

True North Principles

1 Chronicles 28-29

Before the curtain closes on David's life, he gives final instructions to the nation and to his son, Solomon. He explains the principles that will lead them to success.

❑ **Obedience:** *Obeying God's plan leads to blessing (28:1-8)*

Rather than complain that God did not allow him to build the temple (28:2-3), David praises God for establishing his kingdom (28:4-7).

David encourages Israel to obey God if they want to receive his blessings (28:8).

❑ **Purpose:** *God chose you for a task (28:9-21)*

David encourages Solomon to seek God and to serve him with a whole heart if he wants to receive God's blessings (28:9).

David encourages Solomon not to fear God's assignment for his life (28:10, 20). God will help him finish the task.

❑ **Commitment:** *Follow my example and give generously (29:1-9)*

Before asking the nation to commit to building the temple (29:5), David sets the example and gives of his own resources (29:1-5).

The nation gives joyfully and generously (29:6-8).

❑ **Worship: *Yours, O Lord, is the glory (29:10-22)***

David praises God for his greatness (29:10-13).

David thanks God for his generous gifts (29:14-19).

The nation joins in worshipping God (29:20-22)

David's kingship ends and Solomon's reign begins (29:22-30)

❑ **Epilogue: *David served the purpose of God in his generation (Acts 13:36)***

❑ **Life Lessons from David**

God chose David to be the king of Israel on the basis of his heart attitude at the time of his anointing (1 Samuel 13:14; 16:7).

David's success came when he trusted God (1 Samuel 17:45; 30:6). His failures came when he stopped trusting God and took matters into his own hands (1 Samuel 23; 29:1-30:6).

David's greatest failures always followed a period of great success and popularity.

Each time David acknowledged his sin and truly repented, God forgave and restored him to fellowship with himself (2 Samuel 12:13; Psalm 51).

Though forgiven, David still bore the natural consequences of his sins (2 Samuel 13-18).

Because of his passion for God and his willingness to acknowledge and confess his sins, David is known as a man after God's own heart. He becomes the standard by which all the kings of Israel and Judah are measured (1 Kings 15:11; 2 Kings 14:3; 2 Chronicles 29:2).