

Where's Your Chair?

Philippians 2 12-18



We will not hide from their children, but will recount to generations to come, the praises of the Lord and his power and the wonderful works he has done.
Psalm 78:4

Praising:

Let every tongue confess with one accord, in heaven and earth, that Jesus Christ is Lord, and God the Father be by all adored: Alleluia!

Reading:

Philippians 2:12-18
God at work in you

Perhaps it is unsettling to think of God as being at work within us. We like to think we're in charge of us! But St Paul's personal experience is that God inspires and energizes, and maybe even changes and transforms his people from the inside. In other words, the Philippian Christians were a spiritual work in progress, and so are we. One of the signs or proofs that God is at work within us, is that we will

undertake the spiritual tasks and responsibilities that come our way in a spirit of willingness and agreement, rather than in a spirit of reticence and division. The key to doing that, seems to lie in remembering that our chief goal in life is not our own pleasure but that of God our heavenly Father.

Listening:

Praying:

Lord open us to the work you want to do in our lives

- melt our hearts with love for those the world seems to hate
- change and re-shape us to serve Christ more effectively in our personal situations
- free us from the grumbling and criticism that seems to go with working in the world

Father: I pray for the humility to yield to your Spirit at work within me, to leave behind the person I want to be, and to become instead more like the person you want me to be in Christ. Amen

Doing:

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