

## **After God's Heart**

Lesson 14

2 Samuel 24:18-25;

1 Chronicles 29:1-20

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### **Gifts that Cost Me Nothing**

#### **Introduction**

Like David and the Israelites, everything that we have comes from the Lord. When David repented after taking the census, he realized that sacrifice is worthless if it costs him nothing. Giving to the Lord requires not only our finances but also our hearts, minds, time and energy but when we give back to the Lord, our hearts are softened.

***Memory verse: "But the king replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on paying you for it. I will not sacrifice to the LORD my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing."—2 Samuel 24:24***

Pray and read 2 Samuel 24:18-25 and 1 Chronicles 29:1-20. What questions or observations do you have about this passage?

#### **What do the passages say?**

1. What did David do that caused the Lord to send a plague upon Israel? (2 Samuel 24:10)
2. What commandment did the Lord give to David after he repented? (2 Samuel 24:18)

3. What did Araunah offer to David and how did David respond? (2 Samuel 24:22-24)
  
4. Who gave first when Israel gathered material to build the temple? (1 Chronicles 29:3-5)
  
5. How does David start his prayer to the Lord in 1 Chronicles 29:10?
  
6. From whom does wealth and honor come? (1 Chronicles 29:12)
  
7. How do the people of Israel regard their time on this earth? (1 Chronicles 29:15)

### **What do the passages mean?**

1. Araunah was a farmer but offered to give his oxen and his oxen yoke as sacrifices. How much would this have cost Araunah? Would it have been a worthless sacrifice or a very costly sacrifice? (2 Samuel 24:22-23)



5. David gave from his treasure before asking the people to bring gifts. How could this inspire more generosity from the people to watch their king give so abundantly? (1 Chronicles 29:5)

### **Applying the passages**

1. When we think of giving, we usually think of tithing (giving 10% of your income back to God), but David gave not only with his finances but also with his heart, his energy, and his life. How would you describe your giving? Is it limited to the tithe, or are you even giving Jesus your heart, mind, and soul?

