



“USED BY GOD”

Sunday Evening Message

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Text: II Timothy 2:19-22

Introduction: This lesson is for those who want to be used by God. There is no thrill like that of being used by God. Whether you're ministering to a child, whether you're giving a cup of cold water to someone in the name of Jesus, whether you're being used to change the direction of someone's life, or whether you're sharing the word of God, no thrill will compare to the thrill of being used by God.

Lesson:

PURITY PRECEDES POWER

Joshua 3:5

- Can God work through imperfect people?
- Can God work through stubborn, rebellious people?
- God says “purify yourself”
- So , what does that say to us?

I. THE PURSUIT OF PURITY IS THE PURSUIT OF CHRIST LIKENESS.

The Lord is calling us to pursue, deliberately and intentionally – the character of Christ.

II. THE POWER OF OUR PURITY IS THE HOLY SPIRIT.

- We are saved by Grace
- We are redeemed by Grace
- We are purified by Grace

III. THE PURPOSE OF OUR PURITY IS USEFULNESS.

Question: Do you really want to be used by God?

1. We have some choices to make regarding our crowd.
2. We have decisions to make regarding our compass.
3. We have decisions to make regarding our character.
4. We have decisions to make about our endurance.

V. GOD'S CALL IN OUR LIFE IS NOT A STATIC CALL. IT'S ALWAYS FRESH AND DYNAMIC.

Conclusion: Purity precedes power, and if we will take a look at the mop buckets in our life and in your heart, and seek to jettison those, we will make ourselves more useful to the Lord. Our question needs to be, “What can I do to be useful in the hands of the Lord?” He wants to use you to bless the most important thing on earth, which are His people.