

When Opportunity Knocks

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¹⁶making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.

Ephesians 5:15-16 (NIV)

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II. _____ It.

⁴They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. **Mark 2:4**

III. _____ It.

⁵Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven. ¹¹Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!" ¹²And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, "We've never seen anything like this before!" **Mark 2:5, 11-12**

Waiting for the Knock:

I. _____.

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II. _____.

Make a careful exploration of who you are and the work you have been given, and then sink yourself into that. **Galatians 6:4 (MSG)**

III. _____.

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II. Plan.

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