

I KINGS 7; May 16; Solomon (Hiram) Furnishes the Temple

ANALYSIS:

1. How many years was Solomon building his own house? _____
2. The porch for the throne where Solomon would judge was also called _____.
3. From what country did Solomon secure a cunning worker in brass named Hiram (Hiram in 2 Ch 4:11)? _____
4. What metal was used to make the two pillars, chapiters, molten sea, lavers and all that pertained to them? _____
5. Of what metal was the altar, table for shewbread, candlesticks, lamps, tongs, hinges and things used inside the temple made? _____

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT:

The previous chapter concluded with the fact that Solomon took 7 years to build the temple unto the LORD. This chapter introduces us to a second fact that Solomon took 13 years building his own house. While we do not know all the details relating to these two facts, the Holy Spirit choose to begin this chapter with the word “But” to emphasize the disproportionate effort Solomon focused on himself over the LORD.

Do you struggle to regularly honor the LORD with 1%, 2%, 5% or 10% of your time and resources on a daily basis? You are not alone, but to help you, why don't you keep a diary, for a few days or this week, of your time spent in devotional Bible reading /study, meditation and prayer. Remember there are 1,440 minutes in every day. One percent (1 %) of the time the LORD gives you is approximately 15 minutes a day. Let's all of us do better in honoring the LORD!

What does David's lavish preparations for building the temple tell you about his love for and delight in the LORD his God? He had gathered 100,000 talents of gold, 1,000,000 talents of silver, and brass and iron without weight there was so much! (1 Chron 22:14) What emotion fills your heart when you give or spend money for the LORD, His work, His servants and His people?

HELP:

1. 13 years (v 1).
2. The porch of Judgment (v 7).
3. Tyre (v 13).
4. Bright brass (v 45).
5. Gold and pure gold (vs 48-50).