

1 Kings 5:2-6 (NLT)

Then Solomon sent this message back to Hiram:

"You know that my father, David, was not able to build a Temple to honor the name of the LORD his God because of the many wars he waged with surrounding nations. He could not build until the LORD gave him victory over all his enemies. But now the LORD my God has given me peace on every side, and I have no enemies and all is well. So I am planning to build a Temple to honor the name of the LORD my God, just as he instructed my father that I should do. For the LORD told him, 'Your son, whom I will place on your throne, will build the Temple to honor my name.' Now please command that cedars from Lebanon be cut for me. Let my men work alongside yours, and I will pay your men whatever wages you ask. As you know, there is no one among us who can cut timber like you Sidonians!"

You probably heard the term "Where God guides He provides" which simply means that when the Lord asks you to do something, He will always provide for you to do it. But sometimes we push God's provisions aside and then ask God why He isn't providing for our ministry.

As you may know, the Bible says that Solomon was a wise man with God being the provider of this wisdom. And even though God had provided Solomon with all this wisdom, he still couldn't do everything himself. Even building the temple for God was a service that he could not do on his own. God gave Solomon the wisdom to know who to choose to help him build the temple, and even who would cut down the trees for the temple.

† *As you know, there is no one among us who can cut timber like you Sidonians!*

Solomon was not trying to sweet talk Hiram to get a good price for the timber. No, Solomon was letting Hiram know that he was a part of the ministry to build God's temple, and that God deserved the best and his (Hiram's) people were the best for the job.

What about you, have you been given a ministry? Are you trying to do it all on your own, or are you allowing others to be a part of the ministry? Maybe you don't feel like you have a particular ministry where someone could help you out. Maybe you are a Hiram that God has put there to help out in someone else's ministry. Either way, God deserves the best, and Solomon knew that Hiram was the best to provide the best timber for the temple.

In your ministry, choose the best, or be the best in what God has called you to do, whether it's building a temple, cutting trees, or praying for others. I know in my ministry of teaching, one of the biggest helps I can receive is the prayers of others.

You would be surprised at how much of a help that prayer is. Will could be my Hiram, or maybe your pastors Hiram?

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So do I say as well as your pastor, *“As you know, there is no one among us who can pray like you prayer warriors!”*