

BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS

PHILIPPIANS 1:6

"Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ." (KJV)

"God began doing a good work in you, and I am sure [confident, persuaded] He will continue it until it is finished [completed; perfected] when Jesus Christ comes again [on the day of Christ Jesus; the final day of judgment and reward]. (EXB)

"And I am sure that God who began the good work within you will keep right on helping you grow in His grace until His task within you is finally finished on that day when Jesus Christ returns." (TLB)

"There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears." (MSG)

I. THE MARKS OF MATURE BELIEVERS:

What are the marks of a mature Christian believer? What are the marks of a dynamic, mature Christian Church? Clearly, the marks so desperately needed by believers and churches are spelled out:

THE FIRST MEASURING MARK: _____



THE SECOND MEASURING MARK: _____

THE THIRD MEASURING MARK: _____

THE FOURTH MEASURING MARK: _____

THE FIFTH MEASURING MARK: _____ (v. 6)

1. We **will astray** or **will not astray** if we do not apply this verse of Philippians 1:6 to work of salvation and Christian walk or living.
2. God will complete His good work in whose? **a)** unbelievers **b)** believers **c)** both **d)** ?
3. _____ and _____ are two of the strongest traits (quality) of true believers.
4. True believers _____ God personally.
5. **Y N NS:** Do you-believer know your God personally?
 - ☞ God's Spirit actually _____ within the heart and body of the believer.
 - ☞ The Spirit of God actually bears _____ with the spirit of the believer, that he is going to be redeemed someday—presented perfect before God. (Rom. 8:16)
 - ☞ In fact, the presence of the Holy Spirit within the believer's body is the guarantee [seal] of the believer's _____. (2 Cor. 1:22)
 - The believer has _____ confidence in the work of salvation which God has begun in his life.
 - The work begun by God is a **good** or **bad** work; that is, it is a work that revolutionizes or radically _____ the life of the believer.
 - The good work is complete or incomplete as long as the believer lives on this earth. He is never perfected, not while a man. There is _____ work for God to do. As believers we can take heart! God **is finished** or **is not finished** with us yet!
 - The good work is to be completed when a believer died here on the earth. At that time, the believer will be transformed into a _____ man and given a perfect body. And he will _____ and _____ the Lord Jesus in perfection throughout all eternity.
6. Likewise we are like clay in God's hands. He continues to _____ us day by day, always working with us, sometimes having to patch up the cracks, holes, and dents we have made in His creation.
 - ☞ But if we have given our lives to God—truly believed and trusted Him to save us—we can have _____:

- God **will toss us aside** or **will save** us.
- God's work in us is: **any good purpose** or **any evil purpose**
- God's work is **stopping** or **continuous**: He is still working _____ us and _____ us! This work will continue until we _____ Christ, and then the work will be fulfilled. 1 John 3:2 says, "Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."
 - Until 'the day of Jesus Christ': you and I today are living in what?
 - a)** the day of the Lord (rapture)
 - b)** the day of the Old Testament
 - c)** the day of the millennium (1000 years of Christ's reign)
 - d)** the day of eternity
 - e)** the day of Jesus Christ (now)

7. **Y N NS:** We are saved by our good works.

8. Salvation is the good work God does in us when we _____ His Son.

9. **A THREEFOLD (3X) WORK:**

- ✓ The work God does **in for through** us—**SALVATION**.
- ✓ The work God does **through in for** us—**SANCTIFICATION**.
- ✓ The work God does **for through in** us—**SERVICE**.

10. The word '**perform**' (*epiteleo*); '**epi**' means 'force to the word' and '**telleo**' means 'to finish, complete, or conclude. But two words together that God is forcefully moving His plans for us in the right direction until we are finally complete! Or other word 'to carry through'.

11. When God calls you, He will _____ and _____ you to effectively complete your assignment on time (or here on earth).

☞ God will use every aspect of _____ you are and _____ you are came from to bring about His will in your life.

☞ God factors (to act) in:

- your _____,
- your level of _____,
- your past _____,
- and everything else you've accumulated [to collect] from your life _____.

12. The word '**confident**' (*peitho*) means 'to be sure, to be certain and to have absolute conviction'.

☞ **ONE THING** is certain: If God has called you, He will _____ you for the work or job! You can be _____ of it!

Prayer:

Father, the race for this year is not almost over, but it's not too late for me to come out a winner by faith in every area of my life. I surrender every obstacle (block) that has blocked me as a result of my own thoughts and actions. I ask You to supernaturally quicken (made alive in) me so I can achieve the goals You desire to perform in me. I am absolutely convinced that You will perform this work in me and that You'll keep doing it until the day of Jesus Christ! I pray this in Jesus' Name! I surrender myself to You. You are call me and You will equip me to do the work You have in me. Thank You!