

Make the most of your opportunities, because the days are evil. So then do not be foolish but understand what the will of the Lord is. Ephesians 5:16-17

God blessed them; and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth." Genesis 1:28

With every opportunity God gives to man that opportunity comes with a responsibility.

What would the enemy do to keep you from making the most of the opportunities God gives to you this year?

Satan loves to steal innocence.

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Satan makes sense out of things that don't make sense.

Righteousness is innocence that has been maintained in the presence of temptation.

Satan loves to create doubt on the things God has placed in our lives to protect us.

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The woman said to the serpent, "From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.'" Genesis 3:2-3

The serpent said to the woman, "You surely will not die! For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." Genesis 3:4-5

When the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was desirable to make one wise, she took from its fruit and ate; and she gave also to her husband with her, and he ate. Genesis 3:6

He had convinced Eve that what she would gain would be greater than what she would lose.

And he is still telling the same lies today that what we gain will be greater than what we will lose, but is it?

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loin coverings. Genesis 3:7

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. Genesis 3:8

Satan loves to promote division that leads us to broken fellowship.

Then the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid myself." Genesis 3:9-10

And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" The man said, "The woman whom You gave to be with me, she gave me from the tree, and I ate." Genesis 3:11-12

Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" And the woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." Genesis 3:13

Broken fellowship and strife cannot be restored apart from Christ.

The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you more than all cattle, and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you will go, and dust you will eat all the days of your life; Genesis 3:14

And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel.” Genesis 3:15

To the woman He said, “I will greatly multiply your pain in childbirth, in pain you will bring forth children yet your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.” Genesis 3:16

Then to Adam He said, “Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat from it’; cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. Genesis 3:17

Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; and you will eat the plants of the field; by the sweat of your face you will eat bread, till you return to the ground, because from it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Genesis 3:18-19

Now the man called his wife’s name Eve, because she was the mother of all the living. Genesis 3:20

The Lord God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them. Genesis 3:21