

THURSDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS
NOVEMBER 8, 2018
Living Your Best Life
Teaching Series
“When Opportunity Knocks”

Matthew 25:14-

V19. After a long time...

Procrastination is the enemy of opportunity. To delay or postpone may lead to deny and pushback.

Opportunity; A set of circumstances that makes it possible to _____

We all have missed opportunities to gain capital and wasted chances to make changes in our lives. In life and in ministry, success and failure is decided by the opportunities we take or don't take. Choices we make or fail to make. I think of the rich young ruler with a chance of a lifetime. Sell all and follow me... Matthew 19:13-22. He went away more burdened with the possessions then when he came.

I. Sell All

Luke 18:22 Sell All....

This scenario begs the question. What are you willing to sell, give up, part with?

II. Choose ye this day...

Joshua 24:15 it was the question posed by Joshua to the Children of Israel coming out of bondage. Choose!

III. Be Ready

Matthew 24:42-51

IV. Buy for Yourself

Matthew 25:1-13

When I think of this verse, I think of missed opportunities and the advice that God gives us through His creation.

V. Consider the ant

Proverbs 6:6-11

Lessons learned from the ant

1. _____
2. _____

Outcomes from laziness

1. _____

VI. Sun & Rain

Matthew 5:44-45

Just as Time & Chance happens to all men Ecclesiastes 9:11-12. Sun & Rain are given to all likewise. It simply depends on what we do with what we got that determines what we get.

The Apostle Paul explained the beauty of learning how to live with and without.

Philippians 4:12

*¹² I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: **every where and in all things I am instructed both** to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.*

Contentment is a lesson learned neither in a classroom nor overnight, but through many practical experiences in life. (Nelson KJV Study Bible)

VII. Listening & Doing

We are challenged today in a society that at times will half hear and half do what is recommended but expect the “whole” of a positive result. Have you ever substituted flour in your pancake mix to make it stretch, or olive oil in your cornbread instead of butter or my all time favorite water in milk to make it go a little farther?

Simply stated, doing the wrong thing, gets the wrong results. Just as not listening and doing or refusing to read all of the instructions.

Matthew 7:24-27

Galatians 6:7-9

⁷ Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

⁸ For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.

⁹ And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

VIII. Choose Wisely

Choose wisely in life and leadership. It will determine your trajectory.

Acts 6:3

³ Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business.

Acts 6:7

⁷ And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem greatly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

I am convinced that successful, churches, ministry teams, businesses, sports teams etc... choose the right people in the right place and ultimately experience the right results.

We can all look back on a moment of should of, would of, could of. Let's start living our best life today by making the most of every opportunity today.