

# Exodus 36:1

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD had commanded.

## Analysis

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The chapter opens with 'Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab'—moving from calling (ch. 35) to working, from potential to actualization. The phrase 'every wise hearted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom' (חֲכָמִים לֵב אֲשֶׁר נָתַן יְהוָה חֲכָמָה, chakham-lev asher natan YHWH chokhmah) emphasizes divine enablement as the source of competence. The repetition 'to know how to work' underscores that spiritual wisdom produces practical skill—God's Spirit enables both understanding and execution of sacred work.

## Historical Context

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This verse marks the transition from preparation to construction. The workers had received their calling, the materials had been gathered, and now the actual building begins—demonstrating that God's work requires both divine calling and human obedience in executing it.

## Related Passages

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

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

**Genesis 1:1** — Creation of heavens and earth

**Psalms 19:1** — Heavens declare God's glory

## Study Questions

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1. How does the transition from being called to actually working illustrate the relationship between divine gifting and human responsibility?
2. What does it mean that God 'put wisdom' in the workers for practical construction skills?

## Interlinear Text

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לַעֲשֹׂת	בְּצִלְאֵל	וְאַהֲלִיאֵב	וְכָל	אִישׁ	חָכָם	לֵב
Then wrought	Bezaleel	and Aholiab	H3605	man	and every wise	hearted
H6213	H1212	H171		H376	H2450	H3820
אֲשֶׁר	נָתַן	יְהוָה:	חֲכָמָה	וּתְבוּנָה		
H834	put	according to all that the LORD	wisdom	and understanding		
	H5414	H3068	H2451	H8394		
בְּהֶמָּה	לֵדַעַת	לַעֲשֹׂת	אֶת	כָּל	מְלֶאכֶת	עֲבֹדָת
in whom	to know	Then wrought	H853	H3605	all manner of work	for the service
H1992	H3045	H6213			H4399	H5656
הַקִּדְשׁ	לְכָל	אֲשֶׁר	צִוָּה	יְהוָה:		
of the sanctuary	H3605	H834	had commanded	according to all that the LORD		
H6944			H6680	H3068		

## Additional Cross-References

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**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.

**Exodus 25:8** (Temple): And let them make me a sanctuary; that I may dwell among them.

**Matthew 28:20** (Parallel theme): Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

**Luke 1:6** (References Lord): And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.

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