

Sermon Quotes
October 5th, 2008
Series on Philippians- 2:12-13 Faith for God's work in You and Others

*“...For God it is **who IS working in you** both to will and to work for His good pleasure.”*
- Literal Greek Rendering

Two Points This Morning:

1. Having Faith for God Working in You
2. Having Faith for God Working in Others

Proverbs 14:12 ESV “There is **a way that seems right** to a man, but its end is the way to death.”

Proverbs 21:2 ESV “Every way of a man is **right in his own eyes**, but the Lord weighs the heart.”

Hebrews 12:6 ESV “For the Lord disciplines **the one HE LOVES**, and chastises **every** son whom he receives.”

Hebrews 12:10 ESV “...He disciplines us **for our good**, that we may share his holiness.”

Self-Test: If we have faith in God for them...

- We will pray for them and see our prayers for them as the most effective thing we can do.
- We will be patient with them, at least as patient as God has been with us.
- When we do talk to them, we can be gentle in our appeals, because we know only God can open their eyes, only God can unlock their hearts.
- We will try to persuade them in the right direction, but not feel it's all up to us to “make them see.”
- We will forgive them and have compassion for them in the meantime, as those “who know not what they do.”
- Self-Test: If our faith is in them and not in God:
- We will be impatient with their progress and resent them for not changing fast enough, because their blindness and failures are ruining our personal happiness.
- We won't pray very much, because we aren't really looking to God; we're looking to them to change.
- When we talk to them, we'll often be critical and fault-finding, far more focused on bringing correction than giving encouragement (may not give any encouragement at all).

John 13:34 ESV “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: **just as I have loved you**, you also are to love one another.”

1 Timothy 1:15-16 ESV “The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy **for this reason, that in me, as the foremost (*sinner*), Jesus Christ** might display **his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe** in him for eternal life.”