

**1001- Opportunity to be Great
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1001- Opportunity to be Great Individual Daily Exercise Guide

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Daily Scripture Exercises to help me make the most of the opportunity to become Great

Colossians 3:17 Today, I desire to be great in word and in actions.

Romans 11:36 Today, I will remind myself that to become great means I am living out my purpose to glorify God.

Ephesians 5:16 I will make the most of every opportunity God sets before me today.

Colossians 3:8-10 I am determine today to get rid of any thing that gets in the way of living out my purpose.

2 Timothy 2:21 Lord, keep me clean and holy today.

1 Corinthians 16:9 I expect to encounter obstacles and opposition today from my own self and others when I try to live the great life.

Proverbs 16:3,9

James 4:15-16 Today I will ask myself, "Is this what God wants me to do?" And, "What are the possible consequences to my choices?"

Statements from the lesson that will help remind me of the call by God to live a great life

"Opportunity must be seen, sensed, selected, sorted, and seized."

"When you get started on the wrong foot, stop, and put your best foot forward."

"Being Great and Being Famous are not the same thing."

"Being Great has an impact on yourself and others."

"Talent is a gift. Being great is a choice."

"Live your life responding with purpose not reacting to pressures."

"Not all ideas are opportunities."

"Instead of griping about life, adjust your grip."

"When opportunity knocks, make sure you are home to answer."

"With every opportunity, there are always obstacles."

"Indecision, procrastination, fear, and sin, rob us of opportunity."

"The first impression you make on others is usually a lasting impression."

Opportunity to Become Great Life Group Guide

Use some of the questions below to draw the group into a discussion about the opportunities God puts before us in order for us to become great by fulfilling His purpose.

- 1. Discuss what is meant by God wanting us to use the opportunities he provides to become great.**
- 2. Read Ephesians 5:15-16**
 - * What do you think is meant by “making the most of every opportunity?”**
 - * What is the significance of Paul pointing out that the “days are evil?”**
- 3. Have the group discuss an opportunity that they saw as being from God.**
- 4. Have the group describe a time when they might have let a good opportunity slip through their hands. Looking back on it now, do they know why?**
- 5. David shared story from 1 Chronicles 13-15 about the opportunity to return the ark home to Jerusalem. Discuss how this story is a great example of being given an opportunity from God but not being prepared or having the right plan.**
- 6. Discuss why you think opportunity and obstacle are always connected.**
- 7. Read Galatians 6:10**
 - * Think about some opportunities we have to do good to others.**
 - * Think about some ways we can make visitors feel welcomed- that opportunity we have to do good for someone seeking a new church home.**
 - * Think about how inviting a new family to the Life Group would be an opportunity to do good for someone.**

A 3D-rendered signpost stands on a dark blue base. The signpost is a black pole with a white arrow-shaped sign pointing to the right. The word "OPPORTUNITY" is written in large, bold, blue capital letters on the white sign. Below it, a red banner contains the text "to become great" in white lowercase letters. The background is a clear blue sky with a single white bird in flight. The bottom of the image has a solid dark blue horizontal bar.

OPPORTUNITY

to become great

Putting Your Best Foot Forward

Whatever you do, in word or
in works, do all in the name of
the Lord Jesus . . .
Colossians 3:17

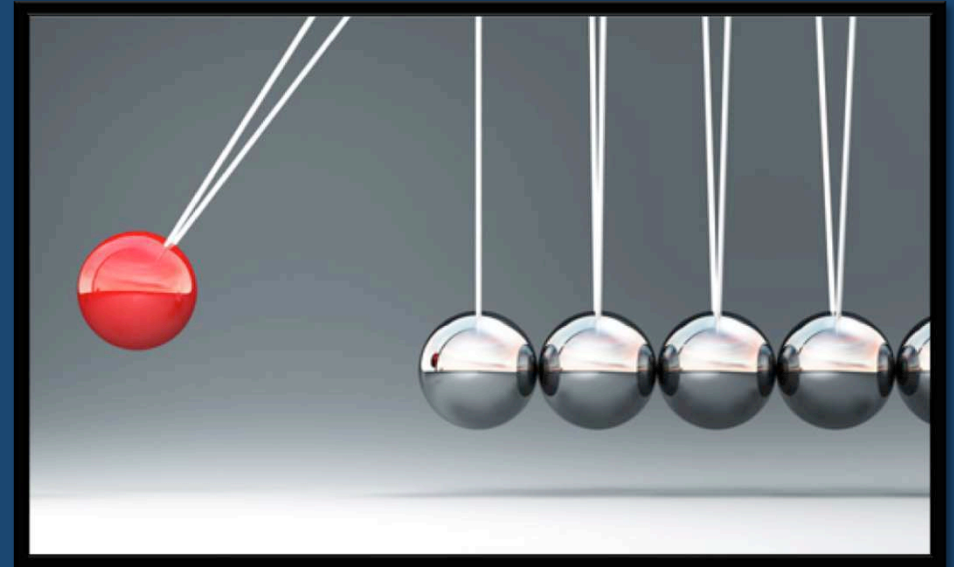


Always put your best foot forward – the
one with the least lint between the toes.

GREAT doesn't
= *Famous*



GREAT =
IMPACT



Talent is a gift.

Becoming great is a
choice.



Romans 11:36

Everything comes from God alone. Everything lives by his power, and everything is for his glory.



PURPOSE

LIVE GREAT

or

PRESSURE

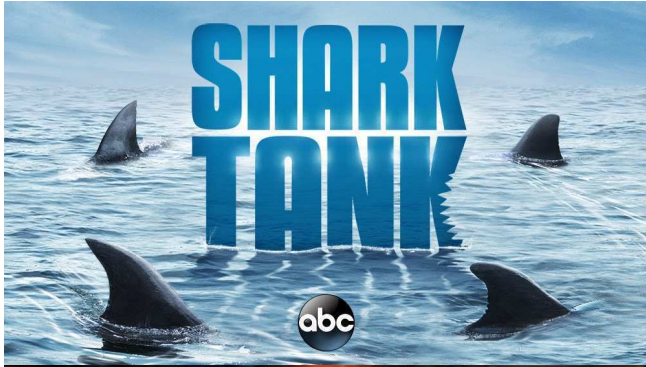




Ephesians 5:16

**Make the most
of every
opportunity**



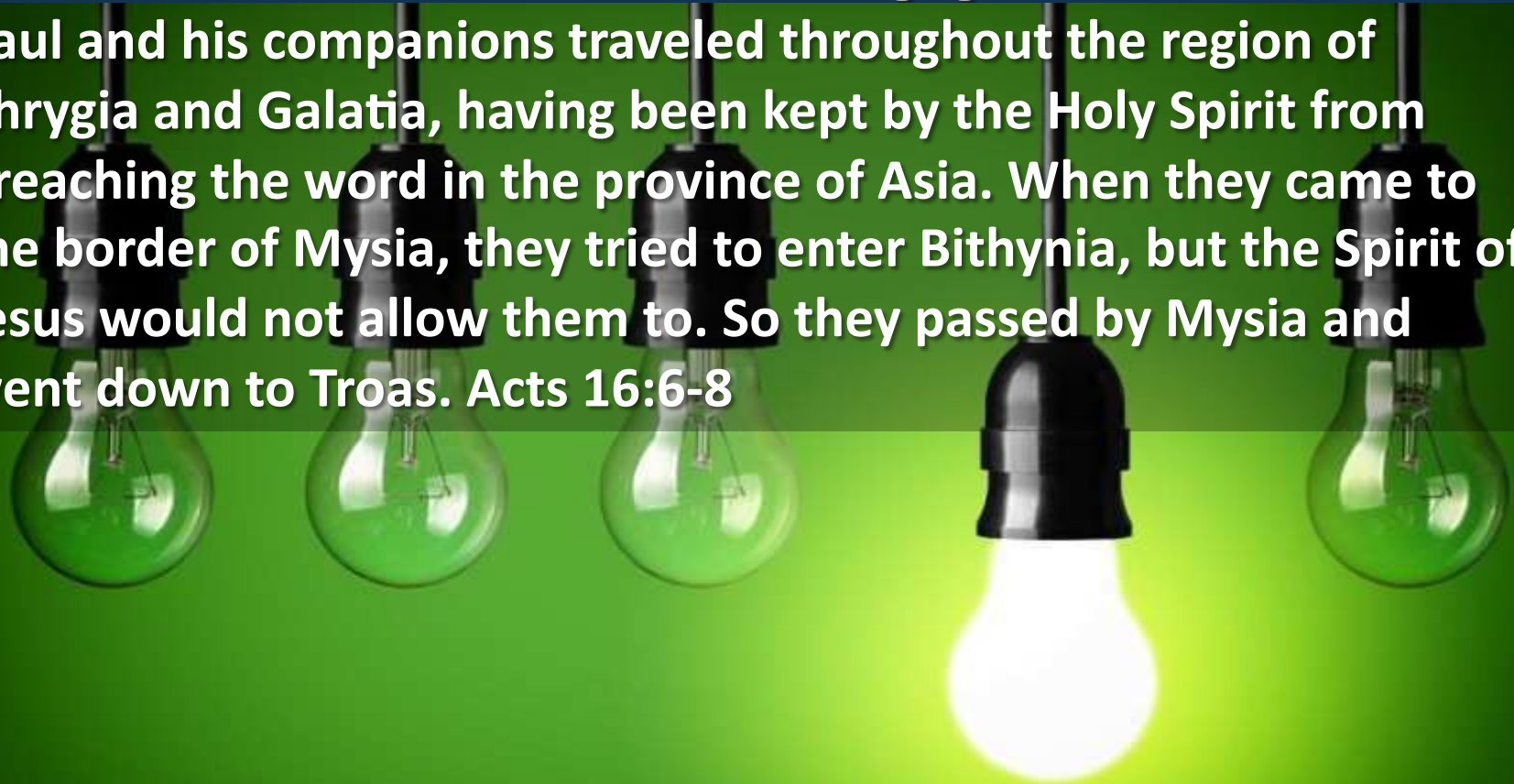


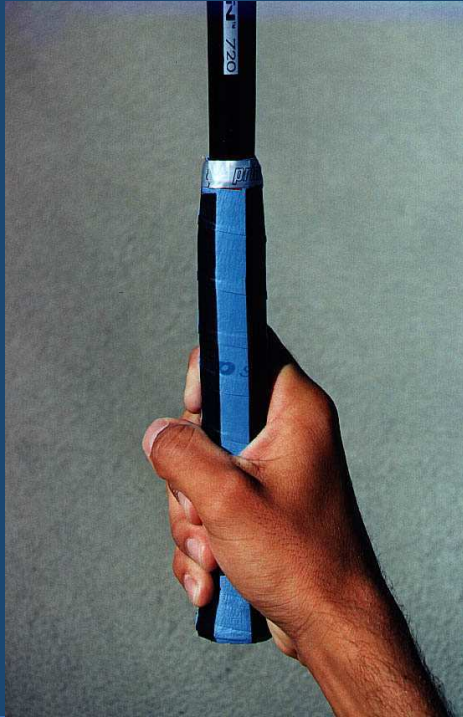
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Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to. So they passed by Mysia and went down to Troas. Acts 16:6-8





Grip

or

Gripe



LIVE
GREAT

Get Rid of the Clutter!

Now you must rid yourselves of such things...

Put on the new self which is being renewed in the knowledge in the image of its Creator.

Colossians 3:8-10



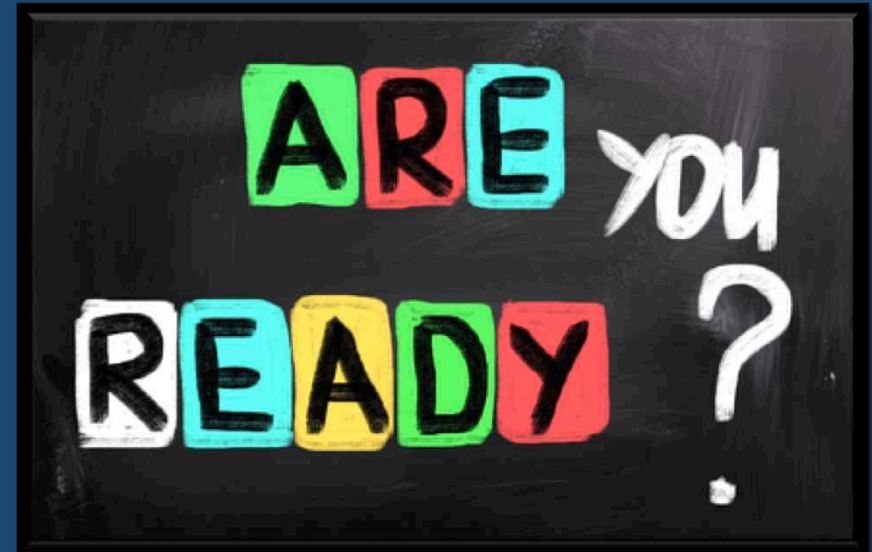


See it
Sense it
Select it
Sort it
Seize it

2 Timothy 2:21 ERV

The Lord wants to use you for special purposes, so make yourself clean from all evil. Then you will be holy, and the Master can use you. You will be ready for any good work.

Be Ready





See it * Sense it * Select it* Seize it

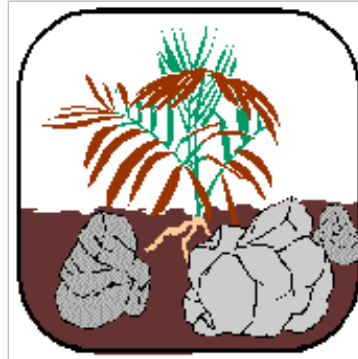
Matthew 13:1-23

The Parable of the Sower

The Seed is the Word of God



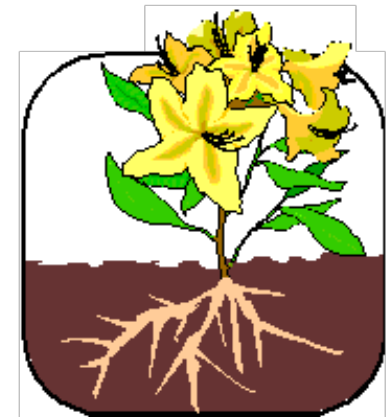
The Path



The Rocky Soil



The Weedy Soil



The Good Soil



1 Corinthians 16:9 ERV

I will stay here, because a good opportunity for a great and growing work has been given to me now.

And there are many people opposed to it.



Expect
obstacles
with an
opportunity.

1 Corinthians 7:35 PTV

I tell you these things to help you; I am not putting difficulties in your path but setting before you an ideal, so that your service of God may be as far as possible free from worldly distractions.



Indecision



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Indecision

Procrastination



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Indecision
Procrastination
Fear



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Indecision
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Sin



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Indecision
Procrastination
Fear
Sin
Skill



Proverbs 16:3, 9

Commit your actions to the Lord, and your plans will succeed.

We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps.



James 4:15-16

What you ought to say is, “If the Lord wants us to, we shall live and do this or that.”

Otherwise you will be bragging about your own plans, and such self-confidence never pleases God.



Have I asked God?

Proverbs 22:3

“The prudent foresees the difficulties ahead and prepares for them; others goes blindly on and suffers the consequences..”

What are the possible
Consequences?



1 Chronicles 13: 1-3

PURPOSE

(David) said to the whole assembly, “If it seems good to you and if it is the will of the LORD our God, let us ... bring the ark of our God back to us....



1 Chronicles 13: 4

ADVISE

The whole assembly agreed to do this because it seemed right to all the people.



1 Chronicles 13: 7-8

PLAN

They moved the ark of God from Abinadab's house on a new cart, with Uzzah and Ahio guiding it. 8 David and all the Israelites were celebrating with all their might before God, with songs and with harps, lyres, timbrels, cymbals and trumpets.



1 Chronicles 13: 9-10

CONSEQUENCE

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The Lord's anger burned against Uzzah, and he struck him down because he had put his hand on the ark. So he died there before God.

1 Chronicles 13: 11

Anger & Disappointment

Then David was angry because the Lord's wrath had broken out against Uzzah



1 Chronicles 13: 12-14

QUESTION

David was afraid of God that day and asked, “How can I ever bring the ark of God to me?”

He did not take the ark to be with him in the City of David. Instead, he took it to the house of Obed-Edom the Gittite. The ark of God remained with the family of Obed-Edom in his house for **three months**, and the Lord blessed his household and everything he had.



1 Chronicles 15:1-2

PREPARATION

After David had constructed buildings for himself in the City of David, he prepared a place for the ark of God and pitched a tent for it.

Then David said, “No one but the Levites may carry the ark of God, because the Lord chose them to carry the ark of the Lord and to minister before him forever.”





See it * Sense it * Select it* Seize it

Galatians 6:10

When we have the opportunity to do good to anyone, we should do it. But we should give special attention to those who are in the family of believers.





See it * Sense it * Select it* Seize it