


Recognize Opportunities | Application

READ: Ephesians 2:10


How amazing and freeing it is to know that the God of the Universe created and appointed you to specific work that is fitted just for you. This means that even though many causes are good, it's important to be mindful of God's best paths for your life. Though the world may choose commitments based on time, convenience, location, or the people involved, those pursuing obedience should faithfully respond to what God calls them to do.

Sometimes preconceived ideas of what we are willing or unwilling to do can prevent us from recognizing godly opportunities for kingdom work. If our focus is on self or selfish desires, we may fail to recognize God's work and invitation to join Him in it.


 **ACTION:** If you haven't already, become intentional this week by asking the Lord to enable you to recognize ways He wants to use you in His kingdom's service.

Proverbs 3:5-6

 **WRITE:** What are some practical ways to trust in the Lord concerning your schedule and personal commitments?


 Explain the value, on a daily basis, of leaning on God's understanding rather than your own.

As you acknowledge God, pursuing His will in all you do, He will reveal His best path. The Lord will guide you to places He desires you to be for His purpose. If you pursue things God did not ask of you, then you risk performing tasks or duties in your own strength and may miss opportunities He created for you.

 Therefore, instead of trying to affect others by your own means or in your own strength, you should invite God to consistently guide you and allow Him to do the work through you.

FISHING FOR MEN: Isaiah 48:17


1. Establish a habit of seeking God's will concerning specific opportunities.
2. Ask the Holy Spirit to enable you to clearly recognize what you are called to and released from.
3. Then, practice communicating to others God's personal appointments with total confidence that He knows what is best for you. In doing so, Christ will receive the glory, and you will be influencing others to more carefully consider their own commitments.


 What will you tell those you disciple concerning the importance of pursuing God's best, rather than settling for merely good or better than?


 **Matthew 13:31-33**

If we're not careful, we may be tempted to overlook or dismiss divine opportunities that have the appearance of being of little importance.


 In what ways do you measure spiritual significance?

 **THOUGHT PROVOKING:** Do you trust God by faithfully obeying His will, even in what appears to be insignificant endeavors?


 How would you explain to others how God multiplies the faithful efforts of His people?


 **Luke 1:37; 2 Corinthians 9:8**

In the same way that divine appointments may **appear** insignificant, they may, at times, **appear** enormously impossible. If we look at life through our limited perspective, we may fail to recognize opportunities for God to accomplish His supernatural work through us.

 **Genesis 22:1; Isaiah 6:8**

One of the greatest ways to recognize godly opportunities is to have a heart and mind yielded to be used of God no matter the request.

 Are you anticipating God calling you to do things that can only be accomplished through Him for His glory?

 **TO ENCOURAGE:** Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me. (**John 12:26**)