silver for the temple of my God, over and above everything I have provided for this holy temple”. (1 Chronicles 29:1-3)*

Those you have influence over may not remember things you think are important. But they will remember the investment out of your personal resources and sacrifices.

Through church history we were certain that different 'things' would bring people to Jesus. From radio to television to the Internet, but it always comes down to *people* who invest in empty "property" around them. Then lead them to the real builder, who has plans for their lives that need to have people around them shaping them, supplying them with the resources they

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## Discussion Questions

- 1) King David had a burning desire to build a Temple for God. God told him that it was not for him to build but that his son Solomon would build it. Yet he spent the next 15 to 20 years preparing for this massive project. Have you ever had a time in your life where you invested time, resources, “blood, sweat and tears” so that someone else would fulfill God’s purpose? Please share (there may be more examples than you’re even aware of...people you’ve had influence with, giving so others could go to missions, ministry and more)
- 2) “The Land”, as Dan Stewart talked about buying or investing in vacant or empty land what are some examples that come to mind?
- 3) Next we considered the “*builders*”. Dan challenged us to lead people to the “Real Builder”. This builder has plans or blue prints for all of us and we can never give up praying for people to meet him. Who are you praying for to meet the real builder, even if it’s been decades and you haven’t given up? Also take a minute to ask God who you should praying for, don’t hesitate to pray for anyone that God puts on your heart.
- 4) “*Plans*” have you ever taken a moment to ponder that much of what you possess or have accomplished in life has very little to do with your planning and preparation? It was more than likely people around you that invested in you, your life and the future God has for you. We certainly don’t want to speak our “opinions” into people’s lives and future but has God blessed you by allowing you to affirm God’s hand and purpose in someone’s life? Or has someone spoken into your life in this manner?
- 5) The “*workers*” are crucial to understand on a practical level. Think about people that God has placed in your life that has shaped your life and your future. Who were those people in your life and have you been a “worker” in someone’s life or are you right now?
- 6) “*Supplies*” King David stored up supplies that his son Solomon would need to fulfill his purpose and build the Temple. When you think about what “supplies” people will need in their lives, first what are those and how can we help them have what they need?

