

Maximum Generosity: God's High Calling for Christian Leaders

Heroes of the faith taught and brought God's people to greater levels of generosity

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Teaching on generosity and raising resources for God's work have always been a significant part of spiritual ministry in the lives of God's leaders. Yet some Christians view raising needed funds and resources as something unspiritual.

The chart on the right reminds us that seeking and receiving God's provisions has always been an important part of God's work. The list of leaders who actively sought God's provisions is a "Who's Who" of great Bible heroes.

If you take time to go through these Scriptures and examine the methods used, you will likely find fresh encouragement and direction on how God wants to provide for the needs of your ministry. As you look to the Lord and His Word, you'll gain new insights on how to become a more effective Christian leader.

And the next time you are involved in a fundraising activity or in teaching biblical generosity principles, remember that you're in great company!

“Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us.”

Romans 15:4

LEADERS	NEED	METHODS	REFERENCES
King David	Building Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Time Alone with God • Large Lead Gift Given • Leadership Meeting & Gifts • Gifts-In-Kind 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I Chron 28:12,19 • I Chron 29:2-5 • I Chron 29:5-9 • I Chron 29:8
Moses	Building Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large Group Meeting • Offerings Accepted • Skilled Volunteer Labor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ex 35:4 • Ex 20:34, 36:3-7 • Ex 35:10,30-35
Nehemiah	Building Renovations Annual Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Prayer • Major Donor Call • Government Grant • Executive Planning • Pivotal Leadership Meeting • Volunteer Labor • Debt Counseling and Action • Executive Salaries Reduced • Personal Lead Gift • Leadership Gifts • Public Gifts • Signed Stewardship Covenant • Development Offc. Established • Reorganization Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neh 1:4-11 • Neh 2:1-8 • Neh 2:7,8 • Neh 2:11-16 • Neh 2:17,18 • Neh 3, 4:14-21, 6:15 • Neh 5:1-13 • Neh 5:14,15,18 • Neh 7:70 • Neh 7:70,71 • Neh 7:72 • Neh 9:37-10:39 • Neh 12:44-47 • Neh 13:4-14
King Joash	Building Renovations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Staff Failure • Designated Giving Program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • II Kings 12:4-8 • II Kings 12:9-16
King Hezekiah	Annual Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Gift • Leadership Announcement • Development Dept. Established 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • II Chron 31:3 • II Chron 31:4-10 • II Chron 31:11-21
King Solomon	Annual Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major Donor Relations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I Kings 10:1-10 • I Kings 4:7,27,28
Ezra	Building Renovations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Major Donor Relations • Freewill Offerings • Government Grant • Leadership Gifts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ezra 7:6,15 • Ezra 7:16 • Ezra 6:3-15, 7:11-23 • Ezra 2:68,69
Apostles	Benevolence Ministry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation Board • Personal Donor Relations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acts 4:34-5:2 • Acts 5:3-11
Jesus	General Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Personal Ministry Relations • Stretching Provided Resources 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luke 8:2,3 • Matt 14:17-21
Paul	Relief Ministry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Large Group Mailing • Stewardship Teaching • Field Representatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I Cor 16:1-3 • II Cor 8,9 • II Cor 8:16-24
Elijah	General Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miraculous Provision • Face-to-face Donor Call • Stewardship Teaching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I Kings 17:1-7 • I Kings 17:8-16 • I Kings 17:13,14
Joshua	Relocation Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expansion Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joshua 24
Haggai	Ministry & Bldg Needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Generosity Teaching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Haggai 1