

HOW TO OVERCOME MISSED OPPORTUNITIES

#SermonOpportunities

God's Promises To Overcomers - Part 6

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The Church in Philadelphia - Revelation 3:7-14

Proverbs 10:5 Make hay while the sun shines—that's smart... (MSG)

Three Reasons We Miss Opportunities

- Because of _____

Proverbs 13:19 It is pleasant to see our plans develop. That is why fools refuse to give them up even when they are wrong! (LB)

- Because of _____

Luke 9:59 To another Jesus said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, let me first..." (ESV)

- Because of _____

Matthew 9:29b ...According to your faith will it be done to you. (NIV)

Four Ways To Seize An Opportunity

1. REALIZE _____

Revelation 3:7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write: He who is holy, who is true, who has the key of David, who opens and no one will shut, and who shuts and no one opens, says this: (NASB)

2 Corinthians 2:12 When I arrived in Troas to proclaim the Message of the Messiah, I found the place wide open; God had opened the door; all I had to do was walk through it. (MSG)

Matthew 7:7-8 Ask, and you will be given what you ask for. Seek, and you will find. Knock, and the door will be opened.⁸ For everyone who asks, receives. Anyone who seeks, finds. If only you will knock, the door will open. (LB)

2. LOOK _____

Revelation 3:8 I know your deeds. Behold, I have put before you an open door

which no one can shut, because you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not denied My name. (NASB)

Ephesians 5:16 Make good use of every opportunity you have, because these are evil days. (TEV)

3. TRUST

Revelation 3:9-10 Behold, I will cause those of the synagogue of Satan, who say that they are Jews, and are not, but lie-- behold, I will make them to come and bow down at your feet, and to know that I have loved you.¹⁰ Because you have kept the word of My perseverance, I also will keep you from the hour of testing, that hour which is about to come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell upon the earth. (NASB)

1 Corinthians 16:9 A huge door of opportunity for good work has opened up here. There is also mushrooming opposition. (MSG)

Psalms 118:8 It is better to trust the Lord for protection than to trust anyone else. (CEV)

4. REMEMBER

Revelation 3:11-13 Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.¹² He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. And I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And I will write on him My new name.¹³ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. (NKJV)

Jeremiah 8:20 The harvest is past, the summer has ended, and we are not saved. (NIV)

2 Corinthians 6:2b ...Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation. (NKJV)

Acts 10:35 It makes no difference who you are or where you're from—if you want God and are ready to do as he says, the door is open. (MSG)