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Series: Useful and Pleasing to God, Part 2 of 3
Sunday, August 22, 2021 at 9:00 and 11:00 AM

Text: Acts 3:1-10

Big Idea: God delights in Christ followers who are faithful, available and teachable.

1. You're most useful to God when you're already engaged in some good things.

One day Peter and John were going up to the temple at the time of prayer—at three in the afternoon. -Acts 3:1

2. You're most useful to God when you are willing to see some interruptions as opportunities.

Now a man crippled from birth was being carried to the temple gate called Beautiful, where he was put every day to beg from those going into the temple courts. ³When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he asked them for money. -Acts 3:2-3

God uses people who know God's agenda is more important than theirs.

3. You're most useful to God when you are alert to real needs.

Peter looked straight at him, as did John. -Acts 3:4a

4. You're most useful to God when you have a generous spirit.

Peter looked straight at him, as did John. Then Peter said, 'Look at us!' ⁵So the man gave them his attention, ***expecting to get something from them.*** -Acts 3:4-5

5. You're most useful to God when you do what you can, rather than lament what you can't do.

Then Peter said, ‘Silver or gold I do not have, but what I have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.’” -Acts 3:6

Taking him by the right hand, he helped him up, and instantly the man’s feet and ankles became strong. ⁸He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. ⁹When all the people saw him walking and praising God, ¹⁰they recognized him as the same man who used to sit begging at the temple gate called Beautiful, and they were filled with wonder and amazement at what had happened to him. -Acts 3:7-10

6. You’re most useful to God when you care more about His glory than your own praise.

While the beggar held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon’s Colonnade. ¹²When Peter saw this, he said to them: ‘Men of Israel, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?’ -Acts 3:11-12