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Guidance:

On the first day, begin with a few minutes where you read the Construct. Continue on to the first question in the lab, and write your thoughts in a notebook or journal. Address the additional questions in the lab at a pace that works for you. Reflect on any insight gained or growth in progress as you close out the Construct.

Be of Service to God

II Timothy 2:21 tells us “Therefore, if anyone purifies himself from anything dishonorable, he will be a vessel... set apart, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.”

Throughout your life, you learn that you are needed for many things. Whether it is a job responsibility, a personal commitment, or an obligation, you give yourself to it without resistance. It is actually natural to do this because we know our daily responsibilities.

This is how the Lord purposes for you to view Him. He needs you for many things, one of which is to fulfill your spiritual assignments. We generally do not think that the Lord needs us, but know that you are the vessel that He desires to use on earth.

Now that you are aware that God wishes to use you, give yourself to Him spiritually, mentally, and physically. As you do this, you will see Him do a work in, and through you. We submit to Jesus as we are, and through the Holy Spirit, He cleans us up - however, this requires our wholehearted cooperation, in order to develop and mature spiritually.

God meets us where we are, and does this work in us in order to increase our capacity. We decide to what degree we lean into Him (submit to Him), which ultimately affects our capacity.

Our capacity determines how much God can use us - and in His kingdom, our capacity is mainly built on our character before our competencies, including gifts.

Prayer

Dear Father, I come in awe of You. Thank You for creating me, and protecting me all the days of my life. You have never left me, nor forsaken me. I submit to You today, putting all that I am in Your hands. Make me, and mold me, into who You call me to be. I pray to walk in Your grace, giving the life You have given me back to You. May I be useful to You Lord, prepared for every good work. In Jesus Name, I pray. Amen.

Practical Application / Lab

Reflect on II Timothy 2:21

“Therefore, if anyone purifies himself from anything dishonorable, he will be a vessel... set apart, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.”

Sit in a quiet moment, and bring yourself to a place of honesty. Think of one area in your character that you need God to purify.

Release this area to Him by believing His Word that is related to this particular area. This will require you to review scripture(s) specific to the particular area, praying, and having faith that God can heal and deliver you. This is a step by step process, where the Holy Spirit will guide you throughout each step. Really surrender your heart to God and believe Him, which opens the door for obedience. Let Him mold you into the image of Christ one step at a time.

Over time, be mindful and notice how your capacity increased. You may realize that you are able to tolerate different or more things, or you may be able to hold your peace or joy more intently.

You may also notice a sense of self-control that works for you. This is you just being - existing in your new nature in Christ. In this, you are witnessing to others, and are being used by God.