

# A HOUSE FOR GOD, A HEART FOR GOD

God desires more than a magnificent building—  
He desires obedient hearts.



## 1. 1 KINGS 6:14 – FINISH WHAT GOD BEGINS

*So Solomon finished building the Temple.*

Solomon faithfully completed the work God called him to do. God honors faithfulness—not just a strong start, but a faithful finish.

**APPLICATION:** Stay faithful to the work God has entrusted to you.



## 2. 1 KINGS 6:15–18 – THE BEAUTY OF GOD’S HOUSE

The Temple’s cedar walls, cypress floors, and intricate carvings reflected God’s excellence, beauty, and holiness. Every detail was intentional and designed for His glory.

**APPLICATION:** Our worship and service should reflect excellence because God deserves our best.



## 3. 1 KINGS 6:19–30 – THE MOST HOLY PLACE

The Holy of Holies housed the Ark of the Covenant and symbolized God’s presence among His people. Gold-covered walls and giant cherubim emphasized God’s holiness. Only the High Priest entered once each year on the Day of Atonement.

**APPLICATION:** God is holy, and His presence should always be approached with reverence.



## 4. 1 KINGS 6:31–36 – APPROACHING GOD’S PRESENCE

The Temple moved from the outer courtyard to the Holy of Holies, showing increasing holiness the closer one came to God.

**NEW TESTAMENT TRUTH:** Through Jesus Christ, believers now have direct access into God’s presence (Hebrews 10:19–22).

**APPLICATION:** Never take the privilege of prayer and fellowship with God for granted.



**KEY THEME:** The Temple reflected God’s holiness and glory, but God desired more than a magnificent building—He desired obedient hearts.



## 5. 1 KINGS 6:37-38 – FAITHFULNESS REQUIRES PATIENCE

*The Temple took seven years to complete.*

Nothing was rushed. Every detail followed God's plan with careful obedience.

**APPLICATION:** God's greatest work in our lives often happens through patient, faithful obedience.



### LIFE LESSONS FROM THE TEMPLE



God values obedience more than impressive accomplishments.



Beautiful buildings cannot replace faithful hearts.



Worship begins with reverence for God's holiness.



Jesus has opened the way into God's presence.



Our hearts should always be more devoted to God than to outward appearances.



### MEMORY VERSE

1 KINGS 6:14

"So Solomon finished building the Temple."

### THINK & APPLY

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God is more interested in our \_\_\_\_\_ than our accomplishments.

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Through \_\_\_\_\_, believers now have confidence to enter God's presence by faith.

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#### 3 CHALLENGE QUESTION

God interrupted the construction of the Temple to remind Solomon that obedience mattered more than architecture. What are some things Christians today may focus on more than their relationship with God, and how can we keep our hearts centered on Him?

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In the end, God wasn't simply building a house for Himself—  
He was shaping a *heart for Himself.*