

# *Life Lessons*

## *“Are You Usable to the Lord?”*

Imagine that You...

- Are so used of God that you are in constant demand in England, Scotland, America, and Ireland having to make as many as thirteen or fourteen trips across the ocean.
- Preach eighteen thousand messages in thirty-four years. This means you are preaching nearly twice a day, seven days a week, fifty-two weeks a year for all thirty-four years.
- Become the founding father of what once was one of Christianity’s greatest denominations.
- Become so spiritually and morally influential that the course of the British Empire and the soon to be born United States are forever changed by your ministry.

You say, “This is too great for me! There is no way my life to rise to such a level of spiritual influence and impact!” But wait... don’t give up too quickly, George Whitefield has left you a vital clue. At the age of twenty-one, he prayed,

*O Heavenly Father,  
For thy dear Son’s Sake,  
Keep me from climbing.”*

It was Whitefield’s habit to begin each day at 4 AM studying the scripture **ON HIS KNEES!** Can you capture the significance of the scene? He must have been saying in the silence of the wee hours of the morning...

- *LORD, I seek you first.*
- *LORD, I kneel in reverence to You.*
- *LORD, I surrender my will to Your Word.*
- *LORD, I want to worship YOU, walk with YOU, and work for YOU.*

You might be shocked to learn this world-changer was excluded because of his evangelistic message and zeal from preaching in all the churches of London, except four. Yet our Sovereign God used this for His glory because this gave rise to his itinerant field preaching. Benjamin Franklin himself calculated that his voice could be clearly heard by as many as 30,000 at one time. This humble giant wrote, *“I have not party to be at the head of and through God’s grace I will strengthen the hands of all of every denomination that preach Jesus Christ in sincerity.”*

**HUMILITY IS THE KEY TO USABILITY!**