

An Instrument for God to Use

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To please God, a person must be just an instrument for God to use, dependent on the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish His work.

Scripture: Zechariah 4:6, John 15:5, Acts 1:8, Romans 12:6-8, 1 Corinthians 12:4-7, 2 Corinthians 3:5-6, Galatians 5:22-23, Ephesians 3:20, Philippians 4:13, 1 Peter 4:11

Topics: "Dependence on the Holy Spirit", "Being an Instrument for God"

Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes that to truly please God, one must be an instrument for His use, much like household appliances that require an external power source to function. He illustrates that without the empowering presence of the Holy Spirit, even the most talented individuals in the church are ineffective in their roles. Tozer calls for a reliance not on natural gifts but on the dynamic power of God to energize and bless the work being done. He urges believers to seek effectiveness through surrendering to the Spirit's leading, rather than depending solely on their abilities. The sermon concludes with a prayer for deliverance from reliance on human gifts and a desire for God's power to flow through His people.

Transcript

If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen. --1 Peter 4:11

To please God, a person must be just an instrument for God to use. For a few seconds, picture in your mind the variety of wonderful and useful appliances we have in our homes. They have been engineered and built to perform tasks of all kinds. But without the inflow of electrical power they are just lumps of metal and plastic, unable to function and serve. They cannot do their work until power is applied from a dynamic outside source.

So it is in the work of God in the church. Many people preach and teach. Many take part in the music. Certain ones try to administer God's work. But if the power of God's Spirit does not have freedom to energize all they do, these workers might just as well stay home.

Natural gifts are not enough in God's work. The mighty Spirit of God must have freedom to animate and quicken with His overtones of creativity and blessing. Tragedy in the Church: The Missing Gifts, 5-6.

"Lord, deliver us from our dependency on natural gifts. We hunger for effectiveness in Your work, but too seldom turn loose to let Your power flow through us. Amen."

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