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What this message is about:

Paul describes the qualities of one who is useful to God as well as how to achieve these qualities and what results when we are useful to God

Purpose of this message:

To encourage all of us to be useful to God.

Today we want to answer three questions:

- What are the qualities of someone who is useful to God?
- How do we pursue usefulness?
- What is the result of usefulness?

1. The qualities of a person useful to God are _____ and _____.
2Tim. 2:20-21

2. We become useful by _____ and _____.
2Tim. 2:22-25a

3. The result of usefulness to God is _____.
2Tim. 2:25b-26

Next Step:

Commit to being a useful tool for good in the hand of the all-powerful and good God.

Discussion questions

1. Read 2Cor. 2:20-26. Where does God stop you?
2. What metaphor does Paul use to describe usefulness to God?

3. What is holiness? How would you describe holiness in words that capture the essence of it but avoids the misunderstandings of it? What does the passage say about the process of holiness?
4. Describe someone who is ready for every good work?
5. What are we to avoid and to pursue as we make ourselves useful to God? What are “youthful lusts?”
6. What is repentance? What does the passage say are the results of repentance?