

RCMI L-Path Teaching

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TITLE: Great Amount Of Everything [Malaking Sukat Ng Lahat]

TEXT: 2 Chronicles 18: 5-7a; 2 Chronicles 31, verses as specified

B.I.: King Hezekiah and the Israelites experienced a great amount of success because they were willing to show God a great amount of commitment.

INTRODUCTION:

February theme: **Expansion & Increase**

Big Idea: A time has come to cooperate with the Holy Spirit and start stepping out to harvest. Out of the pandemic comes a season of increase, growth, and fruitfulness.

Life's most significant rewards go to those who demonstrate an ongoing commitment.

Q: If God had to testify about your commitment, what would He say?

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BODY: Great Amount Of Everything [Hezekiah's Commitment]

I. Great Amount of 'God-First' Trust [2 Kings 18: 5-6]

- It takes increased commitment to do what Hezekiah did to get reform and transformation to the kingdom of Judah.

A. Commitment to Put God First in Everything. [2 Kings 18:5]

- One of the primary emphases of Hezekiah's reign was to re-establish true worship throughout his kingdom.
- Hezekiah understood the principle of the first. *"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."* [Matt. 6:33]
- **If God is first in your life, everything will fall into place.**

B. Commitment to God's Word [2 Kings 18:6]

- The passion Hezekiah demonstrated for God's Word was another way he ensured that Judah was on the pathway to revival!

1. Acceptance 18:6a, *"He held fast..."*

- Hezekiah did not find his commitment to God and His Word changing based on what happened to him day by day; it was an absolute commitment in his mind and his actions.

2. Absolute 18:6b, *"Kept the commands..."*

- Hezekiah understood that what was right was not determined by the majority or what one feels; God's Word declares it!

II. Great Amount of Selfless Generosity [2 Chronicles 31: 1-7]

- The passage we just read relates to part of the story of the process of re-establishing true worship in Judah.

- The people of God were meeting together for worship, and God so moved them in their worship that they went out and smashed up anything they could find that was dishonoring to God.
- We should be ready to eliminate all those things that stand in the way of us serving God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength.
- **This passage in 2 Chronicles is about the sacrificial giving of God's people.**
- **Spiritual transformation can only happen if we first open our hearts to God in worship and allow Him to purify us. [2 Corinthians 8:1-5]**
- Grace produces a desire to give more, thus creating personal initiative. They were "begging" the apostles for more opportunities to give.
- Sacrificial giving of their finances resulted from the offering of their lives and bodies to God as a living sacrifice.
- When King Hezekiah commanded the people of Jerusalem to bring their offerings to the Temple, they obeyed and gave generously. The people saw their financial giving as an opportunity to give to God and those in need.
- And that is the spiritual transformation God works in our hearts and communities. It is the attitude of giving that is so important; an attitude of sacrifice, worship, and giving all we can to God and giving a little more.

III. Great Amount of Faithful Stewardship. [2 Chronicles 31: 8-10]

- He not only gave commands for people to tithe but went down from his palace to the temple and oversaw that the contributions were distributed.
- John Maxwell says, "A leader is the one who knows the way, goes the way, and shows the way."
- The one word I observed repeatedly popped up in this chapter: '**faithfully**.' Here are three things that popped up.
 - **They contributed faithfully.** [v.12]
 - **They distributed faithfully.** [v.15]
 - **They consecrated faithfully.** [v.18]
- We have been entrusted by God with these resources for a bigger purpose than simply our own comfort and success.

CHALLENGE

- Verse 10 says because of the people's generosity, the Lord blessed his people and there was a great amount of surplus.
- The more we give, the more we seem to receive from God. We don't give to get a blessing – but we do it with the assurance that God will bless us in the process.

DISCUSSION:

- Discuss Hezekiah and Israel's commitment to putting God first in everything.
- Do you agree that the sacrificial giving of the Israelites was the result of spiritual transformation? Do you believe there's unspeakable joy in giving? Share.
- Discuss the importance of faithful stewardship.