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[12] Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling,

[ 13] for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

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God's goal is for you to \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ and to \_\_\_\_\_ like \_\_\_\_\_.

How do we progress?

We follow God's \_\_\_\_\_ to become like Him.

Why do we want everyone to read and study scripture, serve, give, and worship with the church regularly? These are the \_\_\_\_\_ that point us to Christ.

1. **Because you** \_\_\_\_\_ **to God.**

- Progressing in Christ \_\_\_\_\_ Him.
- How can you be a follower of Christ \_\_\_\_\_ wanting to please Him?

2. **Because God is at work** \_\_\_\_\_.

3. **Because** \_\_\_\_\_ **teaches it.**

- *2 Thessalonians 1:3 We ought always to thank God for you, brothers and sisters, and rightly so, because your faith is growing more and more, and the love all of you have for one another is increasing.*
- *1 Thessalonians 4:1-3 As for other matters, brothers and sisters, we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more. <sup>2</sup> For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus. <sup>3</sup> It is God's will that you should be sanctified; that you should avoid sexual immorality;*

4. **Because you have "a mine" to work.**

- Work the mine with \_\_\_\_\_ (respect, awe)
- Work the mine with \_\_\_\_\_ ( a healthy fear of \_\_\_\_\_ God.)

5. **Because you have been** \_\_\_\_\_ **and** \_\_\_\_\_

**For this purpose.**

- You are called to \_\_\_\_\_
- You are called to \_\_\_\_\_

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I have very much enjoyed preaching the **Why?** sermon series.

I actually don't ask why of many other people, but I certainly ask why of myself and of our church.

I have enjoyed explaining the "Whys" of what we do.

This weekend I am preaching about "Why We Seek to Progress as Believers."

As you anticipate the sermon and then hear it, would you ask yourself what you need to do to progress in your service and ministry for Christ?

God has provided wonderful "wide boulevards" to prepare us to live for Christ and to serve Him.

Here's the problem: many of us have not taken advantage of those opportunities. How do we grow? We study Scripture, serve, give, minister, and worship regularly with the church. Are you taking advantage of all the ways -- or at least some of them -- to progress in Christ? What about your connect group, or Wednesday night worship, or the many children and youth activities to help your children progress in Christ?

God wants us to "work out" our salvation in fear and trembling.

I pray that you will give your best to grow in Christ and in your ministry for Him.

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