

Opportunity's Knocking!!

Not to many years ago there was a car commercial where a cartoon character (a man) comes on the screen in front of the cars. He knocks and says, "Opportunity's knocking". This is such a true statement, but not just on buying a car. Every new day is an opportunity from GOD to do His will – to represent Him as we walk here on this beautiful earth created by Him.

Life is full of choices. We choose when to go to bed, when to get up, what clothes to wear, what and when to eat, etc. There are hundreds of choices to be made everyday that are just normal regular occurrences in our lives. We even choose if we want to be friendly or not. Many decide they don't feel good today and they share their bad feelings with the rest of us. Maybe there are things in their lives that make them unhappy and they let us hear about it. Deciding to be kind and courteous towards others in spite of how you feel is a choice. Paul and Silas surely did not feel to great after being beaten and thrown into prison. Yet at midnight they were singing so that everyone could hear. They even showed kindness to the jailer who probably up to this point had not been particularly kind to them. Some would have been pleased if the jailer had taken his life so they might go free. But then the jailer and his house might never have known and obeyed the gospel. Paul took the opportunity. (Acts 16:17-34)

The LORD gives us opportunities in the oddest places sometimes. But they are still opportunities. Evangelism is a priority for the Christian. Whoever we are we need to be ready when the opportunity knocks at the door. To often some Christians are just not at home. We should be preparing ourselves to be ready when the time comes. That is why we are admonished to be "ready always to give an answer to every man that asks you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." (1Peter 3:15)

How do we get ready? By following 2 Timothy 2:15: "Study to show thyself approved unto GOD, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." And also 1 Thessalonians 5:17, "Pray without ceasing." Isn't it wonderful how the Father has given us all we need to do the work He expects of us? It is such a blessing to us to know that many, if not all, of you are following these instructions of the Father and help to make it a better place to live with a hope for an eternity of bliss!!
