

Preparations for Building the Temple - 1 Kings 5:1-18

Topics: Ambassadors, Approval, Bargaining, Craftsmanship, Enemies, Foundation, Friendship, Intentions, Name, Peace, Praise, Promises, Relationships, War, Wisdom, Work

Open It

1. What is the most satisfying agreement you've ever reached (or contract negotiated)?
- * 2. Who has been one of your favorite bosses, coworkers, or assistants? Why?
3. Why is it ideal to begin a big project only when other areas of your life are reasonably stable?

Explore It

4. Why did Hiram king of Tyre send envoys to King Solomon? (5:1)
5. What intention did Solomon declare to Hiram in his return message? (5:2-5)
- * 6. What assistance did Solomon ask from Hiram in his project to build a temple for the Lord? (5:6)
- * 7. How did Hiram react to Solomon's message and his plans for the future? (5:7)
8. What did Hiram request in return when he agreed to supply all of David's building materials? (5:8-9)
9. What goods and resources changed hands between Israel and Tyre? (5:10-11)
10. What promise did God fulfill for Solomon? (5:12)
11. What was the relationship between Tyre and Israel during the reigns of Hiram and Solomon? (5:12)
12. Why were Solomon and Hiram able to help each other? (5:12)
- * 13. How did Solomon recruit and organize the workers from Israel? (5:13-14)
14. How many workers of different sorts did Solomon have for the work on the temple? (5:15-16)
15. What was prepared as the foundation for the temple? (5:17)
16. What international partnership was involved in building the temple? (5:18)

Get It

17. How did Solomon demonstrate wisdom in the steps he took to prepare for building the temple?
- * 18. Why does it make more sense to call upon recognized experts than to try to do everything yourself?
19. Why was Solomon concerned with getting the very best materials and craftsmen for the work on the temple?
20. Why would a person's friends be favorably disposed toward his or her children?
21. What makes it possible for individuals or nations to be glad about one another's accomplishments?
- * 22. What makes it possible for people to work well together?
23. What can individuals do to make the work environment more pleasant for all?

Apply It

- * 24. How can you cooperate with and draw on someone else's strengths to serve God more effectively in the near future?
25. What friendship with someone of an older generation can you cultivate this week?