

What are the tools that God uses to create His masterpiece? How do these tools shape us?

Sermon Notes

“Messy Masterpiece”

Ephesians 2:1-10

January 1, 2017

Applying Life Lessons

What's it like being a masterpiece in progress?

How well are you cooperating with God in the completion of this work of art?

How do you discover the good works God has prepared for you?

Let's Pray!

- Please pray for the Tandala Medical Fund. Pray for the doctors and nurses as they minister physically and spiritually to the patients at Tandala Hospital, Africa
- Please pray that each of us would be open to God working in our lives and willing to participate in the works He has prepared for us.

Introduction

- Ephesians 2:1-9

- Ephesians 2:10
 - We are God's workmanship...

 - Created in Christ Jesus to do good works...

Video - Skit Guys *God's Chisel* (find it on YouTube)

The tools

- Jesus -
- Holy Spirit -
- His Word –
- Preaching of His Word –
- Difficulties and difficult people –
- Great saints-

Walk in

Aaron's story

"My Employment Contract with God Almighty". The concluding paragraph was "God will fulfill his purpose and plans for me and my role. I will show up; I will work hard with all the energy he mightily inspires within me (Col 1.29), I will be teachable and accountable but the work and results are in His hands, hands of steadfast love and supreme sovereignty."

Gaylen Nagel - District Superintendent

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 1-1-17

Getting Started

Read Ephesians 2:1-10

A Closer Look

Summarize these 10 verses in your own words.

Focus on verse 10.

- *Talk about what it means to be God's workmanship.*

- *For what purpose is God crafting us?*

- *What's the timeline on this project God is working on?*