

# Maximizing Your Potential for the Kingdom of God

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Text: I Samuel 16.
- B. The world has an aggressive spirit when maximizing its potential for money.
- C. The church tends to wait for God to act on its behalf.
- D. One has what it takes to be used by God if he gets his attitude straight by God.

II. We often measure ourselves by the wrong standard and assume that God could never use us. Consequently, we never ask how God could use us.

- A. Age is irrelevant.
- B. God does not care what kind of family one comes from.

## III. What God is looking for to maximize potential.

### A. Purity of heart.

- 1. This is an unmixed heart.
- 2. Good looks at the heart.

### B. One's perspective on obstacles.

- 1. David saw Goliath coming against God and not him.
- 2. David did what he knew to do and trusted God to do the rest.

### C. One's passion to obey.

- 1. God chose to use obedience over status with Shadrack, Meshack and Abednego.
- 2. God will never use one's wealth or influence if he does not have a passion to serve Him.

## Application questions:

1. How have you fallen into the trap of waiting on God to use you without maximizing your potential?

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2. What stands out to you regarding what God is looking for? Explain.

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3. What area will you commit to working on this week? How will you go about it?

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