

Bible Readings Book by Book week 127 – w/c 8/4/24

Week 127

Monday: 1 Chronicles 28:1-21. How did David react when God said “no” to his prayers and heart’s desire to build the temple? What can you learn from his example? Are you as willing to not be used to fulfil God’s purposes, if that is his plan? What are you doing to prepare the way for the next generation to fulfil God’s purposes?

Tuesday: 1 Chronicles 29:1-30 David gave “over and above” to the building of the temple. He gave of his personal fortune and he encouraged the Israelites to give also. They gave freely and wholeheartedly to the Lord. What is your attitude to giving? Are you prepared to give over and above? 2 Corinthians 9:7 says God loves a cheerful giver. How will you respond to this?

Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 1:1-17 In verses 10 and 11, Solomon makes a good request of God, and asks for wisdom – but it was a political and earthly wisdom concerned with governing his people rather than a wisdom concerning his personal walk with God. Later in life he fails to maintain a walk with God. Be careful what you pray for!

Thursday: 2 Chronicles 2:1-18 Solomon may be best known for his wisdom, his riches or his proverbs but the Chronicler focusses on Solomon building the temple. This was most important because it was most relevant to a community of returning exiles who struggled to build a new temple and to make a place for Israel among the nations again. What would you most like to be remembered for?

Friday: 2 Chronicles 3:1-17. David had paved the way for the building of the temple and had amassed many of the materials required, but the honour was Solomon’s to actually build it. We must always remember those whose legacy we are building upon. Give thanks today for those who laid a foundation for faith in your life.

Weekend: 2 Chronicles 4:1-22 Hiram-Abi was a man of great skill. He was trained to work in gold and silver, bronze and iron, along with many other materials. He was the finest craftsman around and the finest materials were used to build the temple. So much bronze was used that the amount could not be calculated. Do you use your God given gifts (both skills and finances) to honour God?