

# TOOLBOX FOR LIFE

Ecclesiastes 10:10 (NIV) *If the ax is dull and its edge unsharpened, more strength is needed but SKILL will bring SUCCESS.*

SKILL #1: Ignore the Naysayers

SKILL #2: Recognizing What Matters Most

SKILL #3: How to Maximize Your Strengths

## FIVE THINGS THAT DESCRIBE HOW GOD SHAPED YOU (S-H-A-P-E)

S = \_\_\_\_\_ GIFTS

1 Corinthians 7:7b *Each one has his own gift from God; one has this gift, another has that.*

<http://cypresslakeumc.com/spiritualgifts>

H = \_\_\_\_\_

A = \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 12:6 *God has given each of us the ability to do certain things well.*

P = \_\_\_\_\_

1 Corinthians 12:6

*There are different kind of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.*

E = \_\_\_\_\_

**What's the one** major thing that keeps you from becoming who God made you to be? \_\_\_\_\_

Matthew 25:25 *I was afraid, so I hid the talent you gave me in the ground.*



December 30 –  
January 20

We all need a toolbox of skills to succeed in life and the Bible is filled with wise instructions. Our sincere desire and determination alone is not enough. Many people work hard. But it's not about working hard, it's about working smart. It's about working God's way. Pastor Thom will teach us how to develop skills we need to succeed.

### **December 30 Ignoring the Naysayers**

**In this first message we'll explore 1 Samuel 17:1-52** and learn how to deal with the negative people in our lives through David and the four naysayers he faced before he faced Goliath.

### **January 6 Knowing What Matters Most**

**Together we'll learn to recognize what's important and what's not important** by looking at questions that will not only determine our success in our life and work, but will determine our destiny.

### **January 13 Maximizing Your Strengths**

Discover how to maximize your strengths by studying how God has wired you. In this message we will learn the five elements God uses to "SHAPE" our lives.

### **January 20 Learning How to Use Life's Throttle**

Every great accomplishment has an element of timing to it. Pastor Thom will look at the skill of timing, teaching the difference between when to go fast and when to go slow.