

2020 VISION GOODWORK!



Key verse: Nehemiah 2:18 (NIV)

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GOOD WORK!

Work can be hard, I mean no ones rushing to do the dishes after a Sunday lunch, are they?!

There’s got to be something wrong with you if you like doing homework. Who likes doing homework?

But when you’ve done a good job, it feels good. You’re happy with what you’ve done. You’re happy with it because it’s good. It isn’t just work. It’s good work. There’s something about it that’s good, quality, excellent.

Its great when your teacher says ‘good work!’, isn’t it? But in order to do good work, you’ve got to start.

THE BOY WAS BACK IN TOWN

Nehemiah had just got to his hometown Jerusalem. If you remember from last week, Nehemiah had a vision to re-build Jerusalem’s walls. Well, now he was back in town and he was ready to do something about it.

After being there three days he snuck out in the middle of the night to have a look at what was left of the walls. When he came back he said to the people “You see the trouble we are in: Jerusalem lies in ruins, and its gates have been burned with fire. Come, let us rebuild the wall of Jerusalem, and we will no longer be in disgrace.” Then the people replied ““Let us start rebuilding.” So they began this good work (Nehemiah 2:17, NIV).’

INTERESTING FACT



La Sagrada Familia which is a church in Barcelona is known as a ‘Masterpiece’. It was designed by Gaudi and they started building it in 1882. You’d definitely be able to say to him ‘good work’. But its still not finished! Talk about being late with your work!

Building the wall in Jerusalem wasn’t just work. This was good work. A town in those days with no wall was in some serious trouble. Walls stopped raiders from getting into your town and stealing or even destroying your property even further. So the longer the walls were down the weaker and weaker the people would become.

Paul talked about good works when he wrote... ‘For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do’ (Ephesians 2:10, NIV). Handiwork in other translations is masterpiece and the original word is actually where we get the word poem from. Just like Gaudis church you are a masterpiece, but God hasn’t finished his good work in you yet. You are a poem that will one day be perfect.

But just like Nehemiah we all have good works of our own to do. Good work that God has prepared for us to do. Sometimes, like Gaudis’ church a good work can take a while! But in order to do good work we have to begin. We have to start.

SOMETHING TO TALK ABOUT

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- How does it make you feel to know that you are gods masterpiece?
 - What good work can you begin doing today?

PRAYER

Lord, Thank you that you have prepared good work for me to do. Please show me what good work I can start today.