

## The Man God Uses

**Scripture:** Luke 5:8  
Isaiah 6:5  
1 Timothy 1:15

### Introduction

God is always looking for people he can use in His kingdom. Often we feel that God wants to use us, but feel so sinful and unworthy that we think that we must clean up our life ourselves before God will use us.

To be used of God, one must:

#### I. Realize what he is

**Luke 5: 8 NIV** When Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; for I am a sinful man!"

**Isaiah 6:5a NIV** "Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips...."

**1 Timothy 1:15 NIV** Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom I am the worst.

- A. We must see ourselves as sinners
- B. We must see ourselves as needing His grace
- C. We must see ourselves as incapable of helping ourselves

#### II. Realize God can change him

**2 Corinthians 5:17 NIV** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

**Acts 22:6-8, 10a NIV** About noon as I came near Damascus, suddenly a bright light from heaven flashed around me. I fell to the ground and heard a voice say to me, 'Saul! Saul! Why do you persecute me?' 'Who are you, Lord?' I asked. 'I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting,' he replied. 'What shall I do, Lord?' I asked.

- A. The Creator specializes in recreating men

- B. An encounter with God always results in change
- C. God can change the things in you that you cannot change

#### III. Be willing to let God change him

**Galatians 1:15-16 NIV** But when God, who set me apart from birth and called me by his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son in me so that I might preach him among the Gentiles, I did not consult any man.

- A. Be willing to seek God for His will
- B. Be willing to hear from God and obey him
- C. Be willing to listen only to God
- D. Not allow the confusion of other voices to have influence