

HOW TO GET READY TO BE USED BY GOD

God's Vision for the Rest of Your Life – Rick Warren
Parts 1-2

"Give yourselves completely to God . . . so you can be tools in the hands of God, to be used for his good purposes." Romans 6:13 (TLB)

STEP 1: PURIFY

"If you keep yourself pure, you will be a utensil God can use for his purpose. Your life will be clean, and you will be ready for the Master to use you for every good work."
2 Timothy 2:21 (NLT)

"Joshua told the people, 'Purify yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do great wonders among you.'" Joshua 3:5 (NLT)

"If we confess our sins to God, he will keep his promise and do right: He will forgive us our sins and purify us from all our wrongdoing." 1 John 1:9 (GNT)

STEP 2: SANCTIFY

Sanctify = to dedicate for special purposes

"Don't you know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, for God bought you with a high price. So you must honor God with your body." 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NLT)

"You made my body, Lord; now give me sense to heed your laws."
Psalm 119:73 (LB)

"Athletes practice discipline and self-control. They do it to win a prize that will fade away, but we do it for an eternal prize." 1 Corinthians 9:25 (NLT)

STEP 3: SIMPLIFY

"We should remove anything from our lives that would get in the way . . . and hold us back." Hebrews 12:1 (NCV)

- *"Anyone who lets himself be distracted from the work I plan for him is not fit for the kingdom of God."* Luke 9:62 (TLB)

"As Christ's soldier, don't let yourself become tied up in the affairs of this life, for then you cannot satisfy the one who has enlisted you in his army."
2 Timothy 2:4 (NLT)

Jesus: *"Those who want to come with me must say no to the things they want, pick up their crosses, and follow me."* Matthew 16:24 (GW)

- *"No one can serve two masters . . . You cannot serve both God and money."*
Matthew 6:24 (NIV)

STEP 4: FORTIFY

"Strengthen yourselves so that you will live here on earth doing what God wants, not evil things people want." 1 Peter 4:2 (NCV)

"Spend your time and energy in the exercise of keeping spiritually fit."
1 Timothy 4:7 (TLB)

- **STUDY**

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. It is God's way of preparing us in every way, fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do." 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NLT)

- **READ**

"Do yourself a favor and learn all you can." Proverbs 19:8 (GNT)

- **WRITE OUT**

"Always be ready to answer everyone who asks you to explain about the hope you have." 1 Peter 3:15 (NCV)

- **SUPPORT**

"Encourage one another and build each other up." 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT)

STEP 5: APPLY

"Our people must learn to apply themselves to doing good deeds and helping others who have urgent needs, so they won't be living idle, unproductive lives."
Titus 3:14 (AMP)

"Learn to do good. Work for justice. Help the down-and-out. Stand up for the homeless. Go to bat for the defenseless." Isaiah 1:17 (The Message)

"Stay true to what is right and God will bless you and use you to help others."
1 Timothy 4:16 (TLB)

Next Step

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