

## "WILLING CRAFTSMEN"

## 1 Chronicles 28:20-21

**1 Chronicles 28:20-21** <sup>20</sup>And David said to his son Solomon, "Be strong and of good courage, and do it; do not fear nor be dismayed, for the LORD God—my God—will be with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you, until you have finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>Here are the divisions of the priests and the Levites for all the service of the house of God; and every willing craftsman will be with you for all manner of workmanship, for every kind of service; also the leaders and all the people will be completely at your command."

### I. THE NEED FOR CRAFTSMEN

A. The will of God is accomplished through people

1. David/Solomon/Priests/Levites/Craftsmen

a. All doing something different – fulfilling different roles

1. *Romans 12:4* For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,

2. The will of God has needs: God's plans require men

a. Needs in people's lives: Someone to care for them/look out for them

b. Needs in the church: <sup>21</sup>Here are the divisions of the priests and the Levites for all the service of the house of God

1. Every church has so much work that needs to be done!

c. Needs for skilled workers: V21 craftsmen

1. Wisdom/skill in making or doing things

a. God gives people talent/ability for a reason: For His will!

1. If your skill is just for making money or your enjoyment – that is not correct

d. Needs for life purpose: To preach the Gospel as a pastor/Missionary/evangelist

1. *Romans 1:1* <sup>1</sup>Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God

### II. THE CALL REVEALED

A. Our text speaks of putting out the call for those who are willing to do God's will

1. We say this is a calling: An invitation to a purpose

2. Calling comes in different ways:

a. **A thunderbolt.** Abraham/Moses at the burning bush, Isaiah's vision, Paul on the road to Damascus.

1. Unexpected – and clear; Very definite. 2. God told me: That's what I want you to do

a. *Exodus 35:30* <sup>30</sup>And Moses said to the children of Israel, "See, the LORD has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah;

b. **A growing awareness.** Like Joseph, whose sense of destiny developed over time

c. **An open door.** Consider Esther's elevation to queen, "for such a time as this" (Esther 4:14)

1. *Esther 4:14* ...Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

2. This often comes b/c of someone's invitation to help: *Out of that – we see God can use us*

### III. WILLING CRAFTSMEN

A. No matter how a calling comes – there is 1 indispensable element

1. *V21* and every willing craftsman will be with you for all manner of workmanship, for every kind of service

2. We must have willing hearts!

a. The word means generous: You can't do God's will if you're selfish!

b. The word means 'inclined to agree' – Someone whose answer is YES!

3. Unwilling hearts hinder or stop God's will

a. *Matthew 22:3* and sent out his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding; and they were not willing to come.

1. Many don't please God/they don't help people/they don't enter God's greater will: They say no

a. Some say no directly b. Some say no by delay/later c. Some never in a position so God can ask

B. Willing hearts fulfil the will of God

1. People are helped: Good Samaritan said yes to helping someone in need

2. God's work is brought to people: *They were building the Temple; A place people could meet God*

a. Everything we do in church enables people to enter the presence of God

3. We are brought into the further purposes of God

a. *Isa 6:8* I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me.

4. The default posture of our hearts should be "YES"