2Co 6:1 We then, as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain.

Ex 39:32 Thus was all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation finished: and the children of Israel did according to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so did they.

33 And they brought the tabernacle unto Moses, the tent, and all his furniture, his taches, his boards, his bars, and his pillars, and his sockets,

34 And the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of badgers' skins, and the vail of the covering,

35 The ark of the testimony, and the staves thereof, and the mercy seat,

36 The table, and all the vessels thereof, and the shewbread,

37 The pure candlestick, with the lamps thereof, even with the lamps to be set in order, and all the vessels thereof, and the oil for light,

38 And the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the hanging for the tabernacle door,

39 The brasen altar, and his grate of brass, his staves, and all his vessels, the laver and his foot,

40 The hangings of the court, his pillars, and his sockets, and the hanging for the court gate, his cords, and his pins, and all the vessels of the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of the congregation,

41 The cloths of service to do service in the holy place, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and his sons' garments, to minister in the priest's office.

42 According to all that the LORD commanded Moses, so the children of Israel made all the work.

43 And Moses did look upon all the work, and, behold, they had done it as the LORD had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them.

Ex 31:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,

2 See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:

3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,

4 To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,

5 And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.

6 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;

7 The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the tabernacle,

8 And the table and his furniture, and the pure candlestick with all his furniture, and the altar of incense,

9 And the altar of burnt offering with all his furniture, and the laver and his foot,

10 And the cloths of service, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office,

11 And the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.

1.  The construction of the Tabernacle was built exactly as the LORD commanded ([Exodus 39:32](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+39%3A32)).

a.  All of the work was done. Nothing was left incomplete.

b.  The Israelites (God's people) did the work. God did not entrust this important project to unbelievers.

c.  The Israelites did everything just as the LORD commanded Moses. There was no human input or changes to the plans for the Tabernacle. They followed the instructions exactly, completely, and entirely.

 God counts only obedience as being successful. If we do God’s Will, God's way, the work will always be complete. God wants us to have a lasting impact upon the lives of those whom we touch with the gospel.

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples" ([John 15:8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+15%3A8)).

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you" ([John 15:16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+15%3A16)).

It should be the cry of every human heart to obey the Lord. We should all seek to know the ways of God, to learn what He wants us to do. And we should obey Him with perfect trust and confidence.

O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me, and keep all my commandments always, that it might be well with them, and with their children for ever!" ([Deut. 5:29](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Dt+5%3A29)).

Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock" ([Matthew 7:24](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mt+7%3A24)).

Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him" ([John 14:23](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jn+14%3A23)).

But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth *therein,* he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed" ([James 1:25](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Jas+1%3A25)).

Blessed *are* they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city" ([Rev. 22:14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+22%3A14)).

2.  The workers who built the Tabernacle and made the priest's garments brought them all to Moses.

Ex 39:33 And they brought the tabernacle unto Moses, the tent, and all his furniture, his taches, his boards, his bars, and his pillars, and his sockets,

a.  They brought the tent and its furnishings ([Exodus 39:33](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+39%3A33)).

b.  They brought the coverings for the tent ([Exodus 39:34](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+39%3A34)).

c.  They brought the inner curtains that enclosed the Holy of Holies ([Exodus 39:34](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+39%3A34)).

d.  They brought the Ark of the Covenant and the Mercy Seat with its poles ([Exodus 39:35](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+39%3A35)).

e.  They brought the Table of Showbread with its utensils and the bread ([Exodus 39:36](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+39%3A36)).

f.  They brought the gold Lampstand with its accessories and oil ([Exodus 39:37](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+39%3A37)).

g.  They brought the gold Altar with its oil and incense ([Exodus 39:38](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+39%3A38)).

h.  They brought the entrance curtain ([Exodus 39:38](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+39%3A38)).

i.  They brought the bronze altar with its grating, poles, and utensils ([Exodus 39:39](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+39%3A39)).

j.  They brought the wash basin and pedestal ([Exodus 39:39](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+39%3A39)).

k.  They brought the courtyard curtains with their support posts, bases, and all the accessories ([Exodus 39:40](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+39%3A40)).

l.  They brought the courtyard curtain for the entrance and all the articles used in the Tabernacle ([Exodus 39:40](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+39%3A40)).

m.  They brought the priestly garments: the sacred garments worn by the High Priest and the other priests ([Exodus 39:41](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+39%3A41)).

3.  Final inspection now at hand. The builders had constructed the Tabernacle exactly as God had designed ([Ex 39:42](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+39%3A42)). Moses, who had been given the blueprints, inspected the work and saw the faithfulness and the excellent work done by the workers. Everything was built exactly as God had designed ([Exodus 39:43](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+39%3A43)).

After his thorough inspection, Moses blessed the workers and offered up prayers to God on their behalf ([Exodus 39:43](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+39%3A43)).

 We are to be faithful to our work. No matter what our call or profession is, we are to work and work hard, being diligent and zealous, doing the very best job we can. We are to be faithful.

Moses was given the responsibility to inspect the quality of the work. He did not just "rubber stamp" the whole undertaking. Moses carefully inspected the finished project. Whenever God places His people in places of great responsibility, He expects them to be diligent, to manage in His name. We are to be faithful, working ever so diligently and doing a good job.

 And he said unto him, Well, thou good servant: because thou hast been faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities" ([Luke 19:17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Lk+19%3A17)).

Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord" ([1 Cor. 15:58](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Co+15%3A58)).

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" ([Col. 3:17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Col+3%3A17)).

And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men" ([Col. 3:23](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Col+3%3A23)).

Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands" ([2 Tim. 1:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Ti+1%3A6)).

Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall" ([2 Peter 1:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Pe+1%3A10)).

Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless" ([2 Peter 3:14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Pe+3%3A14)).

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life" ([Rev. 2:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+2%3A10)).

And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward *is* with me, to give every man according as his work shall be" ([Rev. 22:12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Rev+22%3A12)).

So we laboured in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared" ([Neh. 4:21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ne+4%3A21)).

Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest" ([Ecc 9:10](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ecc+9%3A10)).

The godly heritage, the godly upbringing of Bezalel ([Exodus 31:2](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+31%3A2)). His godly heritage is suggested by three facts.

⇒  His father's name was Uri which means *light*.

The word *light* always refers to positive facts: the light of knowledge, understanding, wisdom, sight, or the light of God. Being descendants of Abraham, they knew about the great promises of God, the promise of the promised land and the promise of the promised seed, the Savior and Messiah of the world. Therefore, Uri was probably given his name because of the hope for the light and promises of God.

⇒  His grandfather's name was Hur which means *free*. This obviously refers to the hope of being freed from Egyptian slavery, being freed to journey to the promised land of God.

⇒  His tribe was the tribe of Judah which means *praise*. This refers to the praise due God. Judah led the way when the Tabernacle was moved from campsite to campsite.

 A godly heritage can never be overstressed. Children and adults alike need godly parents and grandparents. We all need a godly heritage. And we need to be godly parents if we have children. We all need to build a godly heritage for our families and for the earth.

c.  The equipping of Bezalel: he was filled with God's Spirit ([Exodus 31:3](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+31%3A3)). When God calls a person to service, the person is not left by himself to do the work. God fills the person with His Spirit, and the Holy Spirit equips the person. In Bezalel's case, he was...

•  given special skill and ability

•  given special knowledge in all kinds of crafts

Ex 31:3 And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, 4 To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass, 5 And in cutting of stones, to set them, and in carving of timber, to work in all manner of workmanship.

d.  His skill and ability were to work in several areas ([Exodus 31:4-5](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+31%3A4-5)). He was equipped...

•  to design and work in metals: gold, silver, and bronze

•  to design and work in cutting and setting stones

•  to design and work in woodwork

•  to design and work in many crafts

When God calls a person, He equips the person to serve Him. The person is not left to himself, not left to do the work of God in his own strength. God fills him with the Holy Spirit and gives whatever skill and abilities are needed to do the work

And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey" ([Matthew 25:15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mt+25%3A15)).

Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness" ([Romans 12:6-8](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ro+12%3A6-8)).

Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which worketh all in all" ([1 Cor. 12:4-6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Co+12%3A4-6)).

And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ" ([Ephes. 4:11-12](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Eph+4%3A11-12)).

2.  The man appointed to be the assistant superintendent was Oholiab ([Exodus 31:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+31%3A6)). His name means either "tent of the father" or "the (divine) father is my tent."

God had been covering, protecting, and looking after Oholiab just like He had Bezalel. God had been preparing him for future service.

1. Oholiab was from the tribe of Dan ([Exodus 31:6](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+31%3A6)). Throughout Scripture, the citizens of Dan are seen to be a rough, rude, war-like people. Some generations later, Hiram, the chief craftsman for the ornamental work on Solomon's temple, was to be from the tribe of Dan ([2 Chron. 2:14](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=2Ch+2%3A14)). The nature of both men seems to be anything other than artistic. Oholiab definitely goes against the grain of his heritage and stands out as an artist who can be used mightily by God. The point is just this: both men show how a person can go against the grain of his heritage and stand out as a strong, gifted servant of God and society.

b.  Note that God called Oholiab and equipped him for his work. He equipped him to be the helper, the assistant superintendent, in building the Tabernacle of God, the very place where God was to dwell among His people.

3.  The other craftsmen were also equipped by God, given the skill to make everything ([Exodus 31:6-11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+31%3A6-11)). They were appointed to work under the direct supervision of Bezalel and Oholiab.

Ex 31:6 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;

The building of the Tabernacle was to be Israel's most important construction project; therefore, it would take workmen who were willing to follow the leadership of Bezalel and Oholiab. When God's people come together and work it must be done according to the design of God and in complete unity. As a result of their commitment to the LORD and to His blueprint, the Tabernacle would soon be built. This great task included...

•  the Tabernacle

•  the Ark of the Covenant and the Mercy Seat

•  the other furnishings

•  the Table and its utensils

•  the gold Lampstand

•  the Altar of Incense

•  the Altar of Burnt Offering and its utensils

•  the basin and stand

•  the beautifully stitched, holy garments for the priests

•  the anointing oil and the the special incense

4.  There was the purpose and warning of God: to make everything just as God had commanded ([Exodus 31:11](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Ex+31%3A11)). God had left nothing to chance, nothing that could be misunderstood. God had called together a group of craftsmen who had to place their own pride aside and do things God's way. The blueprint was now complete: any changes—any additions or deletions from God's Master Plan—were forbidden. God did not call these men into service for their own wisdom and worldly ingenuity. He called these men to do exactly what He had called and prepared them to do: build the Tabernacle of God according to the design that was shown to Moses.

Ex 31:11 And the anointing oil, and sweet incense for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.

The warning of God is clear: we are to live just as He says, obey His commandment His Word. We must not try to add to nor take away from His commandments. Yet so many do. Adding reasoning to what God says by rationalizing and asking questions such as: Does God really want me to forgive someone who has hurt me so deeply and caused so much pain and suffering?

And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses" ([Mark 11:24-26](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Mk+11%3A24-26)).

*Why do Bad Things Happen to Good People? Rm. 8:28, 1Pt.5:9,1Co10:13*

*Jn. 16:7-11, 1Pt.1:7; 2Cor 4:17*

*Why is evil allowed? 2Thes. 2:7*

*Where was God? Gen.3:9 where were you adam “where art thou”*

*Ps 19:11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward.*

*Ez 3:21 Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous sin not, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he is warned; also thou hast delivered thy soul.*

*33:6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand.*

Mt 2:12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

22 But when he heard that Archelaus did reign in Judaea in the room of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither: notwithstanding, being warned of God in a dream, he turned aside into the parts of Galilee:

3:7 But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Lu 3:7 Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Ac 10:22 And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee.

Heb11:7 By faith Noah, being warned of God of things not seen as yet, moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; by the which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is by faith.