

Exodus 36:2

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whose heart the LORD had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it:

Analysis

Moses calls the workers 'every one whose heart stirred him up' (אֲשֶׁר נִשְׂאוֹ לִבּוֹ, asher nasa'o libbo), repeating the willing-heart theme from chapter 35. This demonstrates that both giving materials (35:21) and giving labor require the same heart motivation—internal compulsion from God's Spirit, not external coercion. The calling to 'come unto the work to do it' emphasizes that good intentions must transition to actual labor; stirred hearts must produce working hands.

Historical Context

Unlike ancient Near Eastern forced labor systems, Israel's tabernacle construction relied entirely on volunteers whose hearts moved them to work. This willing service demonstrated covenant relationship: God's redeemed people joyfully labor for His glory.

Related Passages

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Study Questions

1. Why does building God's dwelling require both willing givers (ch. 35) and willing workers (ch. 36)?
2. How does the principle of heart-stirred labor challenge contemporary approaches to Christian service and ministry?

Interlinear Text

וְקָרָא	מֹשֶׁה	אֶל	בְּצִלְאֵל	וְאֶל	אֶהֱלִיאֵב	וְאֶל	כָּל	אִישׁ
called	And Moses	H413	Bezaleel	H413	and Aholiab	H413	H3605	man
H7121	H4872		H1212		H171			H376
וְכָל	לֵב	אִישׁ	נָתַן	יְהוָה	חֲכָמָה			
and every wise	even every one whose heart	H834	had put	the LORD	wisdom			
H2450	H3820		H5414	H3068	H2451			
לֵב	אִישׁ	נָשָׂא						
even every one whose heart	H3605	H834	stirred him up					
H3820			H5375					
לֵב	לְקָרֵב	אֶל	הַמְּלָאכָה	לַעֲשׂוֹת	אֹתָהּ:			
even every one whose heart	to come	H413	unto the work	to do	H853			
H3820	H7126		H4399	H6213				

Additional Cross-References

Hebrews 5:4 (Parallel theme): And no man taketh this honour unto himself, but he that is called of God, as was Aaron.

Colossians 4:17 (References Lord): And say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it.

Exodus 31:6 (Parallel theme): 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;

Acts 14:23 (References Lord): And when they had ordained them elders in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they believed.

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 35:2 (References Lord): Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you an holy day, a sabbath of rest to the LORD: whosoever doeth work therein shall be put to death.

Exodus 25:2 (Parallel theme): Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.

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

1 Chronicles 29:5 (References Lord): The gold for things of gold, and the silver for things of silver, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers. And who then is willing to consecrate his service this day unto the LORD?