Opportunity Pt.1

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"Everything is permissible"--but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible"--but not everything is constructive.

1 Corinthians 10:23 (NIV)

1. It's always **here.**

"But a Samaritan, who was on a journey, came upon him; and when he saw him, he felt compassion, Luke 10:33 (NASB)

In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!" "Yes, Lord," he answered. [11] The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying. [12] In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight." [13] "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your saints in Jerusalem. [14] And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name." Acts 9:10-14 (NIV)

2. Take advantage **of it.**

So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.

Galatians 6:10 (NASB)

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction.

2 Timothy 4:2 (NIV)

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, Look for opportunities to grow and serve. 1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

3. Don't let it pass **you by.**

Jesus replied and said, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among robbers, and they stripped him and beat him, and went away leaving him half dead. [31] "And by chance a priest was going down on that road, and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. [32] "Likewise a Levite also, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. Luke 10:30-32 (NASB)

And someone came to Him and said, "Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?"
*[17] And He said to him, "Why are you asking Me about what is good? There is only One who is good; but if you wish to enter into life, keep the commandments." [18] Then he *said to Him, "Which ones?" And Jesus said, "YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT MURDER; YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY; YOU SHALL NOT STEAL; YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS; [19] HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER; and YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." [20] The young man *said to Him, "All these things I have kept; what am I still lacking?" [21] Jesus said to him, "If you wish to be complete, go and sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." [22] But when the young man heard this statement, he went away grieving; for he was one who owned much property.*

Matthew 19:16-22 (NASB)

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