

Training in Righteousness,
Unto Good Works Part 3

Perfect and Thoroughly Furnished

Overview: 2 Tim 3:16-17 says, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.” We have been created in Christ Jesus for good works. These good works have been foreordained for us to fulfill them. God has given to us, put in us, everything we need to grow into, and complete each one of those good works and therefore, fulfill our destiny.

A. Cultivating Our Maximum Potential.

1. We are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works. Eph 2:10
2. Perfect and thoroughly furnished; fully equipped for God’s use. 2 Tim 2:21; 2 Tim 3:17
 - a. Perfect - G739 artios - *fresh*, that is, (by implication) *complete*: - perfect. Having reference apparently to “special aptitude for given uses.”
 - b. Thoroughly furnished – G1822 exartizo - From G1537 and a derivative of G739; to *finish out* (time); figuratively to *equip fully* (a teacher): - accomplish, thoroughly furnish
3. Gave resources to each one according to their several ability. Matt 25:14-30
 - a. Several – G2398 – idios - *pertaining to self*, that is, *one's own*; by implication *private* or *separate*:
 - b. Ability – G1411 – dunamis – *force* (literally or figuratively), specifically, miraculous power.
4. Multiplied the resources as they completely applied themselves. Luke 19:13-26
5. God’s destiny for you is BIG; “if you’re going to think, think big.” Eph 3:20
6. Growing up to maturity in Jesus (knowledge, skill, experience). Gal 4:1-7
7. Growing your capacity; pressing toward the high calling in Christ Jesus. Phil 3:12-14

B. Attitudes and Actions for Maturity.

1. The Soldier 2 Tim 2:3-4
 - a. A valuable soldier endures hardship (commitment).
 - b. Disentangled from this life in order to please his commander (single mindedness).
 - c. Well trained and effective in the use of weapons (knowledge, skill, experience).
 - o Weapons of our warfare are mighty through God. 2 Cor 10:4
 - o Weapon of righteousness destroying the works of the evil one. Rom 6:13; 2 Cor 6:7
 - o Weapon of Light exposing darkness. Rom 13:12
2. The Farmer 2 Tim 2:6
 - a. Labors to weariness to produce the best fruit (focus). Col 1:28-29
 - b. Shares in the best fruit of his harvest. 1 Cor 9:7
3. The Athlete 2 Tim 2:5; 1 Cor 9:24-27
 - a. Strives to be the best by training vigorously (the race is won on the training field).
 - b. Discipline is the key to training effectively.
 - c. Win by having a fine tuned focus of your life toward your destiny.