

# 1 Chronicles 28:10

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.

## Analysis

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David's personal charge to Solomon: 'Take heed now; for the LORD hath chosen thee to build an house for the sanctuary: be strong, and do it.' The command 'take heed' (re'eh - see/consider) requires careful attention. The basis is divine election - 'the LORD hath chosen thee' - which both privileges and obligates. The command 'be strong, and do it' (chazaq va'aseh) links courage with action. God's calling provides both authorization and obligation. This anticipates New Testament teaching that God's election results in works prepared beforehand (Ephesians 2:10). Christ supremely fulfilled this as the chosen one who built the true temple through His obedience.

## Historical Context

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Solomon's calling to build the temple (c. 971 BCE) was God's sovereign choice, not earned merit. This divine selection both empowered Solomon for the task and held him accountable, teaching that calling and responsibility cannot be separated.

## Related Passages

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**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

1. What specific work has God chosen and called you to that requires fresh courage to 'do it'?
2. How does knowing God has chosen you for specific purposes both encourage and challenge you?

## Interlinear Text

לְבָנֹת	בְּ	בְּ	רְאֵה	עַתָּה	כִּי	יְהִי	בְּפָרָץ	בְּבָנָה	לְבָנֹת
<b>Take heed</b>	H6258	H3588	<b>now for the LORD</b>		<b>hath chosen</b>		H0	<b>thee to build</b>	
H7200			H3068		H977			H1129	

## Additional Cross-References

**1 Chronicles 28:6** (Parallel theme): And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house and my courts: for I have chosen him to be my son, and I will be his father.

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