

What God Wants to Do In Your Life

Philippians 1:3-11 (CEV)

³ Every time I think of you, I thank my God. ⁴ And whenever I mention you in my prayers, it makes me happy. ⁵ This is because you have taken part with me in spreading the good news from the first day you heard about it. ⁶ God is the one who began this good work in you, and I am certain that he won't stop before it is complete on the day that Christ Jesus returns.

⁷ You have a special place in my heart. So it is only natural for me to feel the way I do. All of you have helped in the work God has given me, as I defend the good news and tell about it here in jail. ⁸ God himself knows how much I want to see you. He knows I care for you in the same way Christ Jesus does.

⁹ I pray that your love will keep on growing and you will fully know and understand ¹⁰ how to make the right choices. Then you will still be pure and innocent when Christ returns. And until that day, ¹¹ Jesus Christ will keep you busy doing good deeds that bring glory and praise to God.

A. Introduction

- Everyone has aspirations and desires for their life.
- Some seek personal success, while others strive to help others.

B. God's Intention for Your Life

- This question is crucial, with both temporal and eternal implications.
- Philippians 1:6 emphasizes God's continuous work in believers' lives.

C. God's Initiative to Begin a Work in Your Life

- God has initiated a work in your life, despite your past.
- Even before becoming a Christian, you've experienced God's blessings.
- God's work begins a new journey in your life, leading to salvation.
- The new birth is essential for entering heaven.
- God's invitation is open to all to become His children by faith.

D. God's Purpose to Begin a Good Work in Your Life

- Philippians 1:6 highlights God's ongoing work in believers.
- God's work brings peace and strength into our lives.
- Initially, God's work may confront us with our sins and shortcomings.
- Some fear letting God work in their lives, but God's work is ultimately for our good.
- God works in us through His Word, His Spirit, and our circumstances.
- Faith in Christ brings forgiveness, justification, assurance, and purpose.

E. God's Desire for a Permanent Work in Your Life

- God's work in believers is continuous and everlasting.
- Philippians 2:13 emphasizes God's continuous work in believers.
- God's work in believers is completed in eternity.
- Eternal life is not just a promise but a reality for believers.

F. Recognizing God's Work in Your Life

- Have you felt convicted of your sins?
- Have you experienced God's love?
- Are you ready to come to Christ in faith?

G. God's Work Can Begin in Your Life Today

- God's work in your life is not finished.
- His work is permanent and aimed at making you more like Jesus.
- Recognize God's work in your life and cooperate with Him.

H. Responding to God's Work

- Respond to God's work in your life today.
- Allow God to continue His work in you.

I. Conclusion

- God's work in your life has just begun.
- Allow God to continue the good work He has started in you.

This passage from Philippians reveals God's ongoing work in the lives of believers, aiming for their transformation and ultimate conformity to the image of Christ.