

# HE'S STILL WORKING ON ME

## SCRIPTURE:

*For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them. (Ephesians 2:10).*

## MATERIALS LIST:

- (1) Hammer
- (1) Chisel
- (1) Wood File

## MAIN MESSAGE:

God has created you with purpose. As we submit to Him, He continues to work out the rough spots and use us for His glory.

**SONG:** "Create in Me a Clean Heart"

## LESSON:

A chisel and a wood file are tools used for carving and smoothing something made out of wood like a pinewood derby car, a door frame or a wooden art sculpture. A chisel is a valuable tool for the wood worker that works with his hands. It is made to use typically with a hammer. You take the hammer and tap firmly on the end of the chisel to carve out the wood. There are all different kinds of chisels that can be used to carve wood, metal or stone. If you were to create a sculpture out of wood, the chisel would be used to carve away unwanted or bad pieces of wood and, thus, turning the wood into something desirable.

A file is used to smooth down the wood after the chiseling has taken place. It takes down the course and rough spots of the project. These are both very handy tools with working with wood.

In the same way, God is still working on us. We are His work! Paul said "we are His workmanship, created in Christ for good works" (Ephesians 2:10a). He designed us to carry out his will and purpose. However, He's still working on us! The Word of God is like his chisel and file. Sometimes there are chunks of sin or bad habits to remove like fornication, anger, filthy language, etc... A good list of these sins can be found in Colossians 3:5-10. And at other times He uses His word like a file to smooth out the rough spots. Like helping us grow in patience, kindness, gentleness. A good list of these qualities is found in Galatians 5:22-23. Let God use His word to work on you this week. It might not feel good at first be as we are changed and carved more into His image, we start to rejoice in the chisel and file of the Word of God and we really like what we see – more of Jesus!

**PRAYER:** Let God's Word work on our hearts to be more like Jesus every day.