

Seizing Kingdom Opportunities



Ephesians 5:15-17

“Be very careful, then how you live – not as unwise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore, do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord’s will is (NIV).”

- **The Spiritual Principle of Stewardship: “God’s plan to fulfill my life.”**
 - **Stewardship – the authority to care for the property of another.**
 - **Fulfill – that which completes (Col. 2:9).**
 - **Intent: God’s plan to cause His will to produce an abundance.**
 - **Purpose: a character-building principle**
 - **Objective: how to be a wise steward over the provisions of God.**
 - **Goal: to super abound to meet the needs of others.**
 - **Seize: to put in legal possession of a particular thing; to capture and put into custody (arrest or apprehend); to take quickly or grab; to take hold of suddenly.**
 - **Opportunities – an appropriate of favorable time, season or occasion.**
 - **We are blessed with so many opportunities in this life, and we should meet them with eagerness and readiness.**
 - **We must know how to seize meaningful and beneficial opportunities.**
- **The two top questions that Christians ask are:**
- 1. What is my purpose in life?**
 - 2. How can I know God’s will for my life?**
- **Stewardship answers these two questions!**
 - **When we pursue the opportunities that the Lord sends our way we will encounter all kinds of obstacles.**
 - **1 Cor. 16:8-9 – Paul sent a letter to the Corinthians describing an opportunity he had been given and the obstacles that came with it.**
 - **Paul was not intimidated by the fact that he had enemies trying to discredit or even destroy him.**
 - **Col. 4:2-3 – Paul seized every chance he was given to declare God’s truth, to demonstrate God’s character, and to encourage God’s people.**

- There are many people in the Bible that made the most of opportunities in spite of opposition.
 1. Moses' parents hid him for three months (Ex. 2:1-5).
 2. Esther made the most of her opportunity to influence the king and save her people from genocide (Esther 4:16).
 3. Rahab saw the opportunity the help the spies that were sent to spy out the Promise Land (Joshua 2:9).
 4. David made the most of an opportunity to fight Goliath (1 Samuel 17:45).
 5. Nehemiah received the news of a crisis, saw the opportunity, to lead an entire city to rise up and build (Neh. 2:1).
- What are the opportunities that we are called upon to steward us believers of the 21st Century?

- There are three categories:
 1. To walk in wisdom.
 2. To evangelize.
 3. To know the will of God.
- “Stewardship began with God, and stewardship will end with God!”