

# 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

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Moses calls the workers 'every one whose heart stirred him up' (אֲשֶׁר נִשְׁאָר לְבָבָו, 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

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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

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**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

אֲלֵיכֶם	מִשְׁהָ	בְּצַלְאֵל	וְאֶל	אַל	וְאֶל	אַל	כָּל	וְאֶל	אֲלֵיכֶם
called	And Moses	H413	Bezaleel	H413	and Aholiab	H413		H3605	man
H7121	H4872		H1212		H171			H376	

חָכָם	לְבָבִים	נָתַן   אֲשֶׁר	יְהִי הָרָקֶם הַזֶּה	and every wise	even every one whose heart	H834	had put	the LORD	wisdom
H2450	H3820			H2450		H5414	H3068		H2451

לְבָבָו	לְפָנָיו	אֲשֶׁר	בְּנֵשָׁא
<b>even every one whose heart</b>	H3605	H834	<b>stirred him up</b>

אַתָּה: לְעֵשׂ תִּפְמַלְאָךְ הַמְּלָאָכָה אֶל לְקָרְבֵּן הַמְּלָאָכָה לְבָבֵן וְאֶל  
even every one whose heart to come unto the work to do H413 H4399 H6213 H853 H3820 H7126

## 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?