

**Introduction**

All of us like to feel useful. I think that is even more a thought for our work in the church. This lesson may help us to accomplish the feeling of *Being Useful*. And in turn help others grow in their Christian life.

**1. Being Useful . . Standing On The Promises of God. 1:3-4**

The Word of God has been given to us for several reasons, but certainly one is to know where we should stand. The Christians who allow God's Word to be a guide led by the Spirit of God are definitely stronger in their faith. The scriptures can and will guide us as we allow the Spirit to help make the correct interpretations. When one looks around at the different denominations you can observe the ones who try to follow the bible. They are obviously more helpful to their members and their community. I certainly recommend standing on the promises and try to have that kind of a lifestyle. People of the Bible are led to escape the filth of the world. The Bible helps us in *Being Useful*.

**2. Being Useful . . Supplementing Your Faith. 1:5-9**

If the Bible just sits on a shelf instead of being applied in the principals of our daily life it will not provide the guidance we need. The list of qualities listed in our text can certainly build one upon another to help us in maturing as a Christian. It is fun to watch a new Christian who really drinks in the scriptures and to note how some times they pass up a rather lackadaisical person in the church. One who reads the Bible for their enjoyment and growth will be a loving Christian. If one is not eager in their efforts to grow and learn what the Bible says they will be shortsighted in the matters of faith, and may appear to have forgotten what the Lord did for them in changing their lives.

**3. Being Useful through the . . Supply of the Lord. 1:10-11**

Many times a nonchristian might say I have thought about becoming a Christian but how would I ever live like a Christian should? Sometimes a new Christian asks a similar question. The Lord does not save us and then desert us. He is more interested in us living like a Christian than we are, so He has the resources for us and will send His Spirit to guide and protect us. We are not left alone but equipped to do a quality job of living like a Christian. He supplies everything we need. We do not have to stumble around but simply trust Him. The needs we have will be supplied by the Lord through faith. However we must be eager to learn the scripture and willing to learn from more mature people in the faith. The supply is there from the Lord as He wants us to *Be Useful*. Amen? Amen! (To check for a more detailed outline. Go to: <http://www.preachhim.org/SundaySchoolIndex.html>)