

## HOW TO GET READY TO BE USED BY GOD

God's Vision for the Rest of Your Life  
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*"Give yourselves completely to God . . . you want to 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 for honorable use. 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 what is 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 realize 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 (TLB)

*"All athletes are disciplined in their training. 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 from our lives anything that would get in the way . . . holds 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, do not let yourself become tied up in worldly affairs, 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 corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work."* 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 each other and build each other up."*  
1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NLT)

### STEP 5: APPLY

*"Our people must learn to do good deeds to meet necessary demands [whatever the occasion may require], so that they will not be unproductive." 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 (MSG)*

*"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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