



Life Group Study Notes

"Think3"

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Warm Up (10-15 minutes)

Choose a question below to answer, or ask another. No right or wrong answers.

- Have you ever received an inheritance? What was it?
- Do you own something special that you want to pass on as an inheritance?
- Have you ever shopped in an antique store? What was one special thing you bought?

Word (10-15 minutes)

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Proverbs 13:22 ESV *A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous.*

David and Solomon's relationship as described in 1 Chronicles 22 serves as a model for how we can invest in the next generation. David invests in Solomon who will build the temple of God for Israel.

1 Chronicles 22:1-2, 5 ESV *Then David said, "Here shall be the house of the Lord God and here the altar of burnt offering for Israel." David commanded to gather together the resident aliens who were in the land of Israel, and he set stonecutters to prepare dressed stones for building the house of God... For David said, "Solomon my son is young and inexperienced, and the house that is to be built for the Lord must be exceedingly magnificent, of fame and glory throughout all lands. I will therefore make preparation for it." So David provided materials in great quantity before his death.*

Prepare

David prioritized the importance of building the temple and began preparations for it well in advance of its construction. David would actually not have many years left to enjoy the blessing and benefits of the temple. The construction of the temple was an investment into the next and future generations.

- We too need to prepare to make the best investment we can into the next generation.

1 Chronicles 22:6-13 ESV *Then he called for Solomon his son and charged him to build a house for the Lord, the God of Israel. David said to Solomon, "My son, I had it in my*

heart to build a house to the name of the Lord my God. But the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 'You have shed much blood and have waged great wars. You shall not build a house to my name, because you have shed so much blood before me on the earth. Behold, a son shall be born to you who shall be a man of rest. I will give him rest from all his surrounding enemies. For his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quiet to Israel in his days. He shall build a house for my name. He shall be my son, and I will be his father, and I will establish his royal throne in Israel forever.' "Now, my son, the Lord be with you, so that you may succeed in building the house of the Lord your God, as he has spoken concerning you. Only, may the Lord grant you discretion and understanding, that when he gives you charge over Israel you may keep the law of the Lord your God. Then you will prosper if you are careful to observe the statutes and the rules that the Lord commanded Moses for Israel. Be strong and courageous. Fear not; do not be dismayed."

Proclaim

David had listened to the Lord and understood what God's will and purpose was for his son. He proclaimed these things over Solomon in public. He encouraged and exhorted his son, charging him to fulfill God's purpose for his life. He sought to inspire and challenge Solomon to keep God's commands, so that he would succeed.

- We too must know and speak God's will and purpose over the next generations.

1 Chronicles 22:14-16 ESV *"With great pains I have provided for the house of the Lord 100,000 talents of gold, a million talents of silver, and bronze and iron beyond weighing, for there is so much of it; timber and stone, too, I have provided. To these you must add. You have an abundance of workmen: stonecutters, masons, carpenters, and all kinds of craftsmen without number, skilled in working gold, silver, bronze, and iron. Arise and work! The Lord be with you!"*

Provision

David made great sacrifices and went to great effort to provide an enormous, expensive supply of materials for the building of the Temple. David set an example for Solomon, the leaders of the nation, and the people of Israel. He also challenged them to give generously to the building of the temple and to engage directly in the work.

- We too need to sacrificially invest financially in the next and future generations.

Discussion (10-15 minutes)

Choose one of the points below, and discuss how the lesson applies to our lives.

- What do you believe is God's purpose for the next generation?
- Who from the next generation has God laid on your heart to invest in?
- What skill, talent, or treasure do you have that you should pass on to others?

Prayer (10-15 minutes)

Pray for any of the following, as well as any other requests you may have.

- Thank God for the investment others have made into your own life.
- Ask God to show you how you can effectively invest in the next generation.
- Ask God to add many young people to his kingdom and to our church.