



Solomon: Works

Serving the LORD

Wisdom Used in Service

Solomon asked for wisdom from the LORD and was granted it. He used this wisdom to serve the LORD, leading the people and building the Temple. This reminds us that the LORD provides what is needed to serve Him

Diligence and Dedication

Solomon was diligent in the work – building the Temple was a big project that took a long time. Solomon and the people worked hard for many years in order to complete the task God had for them. Much of the LORD'S work for us takes place over a period of time. Such as raising children, witnessing to the lost, and serving in the church.

Solomon was dedicated to the work - he finished the task. There were many distractions and opportunities to quit but the project continued to completion. Let's be faithful in our service to the LORD.

The LORD'S Work is Important

Anything done for the LORD is important, because it glorifies Him. Solomon and the others understood the importance of building the Temple to honor God, so they followed the LORD'S direction and exalted Him when finished. As we serve the LORD let's make sure our methods are correct, God's ways and not ours, and that our motive is pure, to glorify the LORD.

Lessons for Leaders

Fulfill Your Responsibility

Solomon understood that he was called upon to build the Temple. This was his responsibility. His father David received the pattern for the Temple and collected the materials to construct it, but Solomon had to execute the plan, and he did. Recognize your responsibilities and do all within your power to carry them out.

Completing a Task

Most projects are easy to begin and if all goes well are completed as planned. However, there are tasks that become difficult to finish. Change in circumstances, unexpected problems, or unplanned work may bring a project to an abrupt halt. These problems may seem endless and even impossible to overcome. It's times like these that test determination. Do you quit or do you continue? Evidently Solomon was faced with a similar situation. We're not given the details but we know that the LORD'S word encouraged Solomon to complete the task he had begun. The king took this to heart and completed the building of the Temple. With God's help, you can finish the projects He has before you.

Spiritual Matters

We find that Solomon had everything needed to construct the Temple.

Purpose – Solomon was called and commissioned to build the Temple. It was the LORD'S will and work for Solomon.

Plans – The LORD provide the blueprint for the building. Solomon simply had to follow the LORD'S directions.

Provisions – The LORD enabled David to prosper and because of this David was able to collect the materials required for the construction.

Solomon had to provide himself for the work. The LORD enabled the task to be complete and encouraged Solomon to do it. The king discovered that God will provide all that is needed to serve Him.