

The Master's Toolbox

Romans 6:13



Instruments for Righteousness

- **Romans 6:13** - Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.



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The Mallet

- **Ephesians 4:15** - Rather, **speaking the truth in love** we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ,
- **2 Timothy 2:24-25** - And the Lord's servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, 25 **correcting his opponents with gentleness** God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth,
- **2 Timothy 4:2** - preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, **with complete patience and teaching**

The Crowbar

- **James 4:4** - You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.
- **John 15:19** - If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.
- **1 Peter 1:15-16** - but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, 16 since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

The Chisel

- **2 Corinthians 3:18** - But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

The Level

- **Isaiah 5:20** - Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter!

The Plane

- **1 Peter 2:21** - For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

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- **Ephesians 2:10** - For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.
- **Psalms 64:8** - But now, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

God Evaluates “Your Wood”

- **1 Samuel 16:7** - But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him. For the LORD sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.”
- **Proverbs 16:2** - All the ways of a man are pure in his own eyes, but the LORD weighs the spirit.

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- **Jeremiah 17:10** - “I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds.”
- **Matthew 15:17-20(a)** - Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? 18 But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. 19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. 20 These are what defile a person.



YOUR CROSS

Your Cross

- **Matthew 16:24-28** - Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. 25 For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. 26 For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? 27 For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. 28 Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Weight of the Cross

- **Luke 23:26** - *And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus.*

TRUTH – Determines the Weight of Your Cross

- **John 18:37-38** - Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.” 38 Pilate said to him, “What is truth?”

Master's Tools – Shaping Your Life

- **2 Peter 1:5-8** - For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.