

But how will the work get done?

“God is in Control”

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I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, 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.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart; for whether I am in chains or defending and confirming the gospel, all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.

And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

Philippians 1:3-11 (NIV)

Five “Work Rules” to help in this transition and into the future...

#1 Rejoice in the Partnership we have

They joined with the other believers and devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, sharing in the Lord's Supper and in prayer.

Acts 2:42 (NLT)



- Worshipping
- Growing
- Sharing
- Participating
- Inviting
- Giving

#2 Rest in the work that Jesus will complete

The LORD will work out his plans for my life—for your faithful love endures forever.

Psalms 138:8a (NLT)



#3 Reside in the Grace that is ours

“And now I entrust you to God and the word of his grace—his message that is able to build you up and give you an inheritance with all those he has set apart for himself.”

Acts 20:32 (NLT)

The Four Social Styles...

Analytical Values Thinking	Driving Values Control
Amiable Values Relationships	Expressive Values Intuition

#4 Respond with the Love that God designed

“And may the Lord make your love grow and overflow to each other and to everyone else, just as our love overflows toward you.”

1 Thessalonians 3:12 (NLT)

#5 Remember God's Word and His promise

*“Study this Book of the Law continually. Meditate on it day and night so you may obey all that is written in it. Only then will you succeed. I command you – be strong and courageous! **Do not be afraid or discouraged.** For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.”*

Joshua 1:8,9 (NLT)