

IV. GROW UP

- A. Put on the Lord Jesus Christ.

“But put on the Lord Jesus Christ,” Romans 13:14a

“and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.” Ephesians 4:24

- B. Make no provision for the flesh.

“...make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.” Romans 13:14b

“Therefore “Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.”

II Corinthians 6:17

V. PRAY UP

- A. Pray for salvation.

“For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.” Romans 10:13

- B. Pray for forgiveness.

“If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” I John 1:9

- C. Pray for usefulness.

“Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: “Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” Isaiah 6:8

NOW IS THE TIME! TO LET GOD USE YOU

Get Ready For God To Use You

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INTRODUCTION

- A. We all have basic needs. One of our common needs is significance. We share a need to experience a life of meaning and achievement. God meets this need by using us to serve others and give our lives to things bigger than just ourselves. God is actually looking for people He can use you in this way.

“For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.”

II Chronicles 16:9a

As we begin a new year now is the time to let God use you in a much more significant manner.

- B. The Now Is The Time! To Let God Use You Teaching series will reveal how to be used by God to enjoy a more significant life. It will include the following sermons:

TODAY	Get Ready For God To Use You
Jan 15	It's Time To Dedicate Your Body
Jan 22	It's Time To Activate Your Gifts
Jan 29	It's Time To Manage Your Schedule
Feb 5	It Time To Contribute Your Money
Feb 12	It's Time To Represent Your Lord

- C. **Text:** Romans 13:11-14

GET READY FOR GOD TO USE YOU

HOW TO GET READY FOR GOD TO USE YOU

I. WAKE UP

“And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep;...” Romans 13:11a

Wake up and let God use you...

A. In your family.

“And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of ¹the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.” Joshua 24:15

B. In your church.

“from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.” Ephesians 4:16

C. In your work.

“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men,” Colossians 3:23

D. In your world.

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8

II. SPEED UP

“... for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. ”

Romans 13:11b-12a

A. Do not procrastinate.

“whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away.” James 4:14

B. Keep making progress.

“ I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work.”

John 9:4

III. CLEAN UP

A. Cast off works of darkness.

“...Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness,...” Romans 13:12b

“ Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work.” II Timothy 2:21

B. Put on the armor of light.

“...and let us put on the armor of light.”

Romans 13:12c

“ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

C. Walk properly.

“Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.” Romans 13:13

“And now, little children, abide in Him, that when He appears, we may have confidence and not be ashamed before Him at His coming.” I John 2:28