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Promise: God Will Complete His Good Work in You

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Scripture

"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." Philippians 1:6

Devotion

My oldest children, James and Morgan, began learning how to play the piano this year. They started out knowing little about how to play other than they shouldn't bang on the piano with all ten fingers like their little sister, Myers, does. Yesterday, Morgan was needing help through a part of a song she always has trouble playing. She was discouraged, and told me she didn't think she would ever learn how to play it correctly. After convincing her I'd help her, I played it for her so she could know exactly how the song should sound. After some practice and help, she did eventually conquer the hard part of the song and played it beautifully!

Morgan's goal was to play her piano piece like it is written and meant to sound, but she needed help, and she needed to hear it played to know how it ought to sound. When we become Christians, our goal and desire is to become more like Jesus, but we need help because we are still sinners. Jesus tells us in John 16:7-13 that he has given us the best helper there possibly could be, and it's the Holy Spirit! The Bible promises that if we are children of God, the Holy Spirit will be with us to help us know when we sin, to help us make wise choices, and to help us understand our Bibles. Just like Morgan needed to hear the song played to correct her mistakes and imitate how it should sound, we must read our Bibles and pray to know how God desires for us to live, and show us areas in our lives where we are sinning, or incomplete.

Our heavenly Father desires for us to be complete, or without sin and with him in heaven. Our verse tells us, "He who began a good work in you will carry it to completion." The good work mentioned in our verse is when we receive salvation and trust in Jesus as our Savior. Would God begin this good work in us, the work of sacrificing his only Beloved Son to save us from our sins and giving us salvation, then leave us incomplete and helpless? No! We can be assured that when he saves us, he will complete his good work in us when we go to heaven to live with him forever, and until then we will always have the perfect Helper, the Holy Spirit, guiding and directing our path.



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Questions

3-5-yr-olds

When you are learning something new, do you need a helper (parent, teacher) to guide you? Does the helper give you comfort and confidence?

1st-3rd graders

God promises that as his children, he will help us to turn away from sin and to produce good fruit in our lives. Can you think of a time where the Holy Spirit helped you turn away from sin? Or a time when you showed one of the fruits of the spirit even when it was hard to?

4th-6th graders

We all struggle with sin and temptation, and we often struggle with the same sin over and over. Can you think of a sin or temptation the Holy Spirit has helped you to do less of, or even flee from completely? Or maybe your actions are showing a fruit of the spirit that you can name? Does seeing God work in your life bring you assurance of his good work in your life?

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for beginning your good work in our lives by giving us salvation. Thank you for giving us your Holy Spirit who is always with us to help us when we are tempted. In your kindness, you have helped us remember times where you have helped us run from sin and trust that your way is best. This gives us confidence that you are working in our lives and that one day, your work will be complete and we will live with you in heaven forever. We pray this in Jesus' name, amen.

Suggested Hymns

For the Little ones: Lord, I Want to be a Christian #530
Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners! #498
Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken #707
He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought! #600

