

## May 29 Answers

- 1) David's preparations for the construction of the **temple**. This reading teaches us the importance of **organization** and **planning** for the future. David worked hard to make sure that Solomon would inherit a functional, efficient and robust **administration**. David's organization of the Levites shows that there were many ways to contribute to the ministry of the temple. Some **cleaned** the courts and chambers (1 Chr 23:28), some helped with **cooking** the showbread (1 Chr 23:29), some worshipped God with **music** and song (1 Chr 25), some were **gatekeepers** (1 Chr 26:1–19), and some were in charge of God's **treasuries** (1 Chr 26:20–28). The rest of the tribes gave **tithes** to support the Levites as they served in the temple and joined with them in worship. In this way, **everyone** had a part in the work of the ministry. This shows that all of us have a part to play in God's service. The Holy Spirit has given each of us a **gift** that we can use to build up Christ's body (cf. 1 Cor 12:4–7). We should develop our gifts and use them to the best of our ability (Rom 12:4–8).