

GETTING READY TO BE USED BY GOD

The Life You Were Meant to Live
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"Be dressed for service and well prepared, as though you were waiting for your master to return from a wedding feast. Then you will be ready to open the door and let him in the moment he arrives and knocks. There will be special favor for those who are ready and waiting for his return." Luke 12:35-37 (NLT)

1.

"If only you would prepare your heart and lift up your hands to him in prayer! Get rid of your sins and leave all iniquity behind you. Then your face will brighten in innocence. You'll be strong and free of fear. You will forget your misery. It will all be gone like water under the bridge." Job 11:13-16 (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 (TEV)

2.

Sanctify = to dedicate for special purposes

"Do not let any part of your body become a tool of wickedness, to be used for sinning. Instead, give yourselves completely to God since you have been given new life. And use your whole body as a tool to do what is right for the glory of God." Romans 6:13 (NLT)

"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)

"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)

3.

"Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us." Hebrews 12:1 (NIV)

"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)

"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)

4.

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

"Build yourselves up in your most holy faith." Jude 1:20 (NIV)

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

5.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:16 (KJV)

"Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17 (NIV)

*"I have brought you glory on earth by completing the work you gave me to do."
John 17:4 (NIV)*

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