

## **FRIENDS ARE USED BY GOD got friends?**

*“Go therefore and **make disciples** ...baptizing them...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...I am with you to the end of the age.” Matt. 28:19-20 (NKJV)*

*“Before I made you in your mother’s womb, I chose you. Before you were born, I set you apart for a special work.” Jer. 1:5 (NCV)*

*“Jesus: ‘In the same way that you gave Me a mission in the world, I give them a mission in the world.’” John 17:18 (Mes)*

*“Greater love has no one than this: to **lay down one’s life for one’s friends**. You are my friends if you do what I command.” “You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit---fruit that will last...” John 15:13,16 (TNIV)*

## **WHAT IT TAKES TO BE USED BY GOD**

### **I. I MUST ABANDON DISTRACTIONS.**

*“Anyone who lets himself be distracted from the work I plan for him is not fit for the Kingdom of God.” Luke 9:62 (LB)*

*“Turn me away from wanting any other plan than Yours.” Ps. 119:37 (LB)*

*“... We should remove from our lives anything that would get in the way and the sin that so easily holds us back.” Heb. 12:1 (NCV)*

*“Only those who throw away their lives for My sake and for the sake of the Good News will ever know what it means to really live!” Mark 8:35 (LB)*

### **II. I MUST ADOPT GOD’S PURPOSES.**

*“... give yourselves completely to God – every part of you ... for you want to be tools in the hands of God, to be used for His good purposes.” Rom 6:13 (LB)*

*“The most important thing is that I complete my mission, the work that the Lord Jesus gave me – to tell people the Good News about God's grace.” Acts 20:24 (NCV)*

*“Through Christ, God has made peace between us and Himself, and He gave us the work of telling everyone about the peace we can have with Him... So we have been sent to speak for Christ!” 2 Cor. 5:18, 20 (NCV)*

### **The Best Investment of my time & money:**

*“Use your worldly resources to benefit others and **make friends**. In this way, your generosity stores up a reward for you in heaven.” Luke 16:9 (NLT)*

### **III. I MUST ANTICIPATE GOD’S HELP.**

*“God will give you all you need from day to day if you live for Him and make the Kingdom of God your primary concern.” Matt. 6:33 (NLT)*

*“... Go wherever I send you and say whatever I tell you. And don't be afraid of people, for I will be with you and take care of you.” Jer. 1:7-8 (NLT)*

*“The eyes of the Lord search back and forth across the whole earth, looking for people whose hearts are perfect toward Him, so that He can show His great power in helping them.” 2 Chron. 16:9 (LB)*

*Jesus replied, “Let Me assure you that no one has ever given up anything... for love of Me and to tell others the Good News, who won't be given back a hundred times over... All these will be his here on earth, and in the world to come He shall have eternal life.”  
Mark 10:29-30 (LB)*

*“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?’ And I said, ‘Here am I. Send me!’” Isa. 6:8 (NIV)*