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([Eph 2:10](#) & [Heb 13:20](#),21)

Jim Elliot who died by the hands of the Auca Indians, who he went to share the Gospel with, wrote in his diary: "God I pray thee, light these idle sticks of my life that I may burn for thee. Consume my life my God for it is thine. I seek not a long life, but a full one, like You Lord Jesus".

*Let us ask ourselves some questions:

- 1) Are you actively serving God?
- 2) Are you following Him in love, obedience and faith?
- 3) Are you idle in your service to Him wondering if God could really use someone like you?

*Sometimes people think that they cannot do anything for God because they see themselves unworthy.

*Others believe that as long as they are going to church they are doing all God requires.

*No matter who we are, God calls us to a much deeper relationship with Him and He wants to work thru us.

*Question: Are you available to Him?

*Three thoughts on "Can God Use You?":

(1) God saves us for the purpose of glorifying Him

*The Apostle Paul (vs 1-9) tells us we were sinners, then God who loves us, saved us by His Grace. Then he gives us our purpose (vs 10 Read)

*Notice what he says "We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works".

*His will and plan is that you and I live an active obedient life that identifies us as followers of Christ and imitate Him in all we do.

*Throughout scripture God used people to do His will and carry His message.

*Yet, it was never up to His servants to choose how they would serve Him.

- 1) He called Noah to build an ark and preach repentance
- 2) He called David to slay Goliath and be a godly leader to Israel
- 3) He called the transformed Paul to be the great missionary to the Gentile world

*As His saints we are called together to be filled with the Spirit of God, glorifying the Lord at home, on our jobs, in our neighborhoods, and to our families.

(2) No matter what God asks us to do, He provides the resources we need

([Phil 2](#) 13) "For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure."

*Notice again the writers words in ([Heb 13:20](#) ,21 Read)

*Just as God knows the best way for you to serve Him, He also knows everything you need to be an effective witness for Him in the world.

*You have heard me say this many times and it still rings true: "God in not looking for you ability but your availability".

(I Pet 2:10 Read)

Notice three thoughts on God's gift to you:

1) The gift you have is a special gift

*It is suited to you personally

2) The gift you have must be put to work

*It is to be used to point others in the right direction: singing, playing instruments, friendly

3) The gift you have require your stewardship

*You are responsible to God for using the gift faithfully.

(3) Why don't we live and work in a way pleasing to God?

([Rom 6:13](#) Read)

*You make the decision on whether or not you are going to be available to God, whether you will use the gift and talent given you.

*Why do some people refuse to serve God?

1) Poor self image: People don't feel worthy or talented enough to do the work of God. Yet, He makes us worthy thru His Son Jesus Christ.

2) Comparing ourselves to others: They think others could do a better job because they appear to have better abilities.

3) They think themselves too weak: Moses gave the excuse that he couldn't speak well. Paul faced great struggles but to them both "God's grace was sufficient".

4) They have fear: Simply put too afraid to step out in faith, afraid they will fail, but with God all things are possible.

*Can God use you? Yes He can if you make yourself available.