

I'll Be There for You

The One Where We Work on Ourselves

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Working on Ourselves

- **Working on Ourselves Means Finding our Identity in Who God Says We Are**

Psalms 139:13-14 (TPT)

You formed my innermost being, shaping my delicate inside and my intricate outside, and wove them all together in my mother's womb. I thank you, God, for making me so mysteriously complex! Everything you do is marvelously breathtaking. It simply amazes me to think about it! How thoroughly you know me, Lord!

- **Working on Ourselves Means Taking Responsibility for our own Growth and Maturity**

Matthew 7:3-5 (TPT)

Why would you focus on the flaw in someone else's life and yet fail to notice the glaring flaws of your own? How could you say to your friend, 'Let me show you where you're wrong,' when you're guilty of even more? You're being hypercritical and a hypocrite! First acknowledge your own 'blind spots' and deal with them, and then you'll be capable of dealing with the 'blind spot' of your friend.

Proverbs 8:34-35 (TPT)

If you wait at wisdom's doorway, longing to hear a word for every day, joy will break forth within you as you listen for what I'll say. For the fountain of life pours into you every time that

you find me, and this is the secret of growing in the delight and the favor of the Lord.

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- **Working on Ourselves Means Making Allowance for Others**

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- **Working on Ourselves Means Choosing to be Peacemakers**

John 13:34-35 (NLT)

"So now I am giving you a new commandment: Love each other. Just as I have loved you, you should love each other. Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."