

A work in progress.

(Acts 18:18-19:7)

God is constantly at work in your life.

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)

1. God's work in your life is an active process. (Acts 18:18-19)

- a. God is at work making us more like Christ.
- b. Just because He is at work does not mean we do not have to work on our faith.

2. God's work in your life is a work in progress.

(Acts 18:20-23)

- a. God's timeline is not always the same as our own.
- b. Trials and testing are a necessary part of this process.
(James 1:2)

3. God's work in your life is a collaborative effort.

(Acts 18:24-28)

- a. God often uses others to help us grow in our understanding.
- b. We all have more to learn.

4. God's work in your life is through the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit. (Acts 19:1-7)

- a. Jesus told his disciples that having the Holy Spirit in them would be better than having His bodily presence beside them. (John 16:7)
- b. We can experience the awesome power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

2. Apollos was a gifted and experienced teacher of God's word, yet he still had more to learn. What might we be missing if we choose not to be teachable? Does your life show that you are open to learn and be taught more in your life?
3. How have spiritual disciplines helped in your experience and understanding of God? Are there any spiritual disciplines that you have neglected that would be helpful for your ongoing relationship with God?

Questions for Application and Discussion:

1. Deism is the false belief that God created the world and then he left us to manage it on our own. What are the consequences of a deistic approach to life? How does being a "functional deist" ignore the intimate and ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in a believer's life?