

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND (Galatians 6:10)

I. “As we have therefore opportunity...”

- A. This is an interesting phrase because of the meaning of two of the words that are in it.
- B. The word “have” can carry the idea of possessing something.
 - 1. You are in possession of an opportunity to do something.
 - 2. We know these type of possessions do not last because opportunities to do things don’t always last.
 - 3. We have the opportunity right now to help people in need.
 - 4. Sadly, this need will be around for awhile due to the amount of damage that has been done.
 - 5. However, other opportunities may not last so long.
 - 6. You may have one opportunity to teach someone the gospel and one only.
 - 7. You may be in possession of one opportunity to aid someone.
 - 8. That opportunity is a possession that we must use in order to be pleasing to God.
- C. The other interesting word is “opportunity.”
 - 1. I want to read you what the Greek Word Study I use says about this word: “kairos implies that which time gives an opportunity to do. Kairos, however, implies not the convenience of season, but the necessity of the task at hand whether the time provides a good, convenient season or not.”
 - 2. Did you get that?
 - 3. This word means that when the opportunity is there then we are seize it whether it is at a convenient time or not.
 - 4. We can’t sit back and say, well I can’t right now so I’ll just get the next opportunity that comes by.
- D. We possess opportunities which we must seize whether or not it is at a convenient time for us or not.

II. “Let us do good...”

- A. Those opportunities that we possess are for one purpose: doing good.
- B. The little word “do” carries the idea of being employed in something.
 - 1. In other words, it is our job to do good.
 - 2. This is what the Lord did - He went about doing good.
 - 3. It is the business of Christians to do good to others.
 - 4. The reason for such is that God is glorified and pleased when we are employed in this manner (Matthew 5:16; Hebrews 13:16).
- C. The word “good” implies that the things we do are to be benevolent, profitable and useful.
 - 1. The things we do when these possessions become ours are to be beneficial for others.
 - 2. They are done out of a benevolent spirit.
 - 3. Sadly, many people do things with television crews and reporters

- following them.
- 4. They are done for show and to gain notoriety not out of pure motives.
- 5. The child of God views these possessions as opportunities to glorify God while being useful to others.
- D. Our job is to do good things, not harmful things or no things (1 Peter 3:10-11; James 4:17).
 - 1. We can hurt the cause of Christ deeply when we either do nothing or do things that are not profitable and benevolent.
 - 2. We are not in this world to seek our own good, but the good of others.

III. “Unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”

- A. In this phrase of the verse, we see who are the recipients of our good deeds - everyone, especially Christians.
- B. All means just that.
 - 1. There is no one who fails to fall into this category.
 - 2. We are to do good to our enemies when the opportunity presents itself, even if it is not convenient for us (Luke 6:27).
 - 3. We are no better than the world when we only help those that do good to us (Luke 6:33).
- C. The word “especially” carries the idea of “to the greatest degree.”
 - 1. We are to never let a brother or sister in Christ do without or go uncared for in some way.
 - 2. We are to seek to be profitable or useful to all men and Christians to the greatest degree.
 - 3. We are to go as far as we can to help out brethren.
- D. We have opportunities to do that now.
 - 1. Some of our brethren have lost all that they own.
 - 2. Some of our brethren lost their lives in the storms that ravaged our area.
 - 3. In what ways we can, we must, not need to, but must help them even if it we have to put ourselves out to do so.
- E. If we do this, I believe we will realize that we really aren’t being put out at all.
 - 1. We might give extra effort and we should.
 - 2. When we do so, we will benefit from it as well as the one to whom we did the good.