

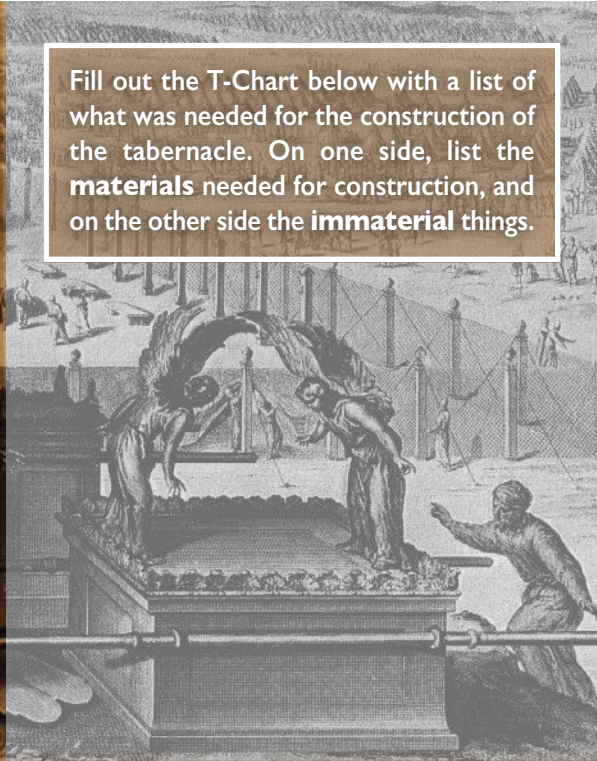
GOD GOES CAMPING

EPISODE 16: THE STRUCTURE

THE COSTLINESS OF COMMITMENT

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“DRAWING” ON YOUR IDEAS



Fill out the T-Chart below with a list of what was needed for the construction of the tabernacle. On one side, list the **materials** needed for construction, and on the other side the **immaterial** things.

MATERIAL THINGS	IMMATERIAL THINGS

WATCH & FILL-IN-THE-BLANKS

1. After describing the construction of the tabernacle, Bezalel and Aholiab paused in their labors, and we read, “This is the _____ of the tabernacle” (see Ex 38:21-31).
2. There was a total of over _____ tons of metal for the project. No wonder we read, “Thus they plundered the _____” (Ex 12:36)!
3. The Lord declared, “I gave Egypt for your _____” (Isa 43:3). To pay our ransom, Christ, “though He was rich...for your sakes He became _____, that you through His poverty might become _____” (2 Cor 8:9).

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4. The cost of the tabernacle also included _____ on the part of the workers. They needed various materials, but they also needed: _____ !

5. _____ and _____ make a beautiful marriage in our hearts!

What kind of "hearts" did they have?

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READ & REFLECT ON: Ex 35:4-35; I Cor 3:1-23

What thoughts stand out as you read these portions of Scripture? How do these thoughts relate to this study and your life?

ACTIVITY: THINKING IT THROUGH

Compare the workers and their work in building the tabernacle with the spiritual work and laborers that Paul describes.

 • TABERNACLE •	• CHURCH • 

SOME HELPFUL QUOTES

“To every one the call was made to give evidence of their desire to have God dwelling amongst them; old and young, rich and poor, men and women, were to give an outward token of the heart’s desire after God; and but one condition was required,—a willing heart... Spices, wood, or oil, were as welcome as the gold and precious stones, for God judgeth not by outward appearances, but He sets a priceless value on the heart made willing by His love.”

—**Ridley Herschell** (*The Golden Lamp*, pp 14-15)

“From whence did the delivered slave get so much gold, silver, brass, spices, precious stones, etc., etc.? We are told that they spoiled the Egyptians. God gave to them that they might give to God, and when opportunity came they were not a whit behind in responding. Here lies our very first lesson, and a very important one too. Giving is a privilege, giving is a responsibility, giving is a part of worship, but it must be given willingly, for the Lord loveth a cheerful giver. We are only stewards for God. If He has given to us, it is for the same purpose that we might give to Him.”

—**C.W. Slemming** (*Made According to Pattern*, p 16)

“We find that not only were gifts lavished, but workers volunteered... Heart and hand were in unison. What a complete illustration of scriptural consecration... Brain and tongue, without heart and hand, are little worth in the work of the Lord. The thoughts of the worldly wise are lighter than vanity, while the wise in heart, those made wise by the Spirit of God, shall understand... Would that the wise heart and the liberal hand belonged to every believer. Money would then flow into the treasury, and neither be wasted nor misdirected. Work would also be accomplished when all of the redeemed came to the help of the Lord.”

—**George C. Needham** (*Shadow & Substance*, p 34)

“The Church in the world is to be sustained by the gifts of its members, not only by exercise of spiritual endowments, but by temporal and liberal gifts. God made it possible for the Children of Israel to give what He required of them... Whatever we have as Christians, be it more or be it less, comes from the Lord. He provides. Out of our poverty or out of our wealth we are to bring an offering unto the Lord and give it to Him by giving it to the Church, His Church. We are to give because like the Children of Israel we are a redeemed people. Not like them redeemed by the blood of a mere earthly lamb, but by the blood of Him who is the Lamb of God. The price paid for us has not only redeemed us, but it has transferred us to the ownership of Him who paid the price for us. We do not belong to ourselves. Nothing we have or are is ours. All is His.”

—**I. M. Haldeman** (*The Tabernacle, Priesthood, and Offerings*, p 378)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Identify and explain the idea that was most profound or most helpful to you in this sixteenth lesson. What questions do you have from this lesson?
2. Discuss and create a list of what you have received in your redemption by the blood of Jesus Christ.
3. What practical steps can you make to contribute to God’s modern “building project”?
4. Explain the connection between that which we receive from the Lord and what we give to the work of the Lord.