



MINISTERING WITH DEPENDENCE: His Work, His Will, His Pleasure

Philippians 2:12–13

The Context (2:1–11)



Unselfish service
for others
patterned after the example
of Christ's humility
and obedience.

The Command



“work out your salvation”

- **What?**
 - **“Work out” what is already implanted within.**
 - **Illustration of a mine.**
 - **Illustration of a seed that has germinated.**

The Command



“**work out** your salvation”

- Romans 7:17

So now, no longer am I the one **doing** it,
but sin which dwells in me.

The Command



“**work out** your salvation”

- Romans 7:8

But sin, taking opportunity through the commandment, **produced** in me coveting of every kind; for apart from the Law sin *is* dead.

The Command



“work out your salvation”

- Romans 5:3

And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation **brings about** perseverance;

The Command



“work out your salvation”

- **Who?— “beloved”**

The Command



- **Philippians 4:1**

Therefore, **my beloved** brethren whom I long *to see*, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord, **my beloved**.

The Command



“work out your salvation”

- **Who?— “beloved”**
- **How?—**
 - **“just as you have always obeyed”**

The Command



- **2 Corinthians 10:2–6**

³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, ⁴ for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

The Command



- **2 Corinthians 10:2–6**

⁵ We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the **obedience of Christ, ⁶ and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your **obedience** is complete.**

The Command



“work out your salvation”

- **Who?— “beloved”**
- **How?—**
 - **“just as you have always obeyed”**
 - **“but now much more in my absence”**
 - **“with fear and trembling”**

The Command



- Ephesians 6:5

⁵ Slaves, **be obedient** to those who are your masters according to the flesh, **with fear and trembling**, in the sincerity of your heart, as to Christ; ⁶ not by way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart.

The Command



“work out your salvation”

- **1 Corinthians 2:2–5**

² For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified. ³ I was with you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling,

The Command



“work out your salvation”

- **1 Corinthians 2:2–5**

⁴ and my message and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith would not rest on the wisdom of men, but on the power of God.

The Command



“work out your salvation”

- **Why?**
 - **“for it is God who is at work in you”**

The Command



- **1 Thessalonians 2:13**

For this reason we also constantly thank God that when you received the word of God which you heard from us, you accepted *it* not as the word of men, but *for* what it really is, the word of God, which also performs its **work in you who believe.**

The Command



- **1 Corinthians 12:6**

There are varieties of effects, but the same God who **works all things **in** all *persons*.**

The Command



- **Ephesians 3:20**

Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that **works within us,**

The Command



- **Colossians 1:29**

For this purpose also I labor, striving according to His power, which mightily **works within me.**

The Command



“work out your salvation”

- **Why?**
 - **“for it is God who is at work in you”**
 - **“both to will and to work”**
 - **“for *His* good pleasure”**

The Command



- **Matthew 3:17**

and behold, a voice out of the heavens said, “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am **well-pleased.**”

Making It Work



- **Ephesians 2:10**

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

Making It Work



- **2 Timothy 3:16–17**

**¹⁶ All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness;
¹⁷ so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.**

One Implication



Knowing God's Will

- **Prepared to Know—John 15:7.**
- **Being Cautious of Your Heart—
Jeremiah 17:9–10**
- **Being Assured of God's Will—1 John 5:14**
- **Being Aware of the Process—
Philippians 2:13**