



The Christian life is work

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Phillippians 2:12-13

So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Jesus is **Savior** and **Lord**.

Fan's not Follower's. Many watch few really follow.

I. Follow Christ. No one else

"Follow me" is 19 times in the 4 gospels.

"Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:19

Phil. 4:9 Paul is saying follow me as I follow Christ.

II. Work out your own salvation. - not self help salvation

Work it to full completion.

Working a mine or a field. For gold or a good crop

A sheet of music. To bring it to life

God is the director – coach – author of our faith.

"Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. ⁴ For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust.

*⁵ Now for this very reason also, applying all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence, and in your moral excellence, knowledge, ⁶ and in your knowledge, self-control, and in your self-control, perseverance, and in your perseverance, godliness, ⁷ and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love. ⁸ For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they render you neither useless nor unfruitful in the true knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹ For he who lacks these qualities is blind or short-sighted, having forgotten his purification from his former sins. **2 Peter 1:3-9***

III. Work out **Your own** salvation.

All of us have a separate path, individual.

John 21:15-19 Peter reinstated asks about John. Jesus says what is that to you. "Follow me" doesn't matter about others.

VI. With **fear and trembling**. The fear and reverence of the Lord.

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

He disciplines us for our good, so that we may share His holiness. ¹¹ All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.

Hebrews 12:1-15

V. **For God is at work in you.** v13

God gives you the desire. Longing.

"For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus."

Philippians 2:6