

Devotional & Article Writing Starters Topic: "Construction"

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<u>Open House</u>

- Would you invite someone into your life without embarrassment?
- Would you open all the doors, all the closets, and all the secret spaces?
- What's in your heart?
 - Is it well kept?
 - \circ Is it in working order?
- Do the lights work?
 - Shing your light for Christ?
 - Are you a witness for Christ?
- It the foundation strong?
 - Do you rely on faith?
 - Do you rely on God's Word?

<u>Tough as Nails</u>

- How well do you hold it together?
- Can you endure?
- Where do you get your strength?
- Are you a tack or a 10-penny nail?

He's Still Working on Me

- None of us will ever reach perfection, but we sure can try to grow and improve ourselves as Christians.
- If we rely on the Lord to help us, we will be those shiny lights for Christ.
 - Allow the Master to use His tools on us. (His love, Holy Spirit, His Word)
 - \circ $\,$ Allow the Master to guide us.
 - \circ $\,$ Allow the Master to use us.

Transformation in Progress

- Before: The state of us before Salvation.
- During: The state of progress of a growing Christian. Allowing Christ to work through us and in us.
- After: The state of being a mature Christian. Getting a good foundation in God's Word helps us reach that point.

There is no excuse for remaining a baby Christian. We must grow!

Living in a Fixer Upper

- Galatians 2:20
- Our Christian lives never started off perfect. We were flawed with sin. And even after Salvation, we must keep confessing our sin daily to be in the best upkeep possible.
- We must constantly work on our flesh (our old house).
 - Galatians 5:16
 - Romans 13:14
 - o Matthew 26:41
 - Romans 8:5

Be Aware (Construction Signs)

- Danger Zone (temptation)
- Watch Your Step (Be careful how and where you walk)
- Work Zone: Slow (Sometimes patience is involved in repair or building)

Permission Details for "Starters" & Writing Prompts:

You may not reproduce the "starters" or writing prompts as is. You must add and contribute to the content and make your own devotional/article with them before sharing. The end result should be your own thoughts done with your own words. The "starters" and writing prompts are offered as an outline/skeleton base to build upon with your own writing on top of the "starter". Think of them as a "starter" for bread. Your loaf will always turn out a little differently even if others use the same starter as you. Be creative and bake your own loaf!