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"HOW TO BE USED BY GOD"

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ROMANS 6:13 (NLT) "Do not let any part of your body become an instrument of evil to serve sin. Instead, give yourselves completely to God, for you were dead but now you have new life. So use your whole body as an instrument to do what is right for the glory of God."

TRUTH: If you are saved, there is a calling on your life and your rewards in heaven come from you answering that call and living it out in your days on this earth.

INSIGHT: God has a purpose for your life, a plan, a mission. He hasn't called you to do your own thing; God wants to work through you, but you must be useable.

WHAT'S REQUIRED FOR USABILITY?

I. USABILITY BEGINS WITH PURITY (2 Timothy 2:21 NLT).

TRUTH: Serving the Lord in your life purpose isn't about ability but the presence of God with you. God makes us useful; God make us effective.

TRUTH: The Bible is full of accounts of God using people from all walks of life, but one person God will not use is a dirty one, someone who isn't clean on the inside (Joshua 3:5).

THE PATHWAY TO PURITY: 1 John 1:9 (TEV)

INSIGHT: God doesn't require perfection, but we have to be pure, confessed up.

II. I MUST DEDICATE MY BODY TO SERVE CHRIST.

INSIGHT: God wants your body and my body, sanctified, set apart, set aside, specifically for His divine use (1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NLT).

TRUTH: God says that my body and your body is to serve His purpose on earth (Psalm 119:73).

INSIGHT: There are three universal areas for each of our lives: eating, sleeping, and physical health:

1. Sleeping and resting, Psalm 127:2
2. Eating, 1 Corinthians 6:13

TRUTH: God's will for our bodies is that we don't worship them, but we don't neglect them either. We respect and protect our bodies for God's purposes.

3. Exercise, 3 John 2

TRUTH: God wants a pure heart and a healthy body so we can serve Him.

INSIGHT: It is wrong to neglect my body. It is wrong to reject it. It is wrong to worship it and overfocus on it.

III. STREAMLINE MY CALENDAR (Hebrews 12:1).

INSIGHT: Have you ever realized that your life is too full of good things?

TRUTH: Tons of believers will receive little reward in heaven, not because they were wicked but because they were over-committed (1 Corinthians 10:23).

INSIGHT: The greatest time management tip is a two-letter word: No!

IV. STRENGTHEN MY FAITH (1 Peter 4:2 NCV; Jude 1:20).

1. Study the Bible (2 Timothy 3:16 NLT).
2. Read Christian books.
3. Know your testimony.
4. Make Life Group a priority (Ecclesiastes 4:10).