

Mt. Lebanon Church

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Sermon

Please look up and read all verses in their entirety. I have only written partial verses.

Make your own notes, write down other scriptures that you run across while studying, write down questions that you may have or comments as well. Allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you what he would have you to see through the study of Gods word.

Opportunity From God

Proverbs 16: 3,9

We oftentimes shy away from opportunities due to they look bigger then we are, and we feel unqualified to proceed. We fear failure, and lack faith, faith in God calling us to perform that which we are capable of doing.

God will only call us to do that which we are capable of, and often times, he will call us, then equip us for the task. God wants our life to Glorify him, and please him, in every regard.

The Bible (Word of God) full of wisdom, knowledge and understanding by the leadership of the Holy Spirit helps us to discern Gods will and make the best decisions possible for God.

To pray for something according to Gods will, is to ask the Father for something on behalf of the Son. We ask in faith according to Gods glory and not personal gain. God honors the opportunities that we commit to him.

Through prayer, discernment, and seeking God, we will be able to confirm the opportunities that truly are from God.

Proverbs 16: 3,9

Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established.

A mans heart devised his way, but the Lord directed his step.

Opportunity, requires commitment to salvation, Holy and faithful to God, seeking those things that he intends to do, and that, we have need of. We should rely on God in all things. We pray to God, sincerely and fervently, committing our all to him, putting aside selfish (Worldly) desires and intentions, and God will give us opportunity to see his Glory, power and authority.

Opportunity from God does not create worldly urgencies, it produces eternal values.

2 Corinthians 1: 9

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Whatever God says, he will do, we are not destined to fail.

Our opportunity from God is a fellowship with Christ. We have been called into an association with him. A companionship, a bond, a union, members of the same body, children in the same family.

All Christians are called into this fellowship. Christ does not save us to have us keep our distance until we arrive at our eternal destination.

Our fellowship is not only a direct relationship with Christ, but also with one another.

This shows we are truly in Christ. Christ who paid our sin debt with his blood, will sustain us all the way to the end, so we can stand blameless before God on the day of the Lord.

Matthew 6: 11

Give us this day our daily bread.

Our daily bread represents great opportunity in our Christian life. Bread is a powerful symbol of Gods provision for his people. This is why Christ taught his disciples to come to God in a spirit of humbleness, asking him to provide the things they needed to sustain them.

Opportunity encompasses our physical needs, our spiritual needs, the works of the indwelling Holy Spirit within us, our service to God, the Church, fellow believers, and also our example and witness to the unsaved.

This is all part of our daily bread from the Lord.

We need God in all areas of our life, and this is a daily need. We come back to God, regularly, each day, many times each day and in many ways.

We ask for our daily bread, because the word teaches us not to take thought for tomorrow (**Mark 6: 34**) but to constantly depend upon divine opportunity from God. We pray for God to give us this day, which teaches us to renew the desires of our souls, for we should not go a day without the opportunity of God in our lives.

Matthew 6: 19 – 21

I will give you the keys to the kingdom....

Spiritual opportunity does not come of an earthly nature and kind. As believers we should abstain from covetousness, worldly mindfulness and things that corrupt and consume the joy of our salvation.

All opportunity from God has eternal value. We give, we pray, we forgive, we share, we love , we endure.

As believers we will all face things which distract us and pull us away from the importance and satisfaction that we have in our relationship with God. The heart is the control center for our life, a persons life is a reflection of his heart.

Proverbs 4: 23

Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it shall spring the issues of life.

We must guard our heart, watch over it, so that it follows after the things of God, and is not distracted by the things of the world.

At the end of our life, as believers, we will all stand before the judgement seat of Christ and give account for our lives here on earth. Whatever the opportunities we have laid upon, will go through the fire, they will either last or they will; not stand. The greatest of opportunity is that we enter eternity, fully pardoned and set free from the bondage of sin, because of the cross, the crucifixion and resurrection.

Let us Pray.

If anyone has any questions, comments or would just like to discuss any of the scriptures, feel free to call, text or email me. Keep praying for each other and all that God lays upon your heart. Hope to see everyone soon. God Bless.

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