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Text: Isaiah 6:8

**GOD USES PEOPLE WITH THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERISTICS:**

- ✓ Humble Proverbs 16:19; 22:4; Matthew 18:4
- ✓ Obedient James 1:25; Revelation 22:14
- ✓ Consecrated followers Proverbs 23:26; Romans 12:1

**SIX KINDS OF PEOPLE THAT GOD CAN'T USE:**

**1. DRIVER'S SEAT Christians**

Self-check: **who's driving your life—you or Jesus?** If you, consider changing drivers!

**2. Armchair CRITICS**

- Self-test: **are you an armchair critic?** If yes, it's time for a tune-up.
- Ask God to help...
  - ☞ Relieve bitterness ☞ Remove a judgmental spirit
  - ☞ Turn anger into joy

**3. CARNALLY minded Christians**

**FACT→People who live in blatant sin cannot be instruments of the Holy Spirit** 2 Timothy 2:21-22

➤ Our usefulness to God is based on whether we have submitted to the process of sanctification. **HOLINESS IS NOT AN OPTION!**

**4. Church DROPOUTS**

- a. God does not use people who have turned away from the church.
- b. Don't base your Christian walk on interactions with a pastor.
- c. Base your Christian walk on your interaction with Jesus!

**5. TIMID COWARDS**

2 Timothy 1:8a

Fear has the power to paralyze—afraid to share the gospel? Ask God for boldness. Revelation 3:15-16; Matthew 5:11-12; James 1:5-6; Matthew 6:33

**6. Lazy SPECTATORS— to be used of God you must...**

- ☞ Take His call seriously 1 Peter 2:9; Isaiah 55:6; Ecclesiastes 5:1a;  
Ephesians 4:1b; 2 Peter 1:10a
- ☞ Become a focused student of His Word 2 Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17
- ☞ Become a passionate prayer warrior 2 Chronicles 7:14; 1 Thessalonians 5:17; Ephesians 6:18

**~APPLICATION~**

Are you one of those kinds of people that God can't use?

—OR—

Do you want to be counted among those useful in His Kingdom?

**Jeremiah 29:11-14a**