

All In for SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Part 2

Philippians 2:12-13

Big Idea: God works in us so that we will work hard for Him.

- The Quietist view of sanctification is “Let go and let God.”
- While the quietist approach rightly emphasizes the centrality of God’s power, it misunderstands the **Way** God works in us (Exodus 14:12-16).

-- God works in us to make us *All In* for Him (1 Cor. 15:10).

- True grace from God produces spiritual energy in His people.
- The grace God gave Paul inspired Paul to give everything for God (1 Corinthians 9:24-27).

-- v. 12c – “*Continue to work out your salvation...*”

- The command is not to work **For** your salvation, but to work **Out** your salvation.
- The word translated “work out” was sometimes used to refer to the process of mining precious metals and minerals.
- Here Paul urges us to bring to the **Outside** the treasure that God has planted on the **Inside** (2 Corinthians 4:6-7).
- God Himself is the light and life within us, and He is working in us to shine through us for His glory and praise.

-- v. 12c – “*...with fear and trembling...*”

- Together, these words describe a constructive fear of sinning against God (Psalm 2:11-12, Isaiah 66:1-2)
- Paul is urging us to be **Motivated** by a right understanding of who God is and what God desires of us.

-- A healthy fear of God in the believer is a hatred of the idea that we might offend Him.

-- v. 13 – “...for...”

-- The reason why we can work hard for God with confidence and success is because God is hard at work in us.

-- If God were not working in us, laboring for His glory would be **Impossible** (John 15:5, 2 Corinthians 3:5).

-- v. 13 – “...it is God who works...”

-- God Himself is the “**Energy**” behind our spiritual growth (Philippians 1:6).

-- While sanctification demands our all, all our efforts are energized by all that God is (Ephesians 3:20).

-- v. 13 – “...in you...”

-- God is not commanding us coldly from a distance but transforming us from **within** us (Romans 5:5).

-- The power at work in us is God Himself—the very God who created the universe from nothing.

-- v. 13 – “...to will and to act according to his good purpose.”

-- God is working in us so that we will want what He wants us to want and do what He wants us to do.

-- God is at work in us so that we will work hard for Him.

Conclusion

-- Do not be deceived, spiritual growth will not just magically happen.

-- Perhaps the best evidence that God is really at work in us is a **Passion** to work hard at knowing and growing in Christ.

-- Knowing that God is at work powerfully in you, will you give you all for Him?