

HOW TO BE USEFUL TO THE MASTER

2 Timothy 2:19-22

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Therefore, if a man cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work. 2 Timothy 2:21

How can you be useful to God and used for His glory?

1. Make up your mind to be a vessel of honor.

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. 2 Timothy 2:20

A. Cleanse yourself from dishonorable activities.

Let everyone who names the name of the Lord abstain from wickedness. 2 Timothy 2:19

B. Distance yourself from dishonorable associations.

Do not be deceived; bad company corrupts good morals. 1 Corinthians 15:33

2. Be diligent to study His Word.

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, handling accurately the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15

A. God speaks primarily through His Word.

For the word of God is living and active Hebrews 4:12

B. Knowing His word helps to make you prepared and ready.

But sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account of the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence. 1 Peter 3:15

3. Call on the Lord from a pure heart.

Now flee from youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart. 2 Timothy 2:22

A. Know what to fight and what to flee.

1. Fight the devil as he tempts in the area of faith.

2. Flee the flesh as it tempts in the area of desire.

B. Know how to get clean.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

C. Know what to pursue.

D. Know that you can call with confidence.

If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear; but certainly God has heard; He has given heed to the voice of my prayer. Psalm 66:18-19

What changes do you need to make to become useful to Jesus?

___ Friends

___ Bible Study

___ Sinful Activities

___ Prayer

___ Questionable Activities

___ Pursuits and Priorities

___ Fleeing vs. Fighting

___ Confession