

A blacksmith is shown in a dark, industrial setting, wearing a dark jacket and yellow work gloves. They are using a hammer to strike a piece of glowing, dark metal held in a vise. A large plume of sparks is flying upwards from the point of impact. The background is dark and out of focus, showing some industrial equipment.

THE GOOD WORK

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God's Work thru You

Moving from Overwhelmed to Action

THE
GOOD
WORK



**Nehemiah 1:3 And they said to me,
“The remnant there in the province
who had survived the exile is in
great trouble and shame. The wall of
Jerusalem is broken down, and its
gates are destroyed by fire.”**

**1. Overwhelming conditions
and circumstances lead us
to PRAY**

**THE
GOOD
WORK**



May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation, and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain in to joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done.

THE
**GOOD
WORK**



1:11 O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man."

**2. Prayer over the Burden
Brings CLARITY**

THE
**GOOD
WORK**



2:2 And the king said to me, “Why is your face sad, seeing you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of the heart.” Then I was very much afraid.

**4...So I prayed to the God of heaven.
5 And I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers’ graves, that I may rebuild it.”**

**3. Clarity Leads to the
COURAGE TO ACT**

**THE
GOOD
WORK**



2:17 Then I said to them, “You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer suffer derision.” 18 And I told them of the hand of my God that had been upon me for good, and also of the words that the king had spoken to me. And they said, “Let us rise up and build.” So they strengthened their hands for the good work.

**PRAYER +
CLARITY +
ACTION =
GOD’S
GOOD WORK**

**THE
GOOD
WORK**



APPLICATIONS

- What's burdening my heart?
- Am I praying about it?
- Am I asking God for His clarity?
- Am I willing to take action when He speaks?
- Am I engaging in God's work He has empowered me to do?

What's burdening your heart?
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JESUS OUR SAVIOR & EXAMPLE

Perfect Obedience

Clarity of Mission

Model for Believers

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Are you praying?

Are you asking?

Are you willing?

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