

# REAL**Truth**. REAL**Love**. REAL**Hope**.

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## Take this first step—and watch how God uses you!

By Jeff Schreve

I think most Christians have a sincere desire to be useful to the Master. The Bible teaches that God wants to use every one of us in wonderful and significant ways. But many believers often wonder, “Why doesn’t God seem to use *me*?”

How do you become useful to God and see Him use your life for His glory?

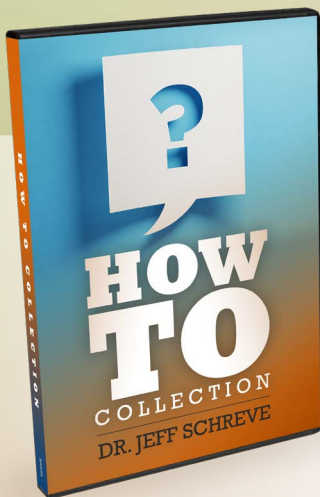
There are several parts to answering this question, but I’ll share the very first thing you need to do to become useful to God:

### **Make up your mind to be a vessel of honor.**

Second Timothy 2:20–21 says, “Now in a large house there are not only gold and silver vessels, but also vessels of wood and of earthenware, and some to honor and some to dishonor. Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.”

You need to make up your mind to be an honorable vessel. That means cleansing yourself from dishonorable activities.

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You've got to look soberly at your life and say, "Are there things I'm doing, saying, or thinking that I know are not pleasing to God?"

He's the King of kings and Lord of lords. He is to be the Master of every area and every door of your life—your work life, your social life, your public life, and your private life. So, turn over the keys to every lock and every door. You'll never be a vessel for honor if you hang the "do not disturb" sign on some areas of your life. Everything must be laid at His feet.

If you know there's a sin you're giving a place to in your heart, **make the decision today to get it right** so you can become "a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master." You will not be sorry you did! God will cleanse you and use you, just like He promises!

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# Q&A

with Jeff



**Q: There are sins I can't seem to break free from, even though I want to. What can I do?**

A: The key to victory is to know and embrace the truth. The sin that is pulling at you is not your friend, but your worst enemy. The more you train your mind to magnify the tremendous cost of sin, the less pleasurable it will seem. Ice cream tastes great, but if you know you are lactose intolerant, the certain pain outweighs the temporary pleasure. Additionally, the strength to overcome is not in *your* willpower, but it is in *His* divine power. As you yield yourself to the indwelling Holy Spirit and let Him lead you, He gives you the ability to rise above the temptation.

**Q: The Christian life seems hard to live out. How can I do it?**

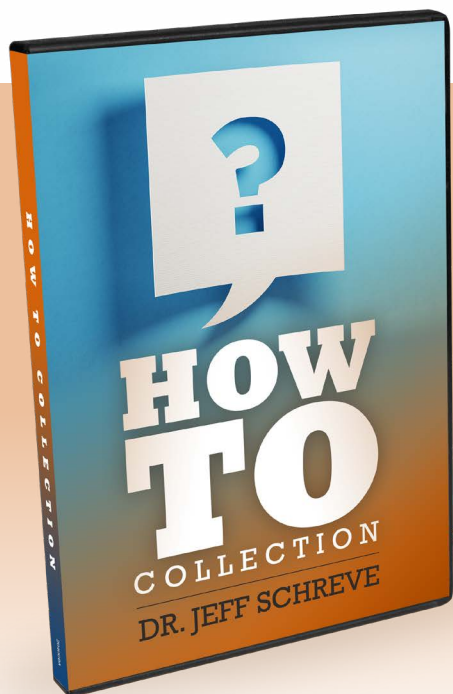
A: It has well been said, "The Christian life is not hard ... it's impossible! The only One who can live it is Jesus." He does not want you to try to imitate Him and become a "little Jesus" in your own strength. That is the formula for failure and frustration. He wants you to confess your total inability and simply yield to His Lordship (Galatians 2:20). As we live each day surrendered to Jesus and willing to obey His Word, we experience the fruit and power of the Spirit.

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# GET THE ANSWERS YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR ...



Dear Friend,

Many people struggle to know how to do life God's way and experience all He promises. But God gives us a road map!

In my NEW *How To* collection, you'll get practical answers from God's Word to questions like: How do you build a happier marriage? How do you lead a friend to Jesus? How do you get back up when life hits hard? And more!

I'll send you this new 10-message collection as thanks for your gift today to help us keep sharing God's Word on television, on the radio, and online.

So request your copy in the format of your choice as you give today. I'm grateful for you!

## FROM DEBBIE'S HEART: MY 'HOW TO' TIP FOR DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

By Debbie Schreve

Every woman would heartily agree that being a woman is HARD! We have many different roles and responsibilities: mom, wife, daughter, friend, employee, follower of Christ—how do we manage them all?

I discovered a truth that helps me live the life God has called me to—and I pray it will help you.

It's impossible to please all people all the time. So I determined to live my life for an audience of ONE, to stop trying to please everyone else, and to only allow HIM to prioritize my schedule and commitments.

It was the most freeing thing ever! I stopped getting my plate too full, getting burned out, and feeling guilty when I had to say NO. I stopped feeling the pressure of thinking I had disappointed someone, because I knew I only needed to please the Lord.

When life gets stressful, I remember Psalm 121 that instructs me to always be looking to the Lord! "I will lift my eyes toward the mountains. My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. The Lord protects me; He is my shelter. He will protect my coming and going now and forever."



# A Note from Jeff

Dear Friend,

You and I live in a fast-paced world with lots of pressure—and at the same time, we want to lead meaningful lives that bring glory to Jesus.

The million-dollar question is: *How?* We all want to know how to experience more of the life God intends for us. Thankfully, God's Word has the answers.

**That's what I explore in my *How To* collection, and I'll be excited to send you a copy as my thanks for your gift today.**

I pray these 10 very practical *How To* messages will help you move forward in key areas of your life—such as improving your marriage, finding hope when you're feeling down, and making your life count.

Thank you for your generosity to help share the gospel on television, on the radio, and online so that you—and others—can experience real truth, real love, and real hope in Jesus!

Love,



## YOU HELP ANGE KNOW SHE'S 'LOVED BEYOND MEASURE'!

You bring much-needed encouragement to people like Ange as you give to help make this ministry possible. Ange shares...

*"I had this bleakness in my soul thinking I'm not good enough personally, professionally, or financially. But today, the words you shared made me realize that no matter what, I am loved beyond measure and that He's got this ... all of this!"*

Thank you for making it possible to show people how much Jesus loves them. Your faithful support will help more people worldwide who need to experience His unconditional love!

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*or*
- Say, **"Alexa: Open From His Heart Podcast," "Alexa: Play From His Heart Podcast,"** or simply **"Alexa: From His Heart Podcast."**

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