

# NO USELESS TOOLS

"NOT IN OUR HOUSE" SERIES | PART 4 OF 5

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2 Timothy 2:20–22 NIV

**In a large house** there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. <sup>21</sup> Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do **any good work**. <sup>22</sup> **Flee the evil desires of youth** and **pursue righteousness**, faith, love and peace, **along with those who call on the Lord** out of a pure heart.

1. GENEROSITY IS \_\_\_\_\_

2 CORINTHIANS 9:10-11

He who supplies seed **to the sower** and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed **for sowing** and **increase the harvest** of your righteousness. <sup>11</sup> You will be enriched in every way **to be generous in every way**...

2. GENEROSITY IS \_\_\_\_\_

1 Timothy 6:17–18

**Command those who are rich** in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> **Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.**

“NOT IN OUR HOUSE”: NO USELESS TOOLS  
WE ARE EQUIPPED FOR GIVING SO THIS IS A CHURCH OF  
GENEROSITY  
THAT HELPS YOU SEE **WHAT YOU** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_!

3. GENEROSITY IS VITAL

1 Corinthians 12:16–27

4. GENEROSITY POINTS TO \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 12:4–7 THE MESSAGE paraphrase

5. GENEROSITY WILL BE \_\_\_\_\_

2 Timothy 2:20–22

**You want to be used by God? Stay** \_\_\_\_\_.

1. **Stay** \_\_\_\_\_ “...flee the evil desires of youth...”

## 2. Stay \_\_\_\_\_ Lord..."

"...along with those who call on the

**From the beginning, the Church was charged with the need for vigilance and determination.** 2 Timothy 1:13–14, Colossians 2:8, 1 Peter 5:8–9, 1 Corinthians 16:13

**Mark 10:43–45** NLT "...the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many." **Matthew 10:8** NLT "Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received!" **Luke 6:38** NLT "Give, and you will receive. Your gift will return to you in full—pressed down, shaken together to make room for more, running over, and poured into your lap. The amount you give will determine the amount you get back." **Romans 12:5–15** NLT "...We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other." <sup>6</sup>In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well...the ability to prophesy...serving others...teach well...be encouraging...giving... leadership ability...showing kindness to others... Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other. <sup>11</sup>Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically...<sup>13</sup> When God's people are in need, be ready to help them...**1 Corinthians 12:4–12, 16–22** NLT There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit is the source of them all...God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us. <sup>7</sup>A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. <sup>8</sup>To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another...a message of special knowledge...great faith...the gift of healing...the power to perform miracles...the ability to prophesy... the ability to discern...the ability to speak in unknown languages...the ability to interpret... It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have. <sup>12</sup>The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ... if the ear says, "I am not part of the body because I am not an eye," would that make it any less a part of the body? <sup>17</sup>If the whole body were an eye, how would you hear?...God has put each part just where he wants it. <sup>19</sup>How strange a body would be if it had only one part! ...The eye can never say to the hand, "I don't need you." The head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." <sup>22</sup>In fact, some parts of the body that seem weakest and least important are actually the most necessary... **2 Corinthians 4:7** NLT ...We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars containing this great treasure. This makes it clear that our great power is from God, not from ourselves. **2 Corinthians 9:6,8,10-11,13** NLT Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop...God will generously provide all you need...<sup>10</sup> For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer ...Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God...your generosity to them and to all believers will prove that you are obedient to the Good News of Christ. **Galatians 6:7–10** NLT Don't be misled—you cannot mock the justice of God. You will always harvest what you plant. <sup>8</sup>Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit. <sup>9</sup>So let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up. <sup>10</sup>Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith. **Ephesians 2:10** NLT For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. **Ephesians 4:7,11-12,16** NLT ...he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ... <sup>11</sup>Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. <sup>12</sup>Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ...<sup>16</sup>He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. **1 Peter 4:10–11** NLT ...God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. <sup>11</sup>Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies...everything you do will bring glory to God...

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