

AWARE of the Imminent Opportunity

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- Ephesians 5:15-20
 - Be careful how you live – not like fools, but wise
 - Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days
 - (NASB) Making the most of your time
 - Don't act thoughtlessly – understand what the Lord wants you to do
 - Be filled with the Spirit – not a substitute that leads to ruin
 - Worship and giving thanks
- Imminent Opportunity – the time is now
- John 4:35 - But I say, wake up and look around. The fields are already ripe for harvest.
- Colossians 1:9-10 We ask God to give you complete knowledge of his will
- God's part – an impartation of the knowledge of his will
- Our part – AWARE – Always Watching and Ready Everyday
 - Thoughtful
 - Increasing in the knowledge of God
 - Time management
 - Availability – Avail yourself to the ability of God
 - Observing – not Absorbed

Equipped by God

- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 – equipped by and with the Scripture
 - Inspired by God
 - Used by God to teach, correct wrongs, teaches us to do what is right
 - Prepare and equip God's people for every good work
 - Knowing the general will of God – through his word
- Matthew 25:14-30 - Gifts and Talents entrusted
 - Gifts entrusted to servants according to their ability
 - Faithful servants invested gifts
 - Wicked, lazy servant buries his
 - Servants give an account to the master

Successful

- Matthew 24:44-46 “A faithful, sensible servant is one to whom the master can give the responsibility of managing his other household servants and feeding them.
- Greatest reward – Matthew 25:21,23 – Well done, My good and faithful servant – you have been faithful in handling this small amount

Your purpose

- Ephesians 2:10 (NLT2) For we are God's masterpiece. ... we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.
- Bring glory to God
- 2 Timothy 2:20-21 ...a special utensil for honorable use... ready for the Master to use you for every good work.
- 1 Peter 3:15-16 ...if someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it. ... they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ.
- Psalm 31:19 (NLT2) How great is the goodness you have stored up for those who fear you. You lavish it on those who come to you for protection, blessing them before the watching world.
- AWARE of the watching world
- AWARE of the opportunities for impact
- AWARE of your God-given stewardship to bring God glory with your life, your testimony, your service to God and other people.