

PREPARING FOR A MIGHTY WORK

1 KINGS 5:1-18

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MAIN IDEA

God's mighty works are often built upon the faithfulness, preparation, and sacrifices of those who came before us. Solomon's temple project reminds us that God prepares His work long before we ever see the results.

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I. FAITHFUL FOUNDATIONS

1 Kings 5:1

King Hiram honored Solomon because of his friendship with David. Solomon benefited from a relationship he did not personally establish.

LESSON: Many blessings in our lives come from the prayers, sacrifices, and faithfulness of others.



John 4:38 (NIV) *"Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor."*

APPLICATION:

- Am I building a legacy that will bless others?
- Am I willing to serve even if someone else receives the credit?

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II. BUILDING FOR GOD'S GLORY

1 Kings 5:2-5

Solomon's purpose was not personal fame but building a temple for the Name of the Lord. David desired to build it, but God appointed Solomon for that task.

LESSON: God's work must be done God's way and in God's timing.

APPLICATION:

- Trust God's plan.
- Serve faithfully where He places you.
- Make God's glory your primary goal.



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III. PARTNERSHIP IN GOD'S WORK

1 Kings 5:6-11

Hiram supplied cedar and skilled workers. Solomon supplied wheat and olive oil. Both benefited through cooperation.

LESSON: Great works are accomplished when God's people work together.

APPLICATION:

- Am I a team player?
- How can I help others succeed in ministry?



IV. WISDOM MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

1 Kings 5:12

God gave Solomon wisdom, and Solomon used it.

KNOWLEDGE

identifies a rattlesnake.



WISDOM

tells you to walk away from it.



Proverbs 9:10 (NIV)

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom."

APPLICATION: Pray daily for wisdom, not merely information.



V. TRAIN OTHERS

1 Kings 5:13

Solomon delegated responsibilities and enlisted workers. He understood that one person cannot do everything.

LESSON: Healthy ministry includes mentoring and training future leaders.

APPLICATION:

- Who is mentoring you?
- Who are you mentoring?

PASS THE BATON BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE RACE.



VI. ORGANIZED FOR SUCCESS

1 Kings 5:14-18

Solomon established schedules, overseers, foremen, and laborers. The project succeeded because it was well organized.

LESSON: Preparation and organization are spiritual tools that help accomplish God's purposes.

APPLICATION:

God often works through faithful planning and diligent effort.



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1. King Hiram blessed Solomon because of his friendship with _____.
2. "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of _____."

CHALLENGING QUESTION

3. What sacrifice or investment can you make today that may help future generations know Christ and serve Him more effectively?



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