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DAILY DEVOTION

GOD'S WORK IN US AND THROUGH US

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Philippians 2:12-13 (NLT)

“Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.”

God desires us to reach our full potential. He designed you and began a good work in you when you received Christ.

The challenge is to work out what God has worked in! This does not mean we work for our salvation, but that we work to show the results of our salvation.

How? Through obedience, deep reverence, and respect for God.

In the language of the New Testament, it was also used for mining, so that you could get out of the mine all the valuable materials possible, or working a field to harvest the most crops possible. God's desire is for us to be conformed to the image of His Son, that we would begin to live and act like Christ.

As the very life of Christ is formed within us, the Holy Spirit is at work in our hearts and minds, enabling us to work out what He is working in that we may reach our full God-given potential in Christ!

For God to accomplish His greater work through us, He must do a deeper work within us. Working out what God has worked in isn't the result of strenuous effort or striving alone.

Paul said, “For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him.”

And not only does God give us the power to do what pleases Him, but He also gives us the desire to do it.

Left alone, our desires are self-serving and often sinful. And when they are good, we feel powerless to carry them out. But through the Holy Spirit, God is working in us.

That means you have Divine energy to accomplish everything God has designed you to do. He energizes you by the Holy Spirit! The same Spirit that raised Christ from the dead lives within you and me and is at work within us to give us new desires and power to do what pleases God. This is the secret to a changed life!

Submit to His work in you and let Him do the work. You'll find that as you obey God's will, you gain even greater desire to do it.

PRAYER

Holy Spirit of God, give me power and the desire to do your will and your work in your own way in Jesus name.