

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a

NOW IS THE TIME!
TO LET GOD USE YOU

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Now is the Time to Let God Use You

Lord, this is your body. You made me so that I could come to this earth for your good pleasure. Today, Lord, use my eyes, Lord, so that I might see. Use me, Lord, for all those who are seeking after Thee. Use my ears, Lord, so that I may hear those who are crying for help because they live in constant fear. Use my tongue, Lord, so I may confess my sins, Lord, and then I can give testimony to the world of your goodness. Use my arms, Lord, so I may reach out — and gather up those who are lost who doubt your goodness and mercy. Those who doubt you, Lord, you say in the scriptures in Mark 11:23, “For verily I say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.”

Use my legs, Lord; let them run free to bring your sheep back unto Thee. Use me, Lord, use all of me. Help me to find those who can’t see.” If you ever doubt God can use you, read Ephesians 2:10 which says, “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.”

Don’t you know you’re God’s masterpiece? You were created to do His Will. Scripture tells us, He knew you before you were formed in your mother’s womb. We are His masterpiece, defined as a product with a designated purpose. We are His workmanship, and you can search the scriptures to prove it.

God uses whomever He chooses. Look at what Moses said: “O Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither in the past nor since you have spoken to your servant. I am slow of speech and tongue.”

The Lord said to him, “Who gave man his mouth? Who makes him deaf or mute? Who gives him sight or makes him blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go; I will help you speak and will teach you what to say,” Exodus 4:10-12.

“My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness,” 2 Corinthians 12:9.

Take time to pray without ceasing, quote scriptures throughout the day and sing songs of praise! When you see someone in need, help them the way the New York police officer did when he paid out of pocket to buy a man some shoes. He was allowing God to use him.

I know God is using me when I can encourage another student to apply himself or herself to do their work. Several students, who had once refused to work, proved just how intelligent they really are. They seem to be able to identify with me. It’s as if they are saying with the joy in their little eyes, “I’m so glad you’re here! I don’t see many teachers around here who look like me!”

Source: “Use Me, Lord!” by Lyndia Grant

KEY VERSE

Romans 13:11 (NKJV)

And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: Romans 13:11a; Joshua 24:15; Ephesians 4:16; Col. 3:23

Wake Up

1. Are there areas of your life where you have been “sleepy” and need to awake and let God use you? List them.
2. The article on the cover contains a prayer. What is your prayer as we begin 2023?

Tuesday: Romans 13:11b-12a; James 4:14; John 9:4

Speed Up

3. What does it mean to you and your life that the “night is far spent, the day is at hand.” (Romans 13:12a)?
4. What are some areas of your life where you procrastinate in? How can you make progress in these areas in 2023?

Wednesday: Romans 13:12-13; II Timothy 2:21; Matthew 5:16

Clean Up

5. How can you cast off works of darkness and put on the armor of light? (Romans 13:12). What are some dark areas of your life that you need to cast off?
6. What does it mean to “walk properly” (Romans 13:13)?

Thursday: Romans 13:14; Ephesians 4:24; II Corinthians 6:17

Grow Up

7. List some ways in which you are hoping to grow spiritually this year.
8. When we turn from our sin, what does it mean to put on the Lord Jesus Christ. (Romans 13:14) Why is this important?
9. How do you prevent sinful desires from derailing your pursuit of spiritual growth?

Friday: Romans 10:13; I John 1:9; Isaiah 6:8

Pray Up

10. Take time to think about your prayer life. How would you describe it?
11. How often do you pray for forgiveness?
12. How often do you pray for God to use you? Are you willing to pray now as Isaiah said “Here am I! Send me.”?