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Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

Molding And Shaping

You are my masterpiece. You are the work of my hands. I have molded and shaped your life according to my purposes and plans. You are the person that I have made you to be. I have designed you to join me in doing the work that I have prepared for you to do. What do you think about all of this? These thoughts are wonderful to hear. To think that you have taken the time and made the effort to mold and shape my life leaves me in humble thankfulness. To think that I might be inadequate to do what you have called me to do couldn't be true. **Why is that?** You have not only uniquely prepared me to do good works but you are inviting me to join you in doing them. I am not alone. **No, you are not.** You are working in me and through me. **Yes, I am.**

I am not finished with you. What does that mean? **I'm still molding and shaping your life. My work in your life will continue until the day we meet each other face to face. How does that sound to you?** Well, I would rather be a completed work. Yes, I am sure that you would. **Being a completed work sounds more comfortable to you doesn't it?** Yes, It does. **You know that some of my molding and shaping of your life might make you uncomfortable, don't you?** Yes, I do. **Tell me more about that.** There is no "might" about it. Whenever you have molded and shaped my life you have always taken me out of my comfort zone. **You don't like that?** Not too much. **Would you rather that I stopped molding and shaping your life? Would you like to remain as you are right now?** No, I don't want that, not at all. **What do you want?** I am thankful that I am your masterpiece. I am grateful that you are continuing to mold and shape my life. **So, you want me to continue to my work of molding and shaping your life, is that true?** Yes Lord, it is. I would like to say more on this subject. **What's that?** I welcome your ongoing work in my life. You might hear a groan or a sigh here or there. It might seem like I am protesting and that I want you to go no further, that I want you to stop molding and shaping my life. Do me a favor. **What's that?** Ignore my groans and sighs. Disregard what may seem like a protest on my part. Know this, I want you to keep working in my life. I don't want you to stop molding and shaping me until we meet each other face to face. **I'm glad to hear this prayer of yours. You, know this, under no circumstance will I stop making you into the person I want you to be.** Then we are in complete agreement. **Yes, for the moment we are in complete agreement. There will be times and moments in the future I may remind you of this conversation. Will that be all right with you?** Yes, I'm sure that I will need every reminder that you will give to me. So, here I am. Keep on molding and shaping me. Keep on working in and through me. Use me according to your purposes and plans. Help me to join you in the work that you have given me to do for you. Use me for your kingdom and your glory. **Yes, I will.**

Lord, thank you for designing and creating me as your masterpiece. It is so healing and encouraging and humbling to know that I am the work of your hands. It is my honor and joy to join you in doing the good works you have prepared for me to do. Amen

Promises *God's Workmanship*

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NIV Ephesians 2:10

Promises *His Workmanship*

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

ESV Ephesians 2:10

Promises *God's Masterpiece*

For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

NLT Ephesians 2:10

Promises *His Workmanship*

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NKJV Ephesians 2:10

Promises *What He Has Made Us*

For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

NRSV Ephesians 2:10

Promises *God Does Both The Making And Saving*

No, we neither make nor save ourselves. God does both the making and saving. He creates each of us by Christ Jesus to join him in the work he does, the good work he has gotten ready for us to do, work we had better be doing.

MSG Ephesians 2:10

Promises *God's Handiwork*

For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].

AMP Ephesians 2:10

Promises *God Himself Made Us What We Are*

It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus; and long ages ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others.

TLB Ephesians 2:10

Promises *His Workmanship*

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NASB Ephesians 2:10

Promises *God Has Made Us What We Are*

God has made us what we are. In Christ Jesus, God made us to do good works, which God planned in advance for us to live our lives doing.

NCV Ephesians 2:10

God's Workmanship

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Promises – Ephesians 2:10

In Context: *Read Ephesians 2*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

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What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When has it been hard for you to accept the fact that you are a masterpiece created by God?

How healing and encouraging is it for you to know that you are a masterpiece created by God?

How has God given you the faith to believe that you are a masterpiece created by Him?

What good work has God invited you to do with and for Him?

How has God prepared you to do the work that you are now doing with and for Him?

When have you know that God was using you according to His purposes and plans?

How open are you to God's invitation to join Him in doing the good works He has prepared for you to do?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

As God's masterpiece join Him in doing the work that He has designed and prepared you to do for Him.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that as God's masterpiece He has designed and prepared you to do good works for Him.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how God has designed and prepared you to do good works for Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you accept the fact that you are God's masterpiece created in Christ to do good works with and for Him.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, thank you for creating me as your masterpiece and giving me good works to do with and for you.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what good works have you prepared for me to do today?
