

MAKING THE MOST OF AN OPPORTUNITY

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Ephesians 5:15-17 (NIV) *“Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is.”*

Opportunity: A combination of circumstances favorable for the advancing of a purpose.

S = Spiritual Gifts

H = Heart

A = Abilities

P = Personality

E = Experiences

Psalms 139:14-16 (NIV) *“I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well.¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be.”*

Worship is our focused attention on God.

**To Make The Most Of Every Opportunity
With Your SHAPE Realize...**

- **God holds you accountable for what He has given you.**

Luke 12:48b (NIV) *“From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked.”*

Mark 12:30-31 (NIV) *“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’³¹ The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”*

Matthew 25:35-40 (NIV) *“For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited Me in,³⁶ I needed clothes and you clothed Me, I was sick and you looked after Me, I was in prison and you came to visit Me.’³⁷ Then the righteous will answer Him, ‘Lord, when did we see You hungry and feed You, or thirsty and give You something to drink?’³⁸ When did we see You a stranger and invite You in, or needing clothes and clothe You?’³⁹ When did we see You sick or in prison and go to visit You?’⁴⁰ The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me.’”*

Matthew 12:36 (NIV) *“But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken.”*

Romans 14:12 (NIV) *“So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.”*

- **The nature of your story is determined by the end.**

Genesis 37:28 (NIV) *“So when the Midianite merchants came by, his brothers pulled Joseph up out of the cistern and sold him for twenty shekels of silver to the Ishmaelites, who took him to Egypt.”*

Genesis 39:12 (NIV) *“She caught him by his cloak and said, ‘Come to bed with me!’ But he left his cloak in her hand and ran out of the house.”*

Genesis 39:19-20a (NIV) *“When his master heard the story his wife told him, saying, ‘This is how your slave treated me,’ he burned with anger. ²⁰ Joseph’s master took him and put him in prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were confined.”*

Genesis 50:20 (NIV) *“You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.”*

Job 42:10&12a (NIV) *“After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before. ¹²The Lord blessed the latter part of Job’s life more than the former part.”*