

## Faithful Stewardship in God's House

Chapter 26 of 1 Chronicles might seem like a long list of names and assignments, but beneath the details lies a powerful picture of faithfulness, order, and stewardship in service to God. This chapter highlights how the responsibilities for the temple—God's house—were carefully distributed among the Levites. Some were gatekeepers, others were treasurers, and still others served as judges over matters of worship and justice.

### Guarding the Gates (vv. 1–19)

The first part of the chapter focuses on the division of the porters (gatekeepers). These men were strategically stationed at the gates around the temple to guard and regulate access. They weren't just performing crowd control—they were protecting the holiness of God's dwelling place.

In today's terms, we might compare them to spiritual gatekeepers: pastors, leaders, parents, or anyone entrusted with guarding what comes into and flows out of our lives and communities.

#### Personal Application:

Are you keeping watch over your heart, your home, or your ministry? Proverbs 4:23 reminds us:

*"Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life"* (NKJV).

In our modern age—filled with distractions and spiritual compromise—we need gatekeepers who are alert, prayerful, and faithful.

### Stewards of the Treasures (vv. 20–28)

From verse 20 onward, the focus shifts to those who were entrusted with the treasures of the house of the Lord. Men like Shelomith and his brothers were responsible for managing the wealth that had been dedicated to the Lord—not just by David, but also by earlier leaders like Samuel, Saul, Abner, and Joab. These offerings came from the spoils of battle and were set aside to build and maintain God's temple.

This tells us something beautiful: the dream of building a house for God wasn't just David's—it had roots going back to the days of Samuel. Generations of leaders contributed to a vision they might not personally see fulfilled, but they gave faithfully anyway.

They understood that what they won in battle wasn't theirs to keep—it was God's to be dedicated.

#### Personal Application:

We are all stewards of something—our time, money, talents, or influence. Are we holding those things with open hands, willing to dedicate them for the Lord's purposes? Are we contributing to something bigger than ourselves, even if we might not see the finished result?

Maybe you're sowing into your children's future, giving to build up your local ekklesia, or investing in someone else's ministry. Like Shelomith and his brothers, your role might be behind the scenes, but your faithfulness matters to God.

### **Judges in the Land (vv. 29–32)**

Finally, the chapter closes by mentioning Levites who served as judges and leaders in religious matters throughout the land. Their job was to help God's people live according to His Word and settle disputes fairly.

### **Personal Application:**

Every community needs people of wisdom and discernment—people who will stand for truth, apply God's Word rightly, and promote justice. Maybe you're that voice in your family, workplace, or church.

### **Reflection:**

- What role has God entrusted to you—gatekeeper, steward, encourager, intercessor, teacher?
- Are you being faithful with what He's placed in your hands?
- Like those in 1 Chronicles 26, are you willing to serve quietly, but with purpose and excellence?

***"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."*** —1 Corinthians 4:2 (NKJV)