Raising Resources for Ministry -- God's High Calling for Christian Leaders

Heroes of the faith that raised resources for the Lord's work.

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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 people.

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 fundraiser.

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

"Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us."

Romans 15:4

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LEADERS  NEED  METHODS  REFERENCES

King David  Building Project  Planning Time Alone with God  I Chron 28:12,19
  Large Lead Gift Given  I Chron 29:2-5
  Leadership Meeting & Gifts  I Chron 29:5-9
  Gifts-In-Kind  I Chron 29:8

Moses  Building Project  Large Group Meeting  Ex 35:4
  Offerings Accepted  Ex 20:24,36:3-7
  Skilled Volunteer Labor  Ex 35:10,30-35

Nehemiah  Building Renovations  Personal Prayer  Neh 1:4-11
  Major Donor Call  Neh 2:1-8
  Government Grant  Neh 2:7,8
  Executive Planning  Neh 2:11-16
  Pivotal Leadership Meeting  Neh 2:17,18
  Volunteer Labor  Neh 3,4:14-21,6:15
  Debt Counseling and Action  Neh 5:1-13
  Executive Salaries Reduced  Neh 5:14,15,18
  Personal Lead Gift  Neh 7:70
  Leadership Gifts  Neh 7:70,71
  Public Gifts  Neh 7:72

Annual Funding  Signed Stewardship Covenant  Neh 9:37-10:39
  Development Offc. Established  Neh 12:44-47
  Reorganization Plan  Neh 13:4-14

King Joash  Building Renovations  Development Staff Failure  II Kings 12:4-8
  Designated Giving Program  II Kings 12:9-16

King Hezekiah  Annual Funding  Personal Gift  II Chron 31:3
  Leadership Announcement  II Chron 31:4-10
  Development Dept. Established  II Chron 31:11-21

King Solomon  Annual Funding  Major Donor Relations  I Kings 10:1-10

Ezra  Building Renovations  Major Donor Relations  Ezra 7:6,15
  Freewill Offerings  Ezra 7:16
  Government Grant  Ezra 6:3-15,7:11-23
  Leadership Gifts  Ezra 2:68,69

Apostles  Benevolence Ministry  Foundation Board  Acts 4:34-5:2
  Personal Donor Relations  Acts 5:3-11

Jesus  General Fund  Personal Ministry Relations  Luke 8:2,3
  Stretching Provided Resources  Matt 14:17-21

Paul  Relief Ministry  Large Group Mailing  I Cor 16:1-3
  Stewardship Teaching  II Cor 8,9
  Field Representatives  II Cor 8:16-24

Elijah  General Fund  Miraculous Provision  I Kings 17:1-7
  One-on-One Donor Call  I Kings 17:8-16
  Stewardship Teaching  I Kings 17:13,14

Joshua  Relocation Project  Strategic Mkt. and Expansion Plan  Joshua 24

Haggai  Ministry & Idg Needs  Stewardship Teaching  Haggai 1