

# Exodus 31:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.

## Analysis

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Bezalel and Oholiab are filled with God's Spirit for artistic work—wisdom, understanding, knowledge, craftsmanship. This demonstrates that the Holy Spirit equips not only for preaching/teaching but for creative, technical skills. All talents serve God's purposes when consecrated to Him. The Spirit who designed creation enables artisans to create beauty for worship. Christ, the wisdom of God, is the ultimate craftsman who builds His church.

## Historical Context

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These craftsmen led teams of skilled workers who constructed the tabernacle according to Moses' pattern. Their Spirit-filling for technical work demonstrated that God values and empowers all forms of service, not just spiritual leadership.

## Related Passages

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

**James 2:17** — Faith and works

**Romans 2:1** — Judging others

**Revelation 20:12** — Judgment according to deeds

## Study Questions

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1. How does the Spirit's equipping for artistic work validate creativity and craftsmanship as ministry?
2. What talents has God given you that can serve His purposes when consecrated to Him?

## Interlinear Text

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And in cutting of stones to set And in cutting of timber to work H3605  
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