

# Exodus 36:4

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, came every man from his work which they made;

## Analysis

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The wise craftsmen 'came every man from his work which they made' (אִישׁ אִישׁ מִמְלָכְתּוֹ, ish ish mi-melakhto)—individually and collectively approaching Moses with their concern. Their wisdom extended beyond craftsmanship to stewardship: recognizing when enough materials had been gathered. This interruption of work to address excess demonstrates that faithful stewardship sometimes requires saying 'enough'—a countercultural concept in contexts of scarcity or greed. Wise workers know both when to labor and when to stop collecting.

## Historical Context

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In ancient contexts of scarcity and need, having too much of anything was virtually unheard of. The craftsmen's willingness to halt offerings demonstrates integrity—they could have hoarded excess materials but instead alerted Moses to the abundance.

## Related Passages

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

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

## Study Questions

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1. What does the craftsmen's recognition of 'too much' teach about integrity and stewardship in ministry?
2. How does calling a halt to giving challenge contemporary ministry cultures that perpetually emphasize need?

## Interlinear Text

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וַיָּבֹאוּ	כָּל	הַחֲכָמִים	עֲשִׂים:	אֵת	כָּל	מַמְלָאֲתוֹ
came	H3605	And all the wise men	that wrought	H853	H3605	all the work
H935		H2450	H6213			H4399
הַקֹּדֶשׁ	אִישׁ	אִישׁ	מַמְלָאֲתוֹ	אֲשֶׁר	הָמָּה	עֲשִׂים:
of the sanctuary	every man	every man	all the work	H834	H1992	that wrought
H6944	H376	H376	H4399			H6213

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