

being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

Philippians 1:6 (NIV)

Confident

I'm confident. **You are confident about what?** I am confident that you began a good work in me. **When did I begin my good work in you?** Now, if I were to quickly answer that question, I would give the wrong answer, I'm sure. **What would be your wrong answer?** I would say that your good work began in me on the day that I began to follow you as my Savior and Lord. **You're right, that is the wrong answer. It isn't a bad answer, it's just the wrong answer. What is the correct answer?** You began your good work in me before I was born. You designed and created me in my mother's womb. **Yes, I did.**

But, let's talk about the work I have been doing in and through you since the day you started to follow me as your Savior and Lord. I'd like that. **How do you know that I have been doing a good work in you?** Well, looking back over the years, I can see the dramatic changes you have made in me. **How so?** I am nothing like the person I once was. My whole perspective has changed. My values are completely different. My hopes and dreams are nothing like what they once were. **Go into some detail.** At one time my thoughts were entirely on the things of this earth. I gave no thought to the things of heaven. My goal was to pursue the comfort and pleasures of this life. I lived solely to please myself. I lived a dark and sinful life. I was walking on a path that led away from you. I was self-indulgent. I was self-centered. I was self-sufficient. In total, I was insufferably proud. To tell you the truth, I would have been quite embarrassed to have my thoughts and words and deeds held up to your close scrutiny. **What has changed?** You have and are continuing to change my heart and transform my mind. You have given and are giving me new thoughts to think, words to speak and deeds to do. You are helping me to become like you. It is my utmost and highest desire to do what is pleasing in your sight. I know that I am far from perfect. But, I have been and am willing for you to take a close look at my life. You will find flaws. You will find mistakes. You will find sins. I have no doubt about that. I have no doubt about something else. **What's that?** You are not finished with me yet. You will continue to mold and shape my life. You will continue to make me into the person you have called me to be. You will keep on doing your work in and through my life. **Yes, I will.** For that, I am thankful beyond measure. **That is very good.**

Heavenly Father, I know you started a good work in me. I welcome your good work in me. Sometimes, I have been impatient and slow to notice your good work in me. Thank you for molding and shaping my life and never stopping doing your good work in me. Amen

Mixed Emotions *Being Confident*

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NIV Philippians 1:6

Mixed Emotions *Sure Of This*

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

ESV Philippians 1:6

Mixed Emotions *I Am Certain*

And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

NLT Philippians 1:6

Mixed Emotions *Being Confident*

being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete *it* until the day of Jesus Christ;

NKJV Philippians 1:6

Mixed Emotions *Confident Of This*

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.

NRSV Philippians 1:6

Mixed Emotions *Never Been The Slightest Doubt*

There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears.

MSG Philippians 1:6

Mixed Emotions *I Am Convinced*

And I am convinced *and* sure of this very thing, that He Who began a good work in you will continue until the day of Jesus Christ [right up to the time of His return], developing [that good work] *and* perfecting *and* bringing it to full completion in you.

AMP Philippians 1:6

Mixed Emotions *I Am Sure*

And I am sure that God who began the good work within you will keep right on helping you grow in his grace until his task within you is finally finished on that day when Jesus Christ returns.

TLB Philippians 1:6

Mixed Emotions *I Am Confident*

For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.

NASB Philippians 1:6

Mixed Emotions *I Am Sure*

God began doing a good work in you, and I am sure he will continue it until it is finished when Jesus Christ comes again.

NCV Philippians 1:6

Being Confident

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Mixed Emotions – Philippians 1:6

In Context: *Read Philippians 1*

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)*

What has God used to do His good work in you?

When have you been slow to notice the good work God has been doing in you?

What changes have you noticed as a result of God's good work in you?

How has God used you to be a part of His doing good work in others?

Why can you anticipate that God will not stop doing His good work in you?

When has God most powerfully done His good work in you?

Who has God used to be a part of doing His good work in you?

Living It Out:

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

Let nothing hinder the good work that God wants to do in and through you.

Seeing It Happen:

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

Have faith that God will bring to completion the good work that He started in you.

Get Ready To Share:

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

Share with another person or your small group how God has been doing a good work in you.

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 allow God to continue to do His good work in you.

Prayer To Carry

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

Heavenly Father, I welcome all the good work you want to do in me.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Heavenly Father, what good work do you want to do in me today?
