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Greetings!

Thanks for clicking this weeks SelahGram. Karyn and I pray it causes you to pause and ponder: Selah.

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Half a Commandment



1Ch 28:10 AMP *Take heed now, for the Lord has chosen you to build a house for the sanctuary. Be strong and do it!* What else can be said after a powerful directive like this? What else needs to be said? **JUST DO IT!**



Wrong. Actually, many have fervently launched ministries, causes, missions and lives on this basis only to falter with strength exhausted mistakenly concluding they missed God entirely. But what they really missed was the rest of the equation.

Confirmation

How many noble efforts and righteous causes have I launched in my life simply with a belief they were God-ordained and with a determination to "*be strong and do it!*" Other times, I've burst from the starting gate with a vs.9 connection intact only to, over time, slide back into vs.10 mode.

Standing alone, this verse seems to advocate launching in your own strength but God will never command launch without a fuel supply. This verse cannot stand alone! Its *context* is its power source! Alone, **vs.10 is only half a commandment.** This vital note precedes it:

1Ch 28:9 NLT *"And Solomon, my son, learn to know the God of your ancestors intimately. Worship and serve Him with your whole heart and a willing mind. For the LORD sees every heart and knows every plan and thought. If you seek Him, you will find Him. But if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever. 10 So take this seriously. The LORD has chosen you to build a Temple as His sanctuary. Be strong, and do the work."* Amen.

Dan.11:32b Captures our discussion, "*...But the people who **know** their God [intimately] shall **be strong**, and **do** great exploits.*" Selah.

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