

## Loving the Lord with All My Heart: Through My Work

*Exodus 31:1-11*

*<sup>1</sup>Now the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, <sup>2</sup>“See, I have called by name Bezalel, the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah. <sup>3</sup>I have filled him with the Spirit of God in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all kinds of craftsmanship, <sup>4</sup>to make artistic designs for work in gold, in silver, and in bronze, <sup>5</sup>and in the cutting of stones for settings, and in the carving of wood, that he may work in all kinds of craftsmanship. <sup>6</sup>And behold, I Myself have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the hearts of all who are skillful I have put skill, that they may make all that I have commanded you: <sup>7</sup>the tent of meeting, and the ark of testimony, and the mercy seat upon it, and all the furniture of the tent,<sup>8</sup> the table also and its utensils, and the pure gold lampstand with all its utensils, and the altar of incense, <sup>9</sup>the altar of burnt offering also with all its utensils, and the laver and its stand, <sup>10</sup>the woven garments as well, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, with which to carry on their priesthood; <sup>11</sup>the anointing oil also, and the fragrant incense for the holy place, they are to make them according to all that I have commanded you.”*

Work is an area of life which is often misunderstood. We struggle in it and can't survive without it. Today, I want us to see how our love for God and work are related. Ultimately, my desire is to see how we can love God through our work.

My labor becomes more meaningful when I realize:

1. God calls me to my work.

Proverbs 10:4, 18:9, 21:25, Ecclesiastes 5:12, Ephesians 2:10

2. God has gifted me to complete the task.

Acts 2:38, 1 Peter 4:10, 1 Corinthians 12:11, James 1:17, Romans 12:6-8, Ecclesiastes 3:13

3. God provides wisdom and knowledge for me to excel at my job.

Job 38:36, Isaiah 28:26, Ecclesiastes 2:26, Proverbs 2:6, James 1:5

4. God is honored when my work is a witness of my love for Him.

Colossians 3:23, Matthew 5:16, Ephesians 6:7, 1 Peter 2:12, 2 Timothy 3:16-17