

# The Right Hand

*Reaching Out to Others: Giving* (1 Chr 29:1-20)

The fourth constituent topic within the second subsection (“Reaching Out to Others”) of this superb LifeGuide Bible Studies booklet (*Christian Disciplines*) I am reviewing is entitled “Giving” (see headline above). No one denies that that the quintessential mark of a true Judeo-Christian is the practice of regular, systematic giving. After all, what we are doing is returning to the Lord a portion of what was already His in the first place!

One thing I have not done yet in my reviewing of these marvelous Study Guides is to tout the excellent applicability of the accompanying Scripture passages to illustrate the topic. In today’s passage (1 Chronicles 29:1-20). The people (following the example of King David and their leaders) gave *“freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord.”* How blessed we are to have had, and do have, pastors, leaders, and people who have given *“freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord!”*

Giving is such an essential part of a functional congregation. Let it be said that Christ’s holy church does not function without the willing and committed participation of its membership. You are essential to the ongoing health and viability of this outpost of God’s kingdom. Thank you for your presence and participation here. (These are words that need to be spoken....)

Let it also be said that the full essence of giving includes not only treasure, but time and talent as well. Grace Lutheran Church has been outstanding in its full and faithful giving to the Lord’s work. I am proud and grateful to be a member of GLC. May it continue unimpeded!

*“May God keep us from complacency, and may we press on to know Him more deeply and obey Him more fully.”* More next week! In Deo speramus.

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