



PHILIPPIANS 2:12-13

GOD WORKS IN YOU BOTH TO
WILL AND TO DO

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God Began the Work

- ❖ **Philippians 1:6** – He began the work in the Philippians.
- ❖ The gospel preached at Philippi – **Acts 16:11-15, 30-34**
- ❖ God began the work of salvation through the proclamation of His gospel – **Acts 16:9-10; Romans 10:13-17**

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God Continues the Work to Completion

- ❖ **Philippians 1:6; 2:13** – He will complete the work.
- ❖ Began with the gospel preached – **Romans 1:16; Acts 17:1-4** (Thessalonica)
- ❖ Work continued by God through the word – **1 Thessalonians 2:13**

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Desire for Purpose

- ❖ **2 Corinthians 5:14-15** – no longer living for self, but for Christ.
- ❖ Christ's purpose revealed to us – **John 15:14-16**
- ❖ His purpose becomes our purpose – **John 17:20-23**

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Desire to be Like Christ

- ❖ **2 Corinthians 4:16** – undergoing a process of transformation.
- ❖ We were attracted to Christ by His glory and virtue – **2 Peter 1:2-4** – we long to participate in such.
- ❖ The desire to be like Christ leads to purification according to God's will – **1 John 2:2-3**

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Desire for a Better Life

- ❖ **1 Timothy 4:8** – promise for the life that now is.
- ❖ **Necessities – Matthew 6:31-34**
- ❖ **Health – Romans 1:26-27; Proverbs 23:29-35; Romans 13:3-4; Proverbs 13:15**
- ❖ **Family – Proverbs 24:3-4; Ephesians 5:22-33; 6:4**

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Desire for Hope

- ❖ **1 Timothy 4:8** – promise for the life that is to come.
- ❖ Those who commit their lives to Christ can be confident He will keep them for their reward – **2 Timothy 1:12; 4:6-8**

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The “will” naturally translates into the doing. However, the doing must be directed to “His good pleasure.”

❖ Not according to the flesh, but the Spirit –

Galatians 5:16-26

❖ Directed by the inspired word –

2 Timothy 3:16-17



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