

Our Primary Ministry

I would like to share with you a prayer that has really been speaking to me.

Heb 13:20-21 AMP

20 Now may the God of peace [Who is the Author and the Giver of peace], Who brought again from among the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood [that sealed, ratified] the everlasting agreement (covenant, TESTAMENT),

21 Strengthen (complete, perfect) and make you what you ought to be and equip you with everything good that you may carry out His will; [while He Himself] works in you and accomplishes that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ (the Messiah); to Whom be the glory forever and ever (to the ages of the ages). Amen (so be it).

May God strengthen, complete and make you perfect. May He make you as you ought to be and equip you with everything good to carry out His will. And may we trust in Him and the power of His Spirit to work in and through us to accomplish His will. I think that many times we concentrate so heavily on doing His will that the development of our own personal relationship with Him suffers. I am convinced that God is far more interested in molding and making us into the person that we ought to be than He is the accomplishment of some spiritual task. We need to be more focused on “God’s work in me” than we are “God’s work through me”. Notice that He promises to equip us with every good thing that is needed before He expects us to carry out or accomplish His will. We lean far too much on our own strength, our own ability, our own wisdom and not enough on His Spirit to accomplish all that He has called us to. We need to allow Him the opportunity to fit and prepare us to embrace our future. We need to learn to rely on the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. We need to concentrate on our personal growth and development more than we concentrate on personal achievement. I heard someone wisely say, “My main ministry needs to be my spiritual progress.” We need to take the time to wait on the Lord.

James 1:4 AMP

4 But let endurance and steadfastness and patience have full play and do a thorough work, so that you may be [people] perfectly and fully developed [with no defects], lacking in nothing.

God is indeed at work in all of our lives. I know that as I look at my own life I can identify so much that God still needs to do in me in order to change and perfect me. I am so thankful that Jesus found me and that He rescued. I am so thankful that He did not leave me as He found me. I am thankful that He has promised to equip me with everything to accomplish His will. I am thankful that God has given me a new nature and placed His precious own Spirit within me to teach me by His Word. He is working to transform me by daily encouraging me to embrace changes He is endeavoring to bring into my life. I am thankful that God is not through with me yet.

Phil 1:6 AMP

6 And I am convinced and sure of this very thing, that He Who began a good work in you will continue until the day of Jesus Christ [right up to the time of His return], developing [that good work] and perfecting and bringing it to full completion in you.

In this scripture we find God’s promise and we derive our hope that the good work that God begun in us at the time of our salvation He will perfect in us bringing it to completion. We simply have to yield ourselves to the work of the Holy Spirit and embrace the change He is endeavoring to work in out our lives.