

Donna's Devotional *"Opportunity"*

Galatians 6:9-10 "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

God gives us talents and opportunities to use those talents. The dictionary defines opportunity as "the sum of determining factors beyond willful control."

But don't sit around and wait for opportunity to knock. Thomas Edison said, "Opportunity is missed by most because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." Francis Bacon wrote, "A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds." And Thomas Peters warned, "If a window of opportunity appears, don't pull down the shade."

The world looks at opportunity as a way to gain success, fame and fortune. The Christian looks at opportunity as a way of serving Christ and others. We have no idea how many days we have on this earth; and we know that God has much work to be done. He has blessed each of us with different gifts and talents and He expects us to be faithful to use those talents in the opportunities He sets before us.

What opportunities will God set before you today? Your opportunity may be to encourage someone, to help someone, to pray for someone. Can you speak a kind word, write a note, make a call, give a gift, do a favor, perform an act of kindness? Is there a neighbor who needs you to watch the children, to sit down and listen, to give a plate of cookies?

Do not grow weary in well doing. Look for the opportunities God gives you. Look at the situation through the other person's eyes and do what you can to help them.