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Whatever you do, do well. For when you go to the grave, there will be no work or planning or knowledge or wisdom. Ecclesiastes 9:10 (New Living Translation)

Thought for today...

I remember as a child, waiting for my mum to go shopping, thus giving me an opportunity to raid her wardrobe and try on her shoes. Having convinced my sister to act as a look-out in case mum should return sooner than expected, I would then decide which fabulous pair of stilettos I could parade around in for a few precious moments.

Having made my choice, slipped them on and clenching my toes so that they would stay on my feet, I would then proceed to walk (well - not so much walk as drag my feet) around the room in mum's high heels, imagining that I was in the magical world of the 'grown-ups'.

With fun time over and mum's shoes hopefully returned to the exact same spot I had taken them from, I recall wondering how many years I'd have to wait before I could wear my own shoes that were just like mum's, but that fit me perfectly.



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As we journey through life, we may sometimes feel as though we are trying to walk in shoes that are too big for us.

Perhaps work colleagues have told us that we'll never be able to fill the shoes of our predecessor, or maybe we are struggling to 'walk' in our spiritual gifting, and wonder whether we'll ever be sufficiently mature and proficient in them.

Ephesians 2:10 reminds us **'For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.'** (New International Version)

God has prepared good works for us to do in advance? Yes! Even before we came into being, He planned the 'shoes' for us to fill and walk in, just as He did for the prophet Jeremiah. **"I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations."** Jeremiah 1:5 (New Living Translation)

It may take us a while to fill and walk in our shoes - to discover the spiritual gifts and talents that God has given us, and how best we can use them to build His kingdom here on earth, but our helper (Holy Spirit), will willingly guide us towards the good works that God has prepared for us to do.

