

# Grateful Generosity

Words cannot begin to describe how I felt that day. I, King David, had come to the end of my reign as King over all of Israel. Yet, it was not sadness that filled my heart but rather gratitude for God's love and care for me. There I stood before the great assembly gathered before me.

We had gathered together to commit to build God's Temple. I knew I would not be able to accomplish this task, for I was a man with "blood on my hands" from the many battles. Yet, God had allowed me to plan the building and to gather the materials. It was amazing to see all the donations that were coming in from our generous people.

Secondly, we had gathered to anoint my son, Solomon as King. How loving and kind God had been to me. Now my son would be King and would have the privilege of building the Temple!

As I bowed before God I prayed a prayer of thanksgiving for His leadership in the past and His guidance for the future. I knew that all that we had given was God's in the first place. Everything already belonged to Him. Now we were simply returning to Him our offerings as generously as we possibly could.

There is no doubt in my mind, we cannot out give God. May we serve Him through grateful generosity.

**(KIT Item 3)**