

The Kinds of People God Uses

Colossians 4:7-17

"Brethren, I count it an honour to be useful to the meanest child of God, but I confess that the honour lies mainly in the fact that I am thereby serving the Master himself. Oh, to be used by God! This is to answer the end of our being."

— Charles H. Spurgeon, *The Great House and the Vessels in It*

God uses people who _____.

*"**Tychicus** ... is a beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow servant in the Lord." (v. 7)*

What can be entrusted to you says a great deal about your _____.

God uses people who have been _____.

*"**Onesimus**, our faithful and beloved brother ..." (v.9)*

*"**Mark** the cousin of Barnabas (... if he comes to you, welcome him) ..." (v. 10)*

Your past does not have to _____ your future usefulness to God.

God uses people who are _____.

*"**Aristarchus** my fellow prisoner greets you ..." (v. 10)*

Our deepest commitments are revealed when they become _____.

God uses people who _____.

*"**Epaphras** ... always struggling on your behalf in his prayers ..." (v. 12)*

How deeply we _____ for others is revealed by how earnestly we _____ for them.

God uses people who _____.

*"**Luke** the beloved physician ..." (v. 14)*

*"... **Nympha** and the church in her house ..." (v. 15)*

Whatever is placed in God's hands can become a means of _____ in someone else's life.

God uses people who _____.

*"... to **Archippus**, "See that you fulfill the ministry that you have received in the Lord." (v. 17)*

And a cautionary tale:

*"... as does **Demas** ..." (v. 17)*

"Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me ..." (2 Timothy 4:10)

The greatest threat to finishing well is loving something more than _____.

Conclusion:

God _____ through people who faithfully give themselves to Christ and to the service of His people.