



USEFUL TO THE LORD
Anything, Anyplace, Anytime

ACTS 13:1-5

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Acts 13:1 Now there were in the church at Antioch prophets and teachers, Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a lifelong friend of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. **2** While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." **3** Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. **4** So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia, and from there they sailed to Cyprus. **5** When they arrived at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews. And they had John to assist them.
(ESV)

1. Position _____ (vv.1-2a)

2. Value _____ (vv.2b-3)

3. Know _____ (v.4-5)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others. For more information about small groups at Compass Bible Church that utilize these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion, please call the church office at (949) 540-0699 or email us at SmallGroups@CompassChurch.org.

1. Read **Ephesians 2:10**. How does this passage encourage and challenge you regarding the purpose and plan God has to utilize your life for his goals, beyond just making a living or getting by from day to day?
2. Read **Luke 12:13-21**. What are some of the characteristics of a life that is self-seeking and "not rich toward God," even if "greed" or "materialism" is not the primary expression of that person "laying up treasure for himself"?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 12:4-7**. What are some of the ways you have come to realize God has equipped you to be useful for his spiritual purposes in this world?
4. Read **2 Timothy 2:20-23**. What are some specific things that likely need to be extracted from your life, in order for you to be more useful to the Lord?
5. Read **Isaiah 6:1-8**. How can a low view of God keep Christians from being ready and willing to do whatever it is that God wants to enlist them to do in this life?

*This Week's
Bible Reading Schedule*

January 9th
Gen.23-24 & Mt.8

January 10th
Gen.25-26 & Mt.9:1-17

January 11th
Gen.27-28 & Mt.9:18-38

January 12th
Gen.29-30 & Mt.10:1-23

January 13th
Gen.31-32 & Mt.10:24-42

January 14th
Gen.33-35 & Mt.11

January 15th
Gen.36-37 & Mt.12:1-21

January 16th
Gen.38-40 & Mt.12:22-50

The following related sermons are also available for downloading or streaming on the Focal Point Website and App (FPR.org).

Msg. 07-09 – **Living Life with the Hope of a New Purpose**

Msg. 07-23 – **Attempting Great Things for God**

Msg. 11-30 – **Sacrificial Leaders & Replicating Ministries**

Msg. 11-29 – **Prayerfully Reliant & Highly Committed Participants**

Msg. 13-20 – **Staying on Task**

Msg. 13-33 – 13-35 – **ATAPAT: Our Struggle to Say Anything, Anyplace, Anytime**

Msg. 01-31 – 01-34 – **Taking Christ to Work** (a four-part series on vocation)

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Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Allen, Jason. **Discerning Your Call to Ministry: How to Know for Sure & What to Do About It**. Moody Publishers, 2016.

Beasley, Michael John. **The Fallible Prophets of New Calvinism**. Armoury, 2014.

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Guinness, Os. **The Call: Finding and Fulfilling the Central Purpose of Your Life**. Word Publishing, 1998.

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Mohler, Albert, et al. **The Call to Ministry**. SBTS Press, 2013.

Piper, John. **A Hunger for God: Desiring God Through Fasting and Prayer**. Crossway Books, 1997.

Sanders, Oswald. **Spiritual Leadership: Principles of Excellence for Every Believer**. Moody Press, 1994.

Spurgeon, Charles. **Lectures to My Students**. Reprint. Hendrickson Publications, 2010.

Sweeting, Donald. **How to Finish the Christian Life: Following Jesus in the Second Half**. Moody Press, 2012.

Swindoll, Charles. **Improving Your Serve: The Art of Unselfish Living**. Reprint. Word, 2002.

Wiersbe, Warren. **Living with the Giants: The Lives of Great Men of the Faith**. Baker Books, 1993.

Woodbridge, John D., ed. **More Than Conquerors: Portraits of Believers from All Walks of Life**. Moody, 1992.