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The Lord is at Work in You

Summary: Think of a man who sets out to build a great structure. At the start he has vision, passion, and money; and so, he sets out to build. But through the course of time, other interests flare up, money wanes, and vision is forgotten. The building project loses support, and it is either abandoned to others with greater ability, destroyed all together and sold for scrap, or it is left to decay. In 1 Corinthians 3:9 we are called "*God's building*." May we be encouraged that our God is not like the builder described here, but is diligent, passionate, and able. He finishes what He starts, and it is always better than before.

I. Foundational points
    a. We are God's building
        i. 1 Corinthians 3:9
    b. The Lord is always at work/working
        i. Philippians 2:13
        ii. John 5:17
    c. The end of a thing is better than the beginning
        i. Ecclesiastes 7:8
    d. The Lord wastes nothing
        i. John 6:12
II. Application to be aware of
    a. Yield to what The Lord is doing
    b. Trust that He is working in you
    c. Rejoice that He is working on others
    d. Treat others the way God is treating you
III. God's building
    a. Encouragements surrounding The Lord's character
        i. The Lord is constantly reminded of His work upon the cross, and constantly stirred up with fresh and new love/mercy
            1. Isaiah 49:15-16
            2. Lamentations 3:22-23
                a. Hosea 6:4 – *His "hesed" is not like ours*
                b. Malachi 3:6 – *The Lord does not change*
        ii. Ezra 4:24 – *The Lord does not give up*
        iii. Psalms 115:12 – *The Lord is thinking about us*
    b. Encouragements surrounding The Lord's ability
        i. Psalms 78:72 – *A heart of integrity and skilled hands*
            1. Psalms 138:8 – *We are the work of His hands*
                a. C.f., Ephesians 2:10
            2. C.f., Psalms 102:25 – *God's hands made the heavens*
        ii. Hebrews 1:11-12 – *The LORD's ability to create is unmatched*
            1. Ephesians 1:19; 3:20 – *His ability is above our understanding, and it is for our benefit*
        iii. Psalms 147:5 – *The LORD's understanding is infinite*

1. C.f., Exodus 20:11
2. Isaiah 55:9

iv. 1 Chronicles 22:16 – *No lack of resources*

c. Encouragements surrounding God's intended outcome
   i. The Lord finishes what He starts
      1. Philippians 1:6 – *God will complete what He started in us/in others*
      2. 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 – *Faithful to sanctify and preserve*
      3. Jude 1:24-25
      4. The Lord will complete all things that concern us
         a. Psalms 57:2
            i. To be complete means, "*having no deficiency; perfect...finished; ended*..."
         b. Psalms 138:8
            i. To concern means, "*to relate or belong to...to affect the interest of; to be of importance to*..."
   ii. He is creating us, and others, into sources of joy
      1. Isaiah 65:18-19
      2. Ezekiel 34:26
d. Encouragements regarding The Lord's work
   i. 1 Kings 6:7 – *Sometimes we don't see or hear God working, but He is*
      1. C.f., Isaiah 11:3; 42:19-21
      2. John 7:24

IV. Roll your way to God
   a. Psalms 37:5