Phil 3:12-14

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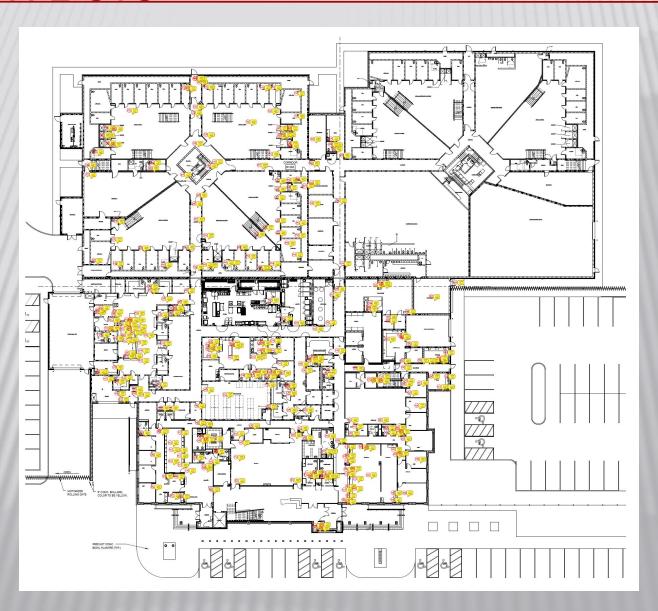
LIFE'S PUNCH LIST

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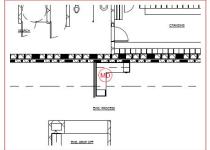
PUNCH LISTS

- A list of deficiencies on a construction project to be completed by the contractor prior to final payment
- Process:
 - + General Contractor produces the first punch list
 - + Architect / Owner review the work and compile their own punch list
 - + Substantial Completion is determined when the Owner can occupy the building.
 - + Final Completion / Final Payment is delayed until all punch list items have been corrected.

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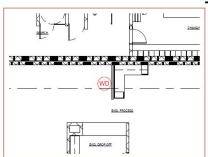


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Clean residue on counter





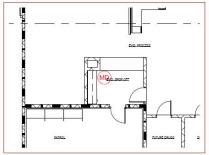
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Wall Damaged; Patch / Repair



A1107 Evid. Drop Off (3)



Subject: Millwork

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Millwork damaged, scratched, or chipped, repair



APPLICATIONS

- Examine Ourselves (GC Punch List)
- Feedback from Others (Architect / Owner Punch List)
- Self Correction (Completion of the Work)
- Judgement Day (Final Inspection)

SELF EXAMINATION (GC PUNCH LIST)

Know the Source Material:

- 2 Cor 13:5 "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith..."
 - Must know the standard to know how we compare
- Superintendent knows the plans / specifications better than anyone

- Know the Source Material:
 - + 2 Tim 3:15-17
 - + Matt 4:4
 - + Heb 4:12
 - + Job 23:12

¹⁵and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

¹⁶All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

- Required for salvation
- God's Word
- Our manual for good works

- Know the Source Material:
 - + 2 Tim 3:15-17
 - + Matt 4:4
 - + Heb 4:12
 - + Job 23:12

But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

- Every word is important in construction documents
- No discrepancies in the Bible

- Know the Source Material:
 - + 2 Tim 3:15-17
 - + Matt 4:4
 - + Heb 4:12
 - + Job 23:12

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

 God's Word will make our condition known to us.

- Know the Source Material:
 - + 2 Tim 3:15-17
 - + Matt 4:4
 - + Heb 4:12
 - + Job 23:12

I have not departed from the commandment of His lips;
I have treasured the words of His mouth

I have treasured the words of His mouth More than my necessary food.

Do we?

- Know the Source Material:
 - + 2 Tim 3:15-17
 - + Matt 4:4
 - + Heb 4:12
 - + Job 23:12
- Attitude:

- Must have a desire to be pleasing to God above all else
- "Catch-all" notes CONTRACTOR SHALL PERFORM HIGH QUALITY PROFESSIONAL WORK. JOIN MATERIALS TO UNIFORM ACCURATE FITS SO THEY MEET WITH NEAT, STRAIGHT LINES, FREE OF SMEARS OR OVERLAPS. INSTALL EXPOSED MATERIALS APPROPRIATELY LEVEL, PLUMB AND AT THE ACCURATE RIGHT ANGLES, OR FLUSH WITH ADJOINING MATERIALS. WORK OF EACH TRADE SHALL MEET ALL NATIONAL STANDARDS PUBLISHED BY THAT TRADE.
- We aren't trying to convince ourselves that we are okay.

- Know the Source Material:
 - + 2 Tim 3:15-17
 - + Matt 4:4
 - + Heb 4:12
 - + Job 23:12
- Attitude:
 - + Col 3:23
 - + 1 Thes 5:21-22
 - + Matt 6:33

And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men

- God's "catch-all" notes
- Specifics are not required

- Know the Source Material:
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 - + Matt 4:4
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²¹Test all things; hold fast what is good. ²²Abstain from every form of evil.

Covers everything

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 - + Matt 4:4
 - + Heb 4:12
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- Attitude:
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 - + Matt 6:33

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

- Top priority
- Stay away from the "line"

- Know the Source Material:
 - + 2 Tim 3:15-17
 - + Matt 4:4
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- Be Thorough:
 - + Phil 2:12
 - + 2 Tim 2:15

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling

- Our eternal life is too important to take it lightly
- Only you can give your life a thorough inspection

- Know the Source Material:
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 - + Matt 4:4
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Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

- Daily effort
- Affects how others see us



The World:

- Impressions matter
- Titus 2: 7-8

 ⁷in all things showing yourself to be a pattern of good works; in doctrine showing integrity, reverence, incorruptibility, ⁸sound speech that cannot be condemned, that one who is an opponent may be ashamed, having nothing evil to say of you.

The World:



- The World:
 - + **Example Gen 12:18**
 - + Luke 7:33-34
 - + Matt 5:13

And Pharaoh called Abram and said, "What is this you have done to me? Why did you not tell me that she was your wife?

- Abram tells Pharaoh that Sarai is his sister
- Pharaoh points out his sin
- The world will not hesitate to point out our shortcomings.

- The World:
 - + Example Gen 12:18
 - + Luke 7:33-34
 - + Matt 5:13

³³For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' ³⁴The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!'

- People can find flaws where there are none.
- Don't make it easy for them.

- The World:
 - + Example Gen 12:18
 - + Luke 7:33-34
 - + Matt 5:13

"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men."

We can't forget how important our influence is.

- The World:
 - + Example Gen 12:18
 - + Luke 7:33-34
 - + Matt 5:13
- Christians:

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¹¹Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I withstood him to his face, because he was to be blamed; ¹²for before certain men came from James, he would eat with the Gentiles; but when they came, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing those who were of the circumcision.

- Paul had to correct Peter's attitude
- He did the right thing

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 - + Example Gen 12:18
 - + Luke 7:33-34
 - + Matt 5:13
- Christians:
 - + Example Gal 2:11-12
 - + Gal 6:1
 - + Matt 18:15

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted.

Correction from a loving Christian is a great service.

- The World:
 - + Example Gen 12:18
 - + Luke 7:33-34
 - + Matt 5:13
- Christians:
 - + Example Gal 2:11-12
 - + Gal 6:1
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"Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother."

 Different from the way the world handles criticism

- The World:
 - + Example Gen 12:18
 - + Luke 7:33-34
 - + Matt 5:13
- Christians:
 - + Example Gal 2:11-12
 - + Gal 6:1
 - + Matt 18:15
- God:

- During our life
- He helps us see our weaknesses

The World:

- + Example Gen 12:18
- + Luke 7:33-34
- + Matt 5:13

Christians:

- + Example Gal 2:11-12
- + Gal 6:1
- + Matt 18:15

God:

- + Example Matt 14:29-31
- + Psalm 139: 23-24

²⁹So He said, "Come." And when Peter had come down out of the boat, he walked on the water to go to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw that the wind was boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink he cried out, saying, "Lord, save me!"

³¹And immediately Jesus stretched out His hand and caught him, and said to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?"

- Jesus knew the outcome of Peter stepping off of the boat.
- It was a learning experience

- The World:
 - + Example Gen 12:18
 - + Luke 7:33-34
 - + Matt 5:13
- Christians:
 - + Example Gal 2:11-12
 - + Gal 6:1
 - + Matt 18:15
- God:
 - + Example Matt 14:29-31
 - + Psalm 139: 23-24

²³Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; ²⁴And see if there is any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

- We say similar prayers
- God can help us grow

Receive Criticism:

• Fight it or grow from it

- Receive Criticism:
 - + James 1:19
 - + Prov 15:31-32
 - + Prov 10:17
 - + Prov 15:5

So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath

- Try not to get angry no matter the delivery
- Understand the other's perspective

OUTSIDE EXAMINATION

- Receive Criticism:
 - + James 1:19
 - + **Prov 15:31-32**
 - + Prov 10:17
 - + Prov 15:5

31 The ear that hears the rebukes of life Will abide among the wise. 32 He who disdains instruction despises his own soul, But he who heeds rebuke gets understanding.

OUTSIDE EXAMINATION

- Receive Criticism:
 - + James 1:19
 - + Prov 15:31-32
 - + Prov 10:17
 - + Prov 15:5

He who keeps instruction is in the way of life, But he who refuses correction goes astray.

OUTSIDE EXAMINATION

- Receive Criticism:
 - + James 1:19
 - + Prov 15:31-32
 - + Prov 10:17
 - + Prov 15:5

A fool despises his father's instruction, But he who receives correction is prudent.

- Instruction / rebuke / correction is a great blessing
- No good outcome from ignoring it
- Difficult yet important concept for Christians

SELF CORRECTION (COMPLETION)

First Steps:

- Document Problem Areas
- Pray
- Let God and brethren help

- First Steps:
 - + 1 Jn 1:9
 - + 1 Pet 5:6-7
 - + Phil 4:6
 - + Heb 4:15

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We are never too far gone

- First Steps:
 - + 1 Jn 1:9
 - + 1 Pet 5:6-7
 - + Phil 4:6
 - + Heb 4:15

⁶Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, ⁷casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

- Humility is vital
- We all have growing to do

- First Steps:
 - + 1 Jn 1:9
 - + 1 Pet 5:6-7
 - + Phil 4:6
 - + Heb 4:15

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God

- Prayer helps us stay focused
- Don't get overwhelmed

- First Steps:
 - + 1 Jn 1:9
 - + 1 Pet 5:6-7
 - + Phil 4:6
 - + Heb 4:15

For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

- Christ understands our struggles
- He is our example that it can be done

- First Steps:
 - + 1 Jn 1:9
 - + 1 Pet 5:6-7
 - + Phil 4:6
 - + Heb 4:15
- Steady Progress:

- Move in the right direction
- One thing at a time

- First Steps:
 - + 1 Jn 1:9
 - + 1 Pet 5:6-7
 - + Phil 4:6
 - + Heb 4:15
- Steady Progress:
 - + James 1:21-23
 - + 2 Thes 1:3
 - + Prov 4:18

²¹Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. ²³For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror

Knowing what we need to do is useless without action

- First Steps:
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 - + 1 Pet 5:6-7
 - + Phil 4:6
 - + Heb 4:15
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We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other

 Growth takes time and is worth celebrating

- First Steps:
 - + 1 Jn 1:9
 - + 1 Pet 5:6-7
 - + Phil 4:6
 - + Heb 4:15
- Steady Progress:
 - + James 1:21-23
 - + 2 Thes 1:3
 - + Prov 4:18

But the path of the just is like the shining sun,
That shines ever brighter unto the perfect

day.

Our path becomes clearer as we grow

Follow Through:

- There is no "good enough" (Substantial Completion)
- Never stop growing

- Follow Through:
 - + Gal 6:9
 - + Phil 3:12-14
 - + James 1:4

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

- Keep our eyes on the goal
- Find what works for you

- Follow Through:
 - + Gal 6:9
 - + Phil 3:12-14
 - + James 1:4

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- Paul continued to improve himself as he helped others
- Don't let yesterday hinder us today

- Follow Through:
 - + Gal 6:9
 - + Phil 3:12-14
 - + James 1:4

But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

- Lifelong process
- Do not get discouraged

JUDGEMENT DAY (FINAL INSPECTION)

- Pass or Fail
- All items must be complete

JUDGEMENT DAY

- 2 Cor 5:10
- Matt 25:34
- Matt 25:41

For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.

- Too late to make corrections
- Judged on what we do in life
- At any time

JUDGEMENT DAY

2 Cor 5:10

Matt 25:34

Matt 25:41

Then the King will say to those on His right hand, 'Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world

The greatest thing we could ever hear

JUDGEMENT DAY

- 2 Cor 5:10
- Matt 25:34
- Matt 25:41

Then He will also say to those on the left hand, 'Depart from Me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels

How hard are we willing to work to make sure we never hear this?