

Valley Bible Church – Sermon Notes

Sermon Notes for February 23-24, 2002

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"Working Hard but Taking No Credit"

Philippians 2:12-13

Paul's first concern is that they work out their salvation.

Working out our salvation does not mean that we work for our salvation (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Working out our salvation means that we will exert the necessary effort to live out a life of obedience consistent with the gift of salvation.

Based on Philippians 2:12 we are totally responsible for our sanctification and if we fail it is our fault.

Based on Philippians 2:13 God is totally responsible for our sanctification and all the praise, honor and glory for our success should go to him.

God is the one whose power drives our sanctification (John 15:5).

In the context of this passage God's good pleasure is that we would work out our salvation.

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There are two things that God will energize in us in order to accomplish His good pleasure.

If God is in us He will energize our will (John 6:45,65).

If God is in us He will energize our work.

If you are a child of God, working out your salvation is not only assured but it will exceed our wildest expectations (Ephesians 3:20).