SPECIAL

PURPOSES

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20 In a large house there are articles not only
of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay;
some are for special purposes and some for
common use. 21 Those who cleanse
themselves from the latter will be instruments
for special purposes, made holy, useful to the
Master and prepared to do any good work.

2 Timothy 2:20-21 (NIV)

7 To all in Rome who are loved by God
and called to be his holy people: Grace
and peace to you from God our Father
and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 1:7 (NIV)

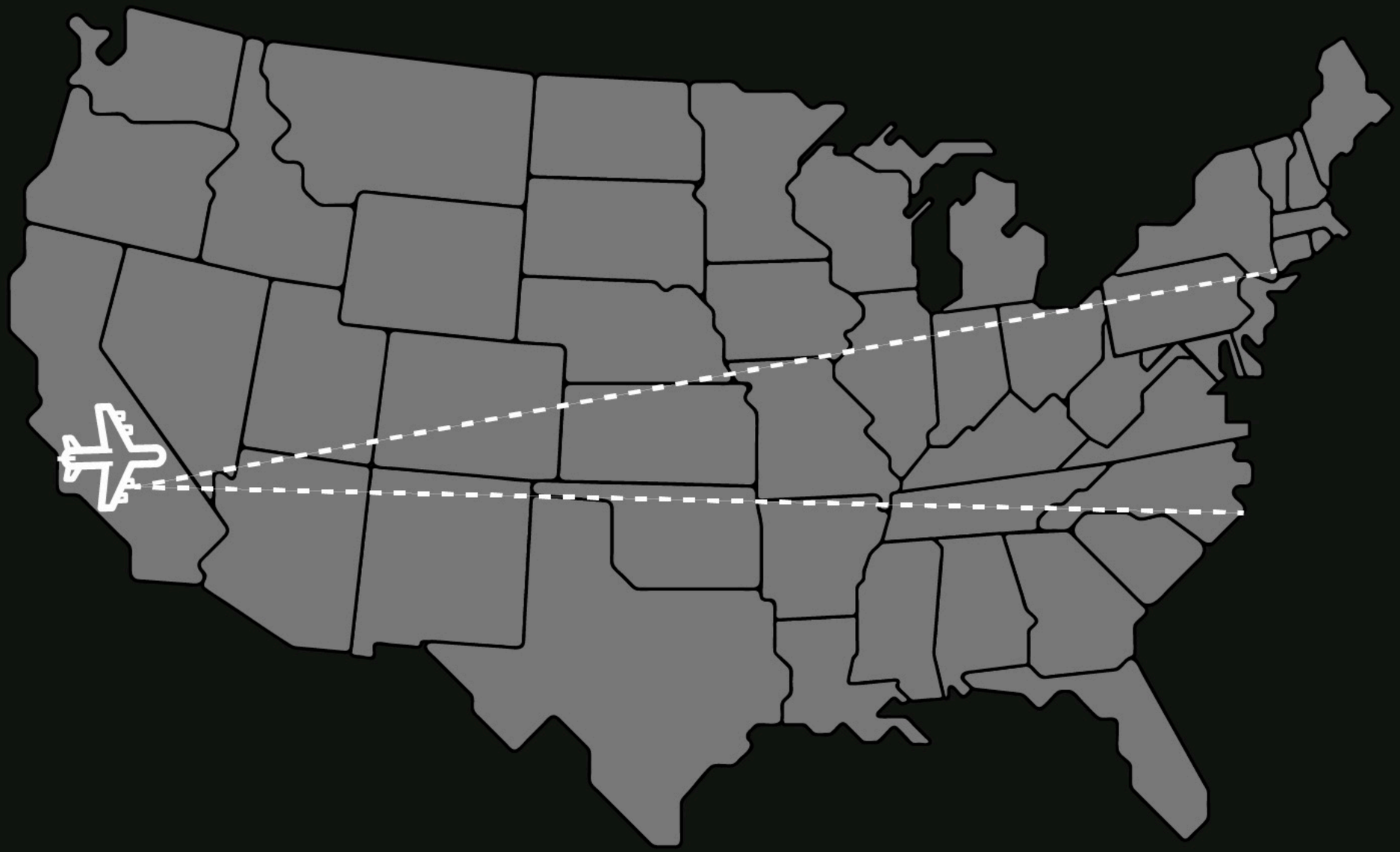
SPECIAL PURPOSES ARE USEFUL TO THE MASTER

Useful: “Euchrestos”

Very useful; it is more than merely being available, you are God’s “go-to.”

To be used for the philanthropy of God.

Degrees off Today = Miles off Tomorrow



“Life is a blessing for him who identifies himself with the Son of Man for the establishing of the Kingdom of God on Earth, here and now. Life is a misfortune for him who seeks his personal welfare, which is an effort death inevitably baffles.”

Leo Tolstoy

USEFULNESS
ACCEPTS HIS
LOVE...
AND CALL

The level at which we accept the Love of God and the Call of God determines our level of Usefulness to God.

USEFULNESS LIVES AS GOD'S VESSEL

“Expect nothing. Accept anything . . . I would just have to be funny enough to buy a loaf of Wonder bread and a jar of Skippy peanut butter a week. I could easily survive on that. And even if that’s all I had, it would be a better life than any other I could imagine. I was more than happy to accept being a not-that-funny comedian over any other conceivable option.”

Jerry Seinfeld, on starting out in comedy

10 Better is one day in your courts than a
thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a
doorkeeper in the house of my God than
dwell in the tents of the wicked. 11 For the
LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD
bestows favor and honor; no good thing does
he withhold from those whose walk is
blameless.

Psalm 84:10-11 (NIV)

[17]When Joseph saw his father placing his right hand on Ephraim’s head he was displeased; so he took hold of his father’s hand to move it from Ephraim’s head to Manasseh’s head.
[18]Joseph said to him, “No, my father, this one is the firstborn; put your right hand on his head.”

Genesis 48:17-19 (NIV)

[19]But his father refused and said, “I know, my son, I know. He too will become a people, and he too will become great. Nevertheless, his younger brother will be greater than he, and his descendants will become a group of nations.”

Genesis 48:17-19 (NIV)

“If your God never disagrees with you, you might just be worshipping an idealized version of yourself.”

Tim Keller