



## *Make the Most of Every Opportunity*

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THEME VERSE: Colossians 4:5-6 “Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; **make the most of every opportunity**. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”

One of my theme verses for years has been one phrase in this passage. “Make the most of every opportunity”! Can you imagine what our lives would be like if we all actually did that every day of our lives here on earth! I know that when I do, I see God do great things, and when I don’t, I seem to be relegated to some type of boring normalcy. I long to live my life more and more as one who is “seated in heavenly places with Christ Jesus”.

Brothers and sisters, what are we doing to challenge ourselves and each other to “make the most of every opportunity” and to “press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 3:14

The thought came to me on the way to Peru that if I or we are truly going to live our lives as God’s people who are “seated in heavenly places” as it says in Ephesians 2:6, then there are some things we must do!

- 1) We must begin to rise from the dark doldrums of spiritual apathy
- 2) We must learn to empty the lukewarm tanks of spiritual indifference and compromise in our lives. For these fail to fuel the red hot fires of the Holy Spirit that God desires to ignite and have burning within us.

### ***Lets take a moment to examine ourselves!***

- 1) *Do we get more pleasure from the entertainment the world offers us or do we find our satisfaction in fellowship with God our Father, His word and His people?*
- 2) *Are we working more to build our own Kingdom than His?*
- 3) *If our Lord and Saviour returned this moment in all His glory would we be satisfied that we lived and “loved the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength”?*
- 4) *Will we be satisfied at the end of time at the investment we made in getting His message to the whole world through our involvement in missions?*

It is interesting that the word LORD occurs 7836 times in the Bible but the word Saviour appears only 37 times in the whole Bible. Looks to me that God’s emphasis is on the Lord part! We need Him as Saviour so we can serve Him as Lord. Where is my emphasis? Where is your emphasis? Is it on the Lord part?