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## Romans 2:17–24

<sup>17</sup> Now if you call yourself a Jew, and rely on the law, and boast in God,  
<sup>18</sup> and know his will, and approve the things that are superior, being instructed from the law, <sup>19</sup> and if you are convinced that you are a guide for the blind, a light to those in darkness, <sup>20</sup> an instructor of the ignorant, a teacher of the immature, having the embodiment of knowledge and truth in the law—<sup>21</sup> you then, who teach another, don't you teach yourself? You who preach, "You must not steal"—do you steal? <sup>22</sup> You who say, "You must not commit adultery"—do you commit adultery? You who detest idols, do you rob temples? <sup>23</sup> You who boast in the law, do you dishonor God by breaking the law? <sup>24</sup> For, as it is written: "The name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you."

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## Philippians 1:6

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.



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## Romans 3:10–18

<sup>10</sup> As it is written: “None is righteous, no, not one; <sup>11</sup> no one understands; no one seeks for God. <sup>12</sup> All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”  
<sup>13</sup> “Their throat is an open grave; they use their tongues to deceive.”  
“The venom of asps is under their lips.” <sup>14</sup> “Their mouth is full of curses and bitterness.” <sup>15</sup> “Their feet are swift to shed blood; <sup>16</sup> in their paths are ruin and misery, <sup>17</sup> and the way of peace they have not known.” <sup>18</sup> “There is no fear of God before their eyes.”

## Romans 3:20

For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

## Ephesians 2:8–9

For by grace you have been saved through faith.  
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,  
not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

## 2 Peter 3:18

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior  
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## 2 Corinthians 4:16

So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day.

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## Proverbs 18:9

Whoever is slack in his work is a brother to him who destroys.



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## Romans 7:5

For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were **at work** in our members to bear fruit for death..

## 1 Thessalonians 2:13

When you received the word of God... you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, **the word of God, which is at work in you believers.**

## James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. **The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.**

## 1 Corinthians 12:4–7

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but **it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone.** <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

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- 9) The Christian's daily work is a restful activity empowered by God.

## Isaiah 40:28–31

<sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. <sup>30</sup> Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup> but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.





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