

Hearts Stirred, Spirits Willing

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When the Lord was conversing with Moses all that He required to make a place where HE could dwell with the people, there were specific instructions laid out for the proper construction of the Holy Place. In the book of **Exodus** you find God Almighty giving the details to Moses to give to the Israelite community (those who were skilled/gifted craftsmen) to build this wonderful, extravagant meeting place.

What's extravagant to me is that Jesus went the distance by dying on the cross for our sins so that we could have ETERNAL access to Him – the Righteous One, without going through anyone else. Amen!?!

What I want to point out is that in **verse 21 of Exodus 35**, the Bible says that after Moses told everyone the specific requirements to build the Tabernacle of worship, that all those whose hearts were stirred and whose spirits were willing set out to get the job done. This perked my interest because to me, that means there were people who weren't motivated to help in this direction however, when I thought about this, the Lord reminded me – “Everyone has a different gifting and calling and I move on the hearts of man to bring about My purposes where and when it's needed.”

So, as I usually do when I'm studying a scripture, I go to *Matthew Henry's Commentary* and it was a blessing to read so I thought I would share with you.

Here is the divine appointment of the master-workmen, that there might be no strife for the office, and that all who were employed in the work might take direction from, and give account to, these general inspectors; for God is the God of order and not of confusion.

Observe, 1. Those whom God called by name to this service he *filled with the Spirit of God*, to qualify them for it, Exod. 35:30, 31. Skill in secular employments is God's gift, and comes from above, Jas. 1:17. From him the faculty is, and the improvement of it. To his honour therefore all knowledge must be devoted, and we must study how to serve him with it. The work was extraordinary which Bezaleel was designed for, and therefore he was qualified in an extraordinary manner for it; thus when the apostles were appointed to be master-builders in setting up the gospel tabernacle they were *filled with the Spirit of God in wisdom and understanding*.

2. The were appointed, not only to devise, but to work (Exod. 35:32), *to work all manner of work*, Exod. 35:35. Those of eminent gifts, that are capable of directing others, must not think that these will excuse them in idleness. Many are ingenious enough in cutting out work for other people, and can tell what this man and that man should do, but the burdens they bind on others they themselves *will not touch with one of their fingers*. These will fall under the character of slothful servants.

3. They were not only to devise and work themselves, but they were to teach others, Exod. 35:34. Not only had Bezaleel power to command, but he was to take pains to instruct. Those that rule should teach; and those to whom God had given knowledge should be willing to communicate it for the benefit of others, not coveting to monopolize it.

Remember friends, when God calls you to do something, He will qualify you to see it through. So with that I want to remind us all to be encouraged if you see something extravagant being done for the Lord and you aren't a part of it, it doesn't mean you won't have a great impact both spiritually and physically with what He calls you to do next. The Lord moves on the hearts of those He needs at different seasons and for different reasons and your time and gifting will be used as you keep your heart before Him and keep yourself ready. Have a great weekend!!

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