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IN THE IMAGE OF GOD

WEEK SIX

USEFUL TO THE MASTER

DAY 1

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. It has been said examining where you spend your time, your money, and your energy will reveal your priorities in life. Spend a few moments reflecting on your life. What things take up your time? On what do you spend your money? What dominates your thought life?
3. These priorities are "masters" of sorts around which we build our lives. We structure our days to "serve" them and make ourselves available to them. Many times we are caught up pursuing earthly goals and serving earthly "masters." However, if we are pursuing a life of godliness, we are called to something wholly different. Read 2 Timothy 2:21. As Christians, to whom does this verse say we should be useful?
4. Look at your answer to question two. If you were to honestly evaluate your time and priorities, how much of your life is available to be useful to the Master? How much time and energy is spent on yourself or on earthly things that have no eternal value?
5. Write out this week's memory verse on a notecard or a piece of paper and post it somewhere you will see it often (e.g bathroom mirror, car, desk, kitchen sink, etc.).

Memory Verse:
Therefore, if
anyone cleanses
himself from
these things, he
will be a vessel
for honor,
sanctified, useful
to the Master,
prepared for
every good work.
~2 Timothy 2:21

I'm praying about:

DAY 2

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. In 2 Timothy 2:21 it says, "Therefore, _____ from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master..." What does this verse indicate is a prerequisite for being useful to the Master?
3. There are times we may have a desire to be used by the Lord, but our lives are full of sin and rebellion. These things disqualify us from being useful. According to 2 Timothy 2:22-26, what things must we flee if we are to be useful to the Lord? Instead, what things do these verses tell us we ought to pursue?
4. Looking at the lists above, is there any area of sin in your life that you need to flee? Which things from the list above should you pursue more deliberately and how can you do so?
5. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 3

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. According to 2 Timothy 2:21, who does it indicate is eligible to be useful to the Master? (one word answer)
3. Sometimes we fall into the trap of believing that being used of God is only for special people with select giftings. However, the verse above says that anyone can be useful to the Master. Every single one of us is designed for usefulness and to bring glory to God. Do you truly believe this about yourself? What things hold you back from seeking to be useful to the Lord?
4. Read Ephesians 2:10 & 2 Timothy 2:21. What do these verses tell us we ought to be prepared for?
5. What attitude toward good deeds does Titus 2:14 say we should have? What does this word mean and does it describe your attitude toward being useful for the Lord and doing good deeds? Why or why not?
6. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 4

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. Read Acts 9:36-43. What was Tabitha known for? (see verses 36 & 39)
3. Among the good deeds of kindness and charity that Tabitha did, she also made tunics and garments for the people of the town. While her acts of service in and of themselves may not seem significant, her impact on the community was incredible and many were grieved at her loss. She took the skills she had, dedicated them to the Lord, and allowed Him to use them. Our deeds of kindness and charity to those around us, while perhaps small and insignificant to us, become life changing to others when they are infused with God's power. Each one of us has been given unique gifts from God. Read Romans 12:6 and 1 Peter 4:10. What do these verses encourage us to do with the gifts we have received?
4. In what ways could you, like Tabitha, show kindness and charity to those around you?
5. Write out this week's memory verse below:

DAY 5

1. Begin your study time with prayer.
2. Read Matthew 25:14-30. What did the Master give to each servant?
3. What did each servant do with the talents he had received? (see verses 16-18)
4. What was the Master's response to each servant? (see verses 21-30)
5. Look at the whole of your life as "talents" received from God. Your time, money, health, energy, unique abilities and spiritual giftings are instilled in you by God. Often we take these "talents" and we spend them on ourselves or on earthly things that have no eternal value. When it comes time to answer for how you used your talents here on earth which servant are you most closely related to? How can you take the "talents" given to you by God and use them for His glory?
6. Are there any "talents" you are "burying" or not making use of out of fear, laziness or rebellion? If so, how can you put them to use? Remember, nothing is too small to be useful to God.
7. Write out this week's memory verse below: