

Exodus 31:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And I, behold, I have given with him Aholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan: and in the hearts of all that are wise hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee;

Analysis

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

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

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Study Questions

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

אֲהָלִיא	בְּ	אֶת	אֶת	וְ	נִתְּנָהּ	הִנֵּה	הַיְאֵן	וְ
H589	H2009	And I behold	I have given	H854	H853	with him	Aholiab	H171
		H5414						
כָּל	לְבָבָם	לְבָבָם	לְמִטְהָה	אֲחִיסָמָךְ	וְ	וְ	בְּ	אֲהָלִיא
the son	of Ahisamach	of the tribe	of Dan	and in the hearts				with him Aholiab
H1121	H294	H4294	H1835	H3820				H171
מִכְמָמָת	לְבָבָם	נִתְּנָהּ	מִכְמָמָת					
of all that are wise	and in the hearts	And I behold	I have given	wisdom				
H2450	H3820	H5414		H2451				
וְ	אֲשֶׁר	כָּל	אֶת	צְוָתְךָ				
that they may make	H853	H3605	H834	all that I have commanded				
H6213				H6680				

Additional Cross-References

Exodus 35:10 (Parallel theme): And every wise hearted among you shall come, and make all that the LORD hath commanded;

Exodus 28:3 (Parallel theme): And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make Aaron's garments to consecrate him, that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

Acts 13:2 (Parallel theme): As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

Luke 10:1 (Parallel theme): After these things the Lord appointed other seventy also, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself would come.

1 Kings 3:12 (Parallel theme): Behold, I have done according to thy words: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there was none like thee before thee, neither after thee shall any arise like unto thee.