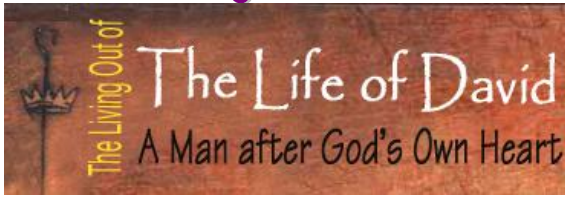




1 Chronicles 28:9-21

A Father's Charge Sun, June 17th 2007



Open “the Book” – the Bible with me - 1 Chronicles 28

- This morning titled “A Father’s Charge”
 - Today Father’s day—but not F.D. message
 - That in this text today – providence. Didn’t figure out until Thurs
- Understand-we teach Bible here- pick up where left of
 - Not driven by topics- special days
 - Reason–Bible is guide–all of it–**2Tim 3:16-17**
 - Get God’s emphasis, get whole- need all

Good transition into our context

- Last week – saw David called all leaders together
 - Key of success–obey His word–all of it **v.8**
- In that context – turns to next leader of nation – son
 - Gives a public fatherly charge to his son

Timing is important consideration – end of life- final words

- Fathers – if publicly charged kids – what say?
 - Mom’s?, friends?, all?

I. Note David's Charge v.8

1. It is a two fold charge – Know & Serve God

a. The basic two things rest of chapter expresses

2. This is the right two things for all – Biblical

a. Last week saw David call to seek Bible & obey

i) Now – showing that the essence of Bible is this

b. That is what Jesus told us – **Mt 22:37-40**

i) Whole Bible is outworking of these two things

c. David understood – urges this for his son

3. Fathers, moms, people—can you say what David says?

a. Would you have said this? If it was your public charge?

i) It would be the correct message

ii) It is my message to my kids

iii) It is my message to you as your pastor

b. Could you say this - “of your father”

i) Can you say this is what I have- want for you

ii) Or are you saying – know God of “_____”

c. As David looked over good but tumultuous life - Knew this was all – what held – carried him – life

4. Today – here this – “As for you”

a. Is a public call to all...but more – personal call

b. Want you to hear this today – as if just to you

II. Know God

1. To Know God – to love God – is 1st!

- a. There is nothing higher - is what created for
- b. “Hearts restless until they find their rest in Thee”

2. Know Him Wholly

- a. **Note word – loyal – has idea of undivided, whole**
 - i) Jesus spoke of in 1st commandment – “all”
 - ii) Jesus exemplified – never do anything of myself
- b. **A part time relationship doesn't work – if try - miserable**

3. Know Him Willingly

- a. God doesn't want & won't force relationship
- b. God could force you...this is not love
- c. More than this – word lit means to find delight in
- d. Drawing w/cords love, wants you to delight in Him

4. Know Him Authentically

- a. **Notice Lord searches, understands every intent**
 - i) Knows what the aim really is – intention
- b. **Point – no way to deceive – have good appearance**
 - i) Easiest way to see – some here are not this
 - ii) Here – but for others, self...not real – phony
- c. **God is after a real, authentic relationship**

5. You can Know Him

- a. Maybe all said has made such feel impossible-Not
- b. **Promise from God – if you seek, He will be found**
 - i) He will meet you –your personality, weakness
 - ii) You can have relationship–I promise, He does
- c. **But also know – if forsake – He will**
- d. **Dan 11:32 – is key today...**

III. Serve God

1. Notice – it is a serving Him

- a. Our lives – are to be such
- b. Loving others – is to be to Him, for Him
- c. Second command flows from the first

2. Consider now

- a. It is a call, to really understand this

3. Understand – God has chosen you for a part to play

- a. Talked about several times recently - Ps 139
- b. Gifted you – has a specific role for your life

4. Understand - God provides the Plans 11-13,19

- a. Was a specific thing – plans for the temple
- b. Talked about few weeks part – picture of church
- c. God has plans for you – 1st of all written in Word
- d. Further, specific plans that He shows you
- e. Practical–v.19 – interesting...encourage journaling

5. Understand - God provides the Resources v.14-18

- a. Not only provided the plans – but all the resources
- b. Again, we have covered this in detail
- c. Same is true today – all we need, in & from Him

6. Understand - God provides Himself

- a. God in faithfulness, never stops – never gives up
- b. This perhaps one of greatest, needed understandings

7. Understand - God provides others

- a. For Solomon – this was helpers, do with him
- b. For us – not alone on this course
- c. Honest – it is a narrow road (not broad)

d. But not alone on this road – many walked

8. Consider...put this together

a. God called you, provides plans, resources, himself and others on the same course – all His doing

i) Then what is ours to do?

b. Be strong – not be held back by fear

i) Repeats self, bookends v.10 & 20

ii) Fear – is what often robs us of what God has

iii) He has done it all – just step into it...

c. Do it – just do it

i) Funny how much is simply this

ii) Don't just think about, read, talk – do it

Conclusion

Find myself back at first words – as for you

- Indeed this is a call to all
- But not all will head it
- Hear this today – as a personal call
- Know God....serve Him – it is life