

Prophecy: Indwelling of God, John 14:23; Fulfillment, Phil 2:13: Motivation for a "Desire" to Know the Word and then to Do It; Tactical Victory: Sense of Destiny

22. The fulfillment of these prophecies is found in:

Philippians 2:13 - It is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

1. When the verse says that "God is at work in you" the verb "work" is **ἐνεργέω, *energeō***, the root of the English word "energy." It means not only "to work" but also "to be operational," that is, to be active in such a way as to produce an effect.
2. The "work" done by the Father is the provision of the operational system necessary for the thinking and then the execution of doctrine.
3. The indwelling of God has four purposes within the operational system of the believer's spiritual life:
 - 1) He is the Creator of the divine operating assets imputed to the believer at salvation which must be utilized in order to execute the protocol plan for the Church Age. This plan functions through the enabling power of the Holy Spirit and replaces the ritual plan of God designed for the dispensation of Israel.
 - 2) This plan was created in eternity past and placed in the computer of the divine decree. The power system has available to it a grace system of perception which we have recently reviewed.
 - 3) In eternity past, God imputed escrow blessings to every believer in time and eternity as a motivation for advance in the power plan.
 - 4) He placed every believer into fulltime Christian service as witnesses for the Prosecution in the appeal trial of Satan.
4. The indwelling of God the Father is therefore "operational" in the believer providing the motivation to execute the spiritual life and fulfill its purpose which is to glorify Him.
5. The verse continues with the phrase "both to will and to work." The verb "to will" is the present active infinitive of:

θέλω, *thelō* - "to desire to do"

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| present: | Durative: denotes what has begun in the past and continues to the present. To desire to do something requires motivation and then to follow it up with a decision. Motivation plus decision equals action. |
| active: | The Church Age believer is motivated by the indwelling of God to utilize the power plan and its grace system of perception to make good decisions that produce right actions. |
| infinitive: | Direct object of "God Who is <u>at work</u> in you," indicating that it is the indwelling of God that produces the motivation for the spirit-filled believer's spiritual advance. |

6. The believer that consistently uses rebound logs maximum time under the filling of the Holy Spirit. In this status the indwelling of God produces a desire in the believer to learn about Him and the only way this can be accomplished is through Bible study.
7. This desire is expressed by a motivation within the soul to live according to the guidance of biblical principles. In order to do this the principles must be learned and decisions must be made to carry them out.
- 8- When these things coordinate in the soul of the believer they result in the simultaneous advance to the high ground: inculcation of doctrine results in *epignōsis* knowledge that produces reciprocal love for God.
9. Reciprocal love for God produces motivation for continued advance toward spiritual maturity through the study of the Word.
10. This advance is summarized by the next phase of the verse: “to work,” and it also is a durative present active infinitive of *energeō*:
 - 1) What has begun in the past – Pentecost – continues to the present – in each Church Age believer’s spiritual life: the indwelling of God provides the motivation, or “desire,” to apply toward life and circumstances the principles learned in Bible study.
 - 2) The desire is expressed by the active voice: the believer’s motivation is followed up by a decision to apply what he knows which produces action.
 - 3) The infinitive is the direct object of “God is at work in you,” indicating that the indwelling of God provides the motivation for the spiritual believer’s decisions that result in righteous action.
11. PRINCIPLE: Motivation plus decision equals action: the simultaneous advance to spiritual maturity.
12. The tactical victory for the simultaneous advance is a personal sense of destiny:
 - 1) This is entry into the sophisticated spiritual life of the adult believer who has crystallized his understanding of the eternal future.
 - 2) The impact of the intensive perfect passive participle in Ephesians 2:8 provides the foundation for one’s confidence of eternal salvation:

Ephesians 2:8 - For by grace you have been permanently saved [**intensive perfect passive participle of σώζω, sōzō**] through faith; and this salvation is not from the source of yourselves, it is the gift from the source of God.

- 3) The perfect participle indicates antecedent time: the action of the verb, *sōzō*, “to save,” occurs in past time: “you have been permanently saved.”
- 4) The intensive perfect places emphasis upon the existing results. It is distinctively the tense of the “finished product.” When special attention is thus directed to the results of the action, stress upon the existing fact is intensified.
- 5) One’s personal sense of destiny occurs when he comes to believe without shadow of doubt that he has been saved in the past and that that salvation is secure; it is a “finished product.”

- 6) This is the moment that eternal security becomes an operational concept as a problem-solving device. It is one thing to believe you have eternal security and another to utilize it as a problem-solving device.
- 7) Life has circumstances that challenge the faith of believers; difficulties that interrupt life's routine, outside pressures that assault the FLOT Line, any of which can cause a believer to flag under the pressure.
- 8) Worry, anxiety, fear, and dread can disorient a believer and cause a shutdown of doctrinal recall. The doctrine is there but emotion overrides reason. It is this concept that Loretta Lynn addresses in her Gospel song, "Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven, but Nobody Wants to Die."