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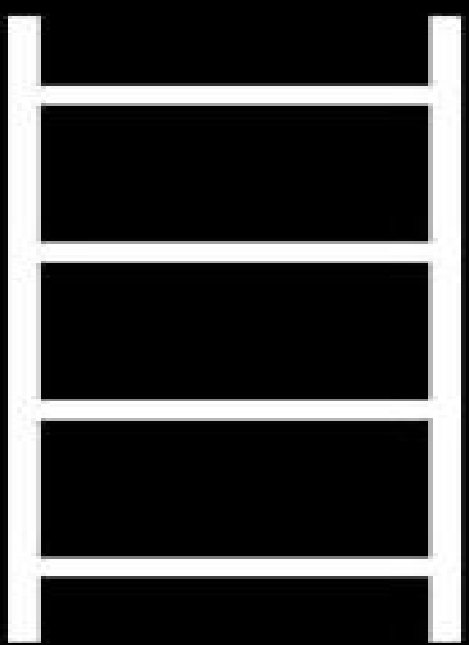

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OPPORTUNITY – GOD'S GREATEST GIFT TO MAN AND HOW GOD USES IT TO BLESS BELIEVERS

Many people all around the world often wonder how God blesses people.

When we ask God to bless us, God for one does not throw blessings down from heaven unto us.

For instance, if you need a job or a contract, God would not throw the job or contract down from heaven. God does not bless that way. To bless you, God would create an opportunity for you to get the job or the contract. God blesses via the mechanism of opportunities.

God blesses us through opportunities. Opportunity is therefore one of God's greatest gift to mankind.

What then is opportunity?

Opportunity is defined as an occasion or situation that makes it *POSSIBLE* to do something that you want to do or have to do or the *POSSIBILITY* of doing something.

The common word in the definition above is **POSSIBLE** and that's where we get the word **POSSIBILITY!**

Opportunity is therefore supernatural possibilities given to man by God Himself to achieve, do or accomplish a thing, a desire or a vision.

When God blesses you with an opportunity, He gives you supernatural ability and occasion to make something *(the realization of a dream, desire, project or vision)* possible.

When God blesses you with an opportunity, He also makes it possible for you to do something that you want to do or have to do by supernaturally empowering you to do so. In other words, He gives you the divine enablement of being able to do that thing.

So with every blessing of opportunity God orchestrates your way comes an occasion (an instance in time) to see, recognize and a take hold of it; and once you take a hold of it, supernatural enablement is given to you to execute or consummate it to your greatest advantage or profit.

Nothing in life has ever been done or accomplished without the blessing of opportunity. New inventions, money made in business,

the job you got, the person you met and married, your healing, your prosperity, etc all came by the blessing of opportunity.

There are several ways to be successful today but the most popular one is almost always acknowledged as venturing into a world of capitalizing on opportunities orchestrated your way by God. People who are able to do this easily usually reap in the positive benefits many folds. This is God's blessing at work in the lives of people when they are bold enough to take hold of opportunities orchestrated and sent their way.

Some of the most successful people in the world aren't the best minds, or the best business people. Some of them are so dumb and lazy, but they got to the pinnacle of success because they were just really good at seizing great opportunities. Today such people have the best minds in the world working for them round the clock to maintain and build on their success and wealth.

Life itself is a gift of God, though it is not always easy to live, but the opportunity to change our lives is always presented to us by God and this is how God blesses us.

In the process of living, we will face struggles, many of which will cause us to suffer and to experience pain but the opportunities God brings our way are designed to help turn our struggles into victories; our suffering into abundance of blessings and our pains into joy and prosperity.

God always sends opportunities our way and He can cause the opportunity that is unique to you; that fits you; that will meet your every need and sort you out for life to find you.

No matter what it is that you desire - healing, job, money, spouse, business, house, etc, God has blessings enveloped in opportunities that are meant to deliver to you what you desire of Him. Through opportunities that you have taken a hold of and maximized, God can release blessings where you suddenly meet the right person, get the right job or business, or move up in life with all the comforts, peace and prosperity that makes for a good living, or suddenly your health improves, or suddenly you're able to pay off your house. That's God shifting things in your favor; a product of the blessings of opportunity.

IS THE BLESSING OF OPPORTUNITY SCRIPTURAL?

People often wonder and ask if the blessing of opportunity is scriptural.

The answer is **"YES!"**

We find this in the book of **Ecclesiastes 9:10-12:**

> **"10.**
> **Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest.**
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> **11.**
> **I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; *BUT TIME AND CHANCE HAPPENETH TO THEM ALL.***
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> **12.**
> **For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are taken in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare; so are the sons**

of men snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them. " – Ecclesiastes 9:10-12

A STUDY ON VERSE 11:

Ecclesiastes 9:11 reveals to us clearly that God blesses by and through opportunities:

> **"I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; *BUT TIME AND CHANCE HAPPENETH TO THEM ALL."***

The opening of the verse above is quite staggering. It says ***"the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill;"***

In other words, success, riches and glory is not dependent on how fast, strong, wise or knowledgeable you are.

The eleventh verse went on to say ***"BUT TIME AND CHANCE HAPPENETH TO THEM ALL"***

This is talking about the blessing of opportunity.

God desires to bless us all, but He does it through presenting opportunities to us.

Look at it this way:

If God designed that everyone be blessed only by their educational qualifications or strength then that would be tilting the balance too much to those with the advantage. So in His infinite wisdom He played fair by giving everyone the blessing of opportunity. It now depends on you; what you do with the several opportunities God orchestrates and sends your way.

Looking at Ecclesiastes 9:11 above: you will also understand that because God blesses men through opportunities, then the number of abilities, strengths, human wisdom, knowledge, and skills represented in the people of the world can never outnumber the blessings of opportunity God constantly releases into the world today for us.

In other words, there is far more blessing of opportunity than there is ability, strength, wisdom, knowledge, etc

Everyone and anyone under God can prosper and rise to the pinnacle of success. The "have's" and "have not's"; the strong and the weak; the tall and the short; the fat and the slim; the beautiful and the ugly; the wise and the not too wise; the dark and white coloured; the educated and non-educated all have equal shots at the blessing of opportunity.

This is the reason we see people who are seemingly insignificant in the eye of the society rising to limelight all because they took

hold of the opportunity presented to them by God.

Another very vital point about the blessing of opportunity is that "Ability is nothing without opportunity."

You may have all the skills, degrees, qualifications, strength, abilities and professionalities, if you are not given opportunity all that you have is nothing.

Opportunities help you to show case your abilities. Opportunities help you to market who you are; what you have and what you can do.

God told King Saul through Prophet Samuel the following:

> **"And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, that thou do as *OCCASION* serve thee; for God is with thee. " – 1 Samuel 10:7**

The word ***OCCASION*** as used above means ***opportunity.***

"Do as OCCASION serve thee", means ***"do as opportunity presents itself to you"***

God was telling King Saul that some certain things would happen to him and once those things come to pass, he should do as opportunity presents itself, for His presence was with him.

This means that God would always help and lead us to recognize the opportunities He is

orchestrating and sending our way. Our response is to act accordingly. In other words, we are to take a hold of those opportunities and act on them to our greatest advantage and profit.

We all know the story of Joseph in **Genesis 37:3-10 – Genesis 39.**

- **He had a dream of greatness about himself**
- **He was persecuted by his brothers**
- **He was almost killed, but later on sold into slavery by his brothers**
- **He worked as a slave in Potiphar's House**
- **He was wrongly accused of sexual molestation by Potiphar's wife and was sent to prison.**

In Joseph's entire life journey, He never failed to showcase himself as an exemplary person. Despite all his exemplariness, he was plagued with troubles on all sides. But he had a gift – he could interpret dreams. You don't learn how to do that in any college or university. It was God given and that is what God usually creates opportunities for to bless you.

Sometimes what you read in school might not be what will bring about your lifting in life. It could be your personality or something as simple as your smile. God could bring you before someone who just likes your personality or smile and feels you can fit into

a project and from there you are made for life.

For Joseph, it was his ability to interpret dreams accurately.

Joseph's opportunity finally came and he found himself in the presence of king Pharaoh who was perplexed by his dream. All the magicians could not interpret Pharaoh's dream. When your time comes, he will make the wisdom of the wise to be foolishness in order to uplift you.

Joseph preceded first to testify to divine guidance in interpreting dreams; from there he went on and interpreted the dreams and proceeded also to render advice based upon his interpretation. Because of his sound interpretation and advice, Pharaoh found no other man to execute the plan except Joseph. He rose quickly to the top from prison and slavery, to Pharaoh's cabinet becoming his Prime Minister.

God used what Joseph had to create an opportunity for him.

I remember when my business was down and out. I was an IT consultant and had lost my business. For several years I was jobless; no contracts came in and no one sought me despite all my efforts.

When things got at of hand; money was flat and out, I went to God in prayer and asked for help.

God in His mercy led me to someone who offered to give me a catering service contract. She said, ***"Can you provide lunch for our company of 40 staff?"***

I was not in any way interested in that kind of business. I had gone to see her for a contract in IT, to supply computers and IT accessories and to also undertake repair and maintenance of their network and she slams me with catering.

I argued a bit with her, telling her that I preferred a contract in IT and she said they already have people doing that and all she had to offer was the catering contract.

I didn't know anything about catering. I was not trained for that. What would I do? I remembered my wife and thought "Yes, she can do it?"

Feeling so much disappointed that I didn't get what I hope for when God sent me to her, I reluctantly accepted the contract and with the mind that I was going to give it to my wife to run and handle.

I did the necessary paper work, signed the contract papers and handed over everything to my wife.

It was a disaster!

For the two months my wife handled the business, it was a complete disaster. I thought being a woman, and knowing how to cook, she could fit in easily. But that was to be a mistake – a very wrong assumption.

So I went back to God to pray and ask questions. God asked me the following:

> **"Who did I send to the woman, you or your wife?"**

I answered **"Me, Lord!"**

He said:

> **"I sent you to see her for a purpose because I knew you were built to do the business. You might not have the necessary catering skills, but in you dwells the ability to build and run the business. The OPPORTUNITY WAS FOR YOU!"**

I took over the business, hired a cook and some stewards, put a lot of structures in place and within a space of two months, I became a multi-millionaire as a caterer.

The opportunity I despised from the beginning made me a millionaire.

Imagine an electrical engineer turned caterer.

From there, I had other catering jobs and became very popular and grew richer. My business grew so much that I started providing catering services to other companies who paid more than the first company I started with

I didn't learn how to cater or cook in any school or any place, but God saw in me the ability to build and grow a business, and in

answer to my prayer, He gave me a blessing of opportunity packaged inform of a catering business

I began learning the "know how" in the hospitality business and became more proficient in it. What I studied in the university, engineering in this case, was no longer my source of income, but catering and providing lunch for companies.

God often uses hidden or what we hardly consider to be important to bless us. Joseph never thought that his ability to interpret dreams could ever make him a prime minister.

This singular experience was what opened my eyes to understand how God blesses His people. Opportunity is one of God's greatest gifts to mankind. God blesses His people by sending opportunities often their way.

Opportunity is the package of God's blessings. Diversity of blessings are wrapped up in divinely orchestrated opportunities that God sends our way. The question is **"Will you despise and reject it; or will you accept and execute it?"**

Though in my case, I despised the offer at first, but I thank God that I didn't reject it out-rightly. If I had rejected it with the intention and mind that I would look to another place for contracts in IT, I would have ended up waiting forever without ever rising out of the state of poverty and financial impoverishment.

What God may send our way in terms of opportunities may not interest us; they may look like an insult to your person; they may look demeaning to you or you may feel that nothing tangible may come out of it.

In my walk with God after my initial experience with the blessings of opportunities, I have discovered that what we often despise is usually God's spring board for our lifting, prosperity, healing and salvation.

Never despise or reject any opportunity however small or insignificant it may be to you.

THE DANGER OF MISSING THE BLESSING OF OPPORTUNITY AND HOW TO AVOID IT

Sitting on the side lines idly and hoping or waiting for some BIG blessing to come by on a silver platter is often not only silly but rather unrealistic.

If individuals adopt this kind of attitude, opportunities may never come their way and even if it does it would be unlikely that they would be able to recognize it and make the best of the opportunity being presented.

Being more open minded and alert allows an individual to be more aware of any opportunities that God brings his way.

Most people miss opportunities because they are too focused on getting rich overnight. They despise anything small because they feel it does not fit into their idea or plan of hitting it big, and thus miss the immeasurable possibilities the opportunities may present.
Don't only focus on the BIG ones.

We all desire the big breaks; the overnight millionaire magic. God doesn't always work or flow that way. God often works in stages and processes. You must understand this if

you must work with God in building and developing a life of outstanding prosperity through the opportunities He will bring your way.

The key is to keep the focus on quick and small gains as well rather than focusing only on the BIG ONES alone and trying to get rich overnight.

Most people make the mistake of not knowing when God has blessed them with an opportunity that will sort them out for life because what they are seeing before them is small. Though sometimes, God's given opportunities may look small and sometimes insignificant, but unknown to many, what lies therein are seeds of greatness; seeds that would sort you out for life if only you would humble yourself and take a hold of it.

Opportunities can be better detected or sensed when the individual has an open mind to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. At this point the individual trust God to lead him and what enhances the divine leading is when we don't focus on the seemingly BIG ONES alone, but are open to also pick up the small ones and run with them too.

I have discovered in my own personally life, that the small opportunities God brings my way that I run with connects me to bigger ones. Just helping someone out with a project has positioned me to be discovered by people who gave me bigger blessings in opportunities.

But a lot of folks have missed great opportunities because they felt it was too small to give them the break they need.

Missed opportunities not only don't benefit, it can also cause the individual to become resentful and bitter especially when those around are busy making it "big" with the so called "small opportunities" that they despised.

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This negative effect will eventually fester into making the individual think of himself or herself unlucky, regretful and thus more closed off.

They may never get other opportunities that come to them as small or insignificant, because they still do not see that God in most cases blesses with small and then picks it up from there to make it big and awesome. They are expecting a stroke of luck and are hinging their expectation on luck to happen to them in the attainment of the big break

Opportunity is not about luck; it is about preparedness and open mindedness to the ways of God.

God may orchestrate and send a small or big opportunity your way. It actually depends on Him and what He intends to do with it through you or for you. What is expected of us is preparedness, openness, sensitivity and ability to see and recognize His hand in it.

To a believer in Christ, luck has never being the factor or the game. It is divine position-

ing and sensitivity which leads to an alertness of the mind and senses to know when God is moving and saying ***"Pick this up; I am in it"***

But for those who believe in luck, one man rightly defined it thus:

> **"Luck is when preparedness meets with opportunity."**

In other words, you need to be prepared for God. You need to expect Him to bless you with either big or small opportunities. If He blesses with the **Big** one, fine. If He chooses to bless with the **small** ones, fine. The underlying fact of it all is that you need to be prepared.

The secret of success is to be ready when your opportunity comes. Readiness is a product of preparedness.

Preparedness requires sensitivity in recognizing opportunities whether big or small and having the ability to take a hold on any opportunity and make the best of it.

You must come to the realization that opportunity is in everything, including what looks and sounds negative, small and insignificant.

Your big opportunity may be right where you are now, but it may be embedded in a very small opportunity God presents to you first. God will supply us with the opportunity, but it's up to us to do something with it. The choice you make at this point plays a vital

role in determining whether you will get it or not; it will also determine whether you will get the blessing attached to it or not.

Some of our important choices have a time line. If we delay a decision because we refuse to see God at work in something or because we feel something is too small, or does not fit into what we have in mind for a big blessing, the opportunity may be taken from us and gone forever. Sometimes our doubts keep us from making a choice that involves change; that involves something that does not fit into what we had in mind for a blessing. Thus an opportunity may be missed.

Life is basically a sum of all the choices you make. The better your choices, the better opportunities you would have at your disposal to execute towards leading a happy, prosperous and successful life.

The pessimist sees no blessing in small opportunities. The optimist sees the blessings in every opportunity God sends his way, BIG OR SMALL!

Nothing is more expensive than a missed opportunity. It is painful, frustrating and cruel. It shatters and puts you in a state of disarray. This is why every effort should be made to maximize every opportunity God send your way. Never despise any; reject none. Work on them, with them and through and as you do, God would begin to unfold the potentials of blessings; the bigger picture embedded in the opportunity He has sent your way.

To me, success is choice and opportunity. Once you make the wrong choice in rejecting what is presented to you as an opportunity, success becomes unattainable in life.

Like in my own case, I didn't reject the catering contract given to me; though I despised it in my heart because it didn't fit into my idea of something that would result into a big break for me. But God used it to make me a millionaire within a space of two months.

The trouble with opportunity is, it never announces when it comes. It's only after it's gone, you'd realize that you missed it.

If somebody offers you an opportunity but you are not sure you can do it, say "yes" – then learn how to do it later.

When I was given the catering contact, I despised it because I knew nothing about it and felt it was not for someone of my qualifications. But when I took it up and began to work on it, I began to learn how to run the business. All I did was to hire a cook and some stewards, and as we went on day to day working and growing, I began to learn the business and became proficient at running it.

Even if you still fail to see a blessing in an opportunity, you must be open to all thoughts. God would cause things to unfold as you take a hold of it and work it.

We do not get unlimited chances to have the things we want, that's the reason why we should trust God that He will lead us and

make plain our way when we take up opportunities. Nothing is worse than missing an opportunity that could have changed your life.

When opportunity presents itself, don't be afraid to go after it. Excuses will always be there for you. Opportunity won't

The key is to develop the vision to see it and develop confidence to take a hold of it because Confidence unlocks every opportunity in life and the blessings therein.

Remember that Greatness is your potential.
In every opportunity lies your Greatness.
Action is your opportunity!

Take action always by taking hold of opportunities God sends your way, **BIG** or **SMALL.**

Despise nothing!
Reject none!
Maximize all!
Greatness is yours!

HOW TO PRAY FOR THE BLESSING OF OPPORTUNITY

There are four (4) components that make up the prayer for the blessing of opportunity. They are:

1. **The elements and content of blessing**
2. **Ability to see and recognize opportunities**
3. **Power to take hold of the opportunity**
4. **Divine empowerment and resources to execute the opportunities given.**

THE PRAYER ELEMENTS AND CONTENT OF THE BLESSING

The elements and content of the blessing of opportunity defines the kind of opportunities you desire that God bless you with.

A business man would ask for opportunities to get highly lucrative contracts and jobs.

A career person would ask for opportunities to be promoted, favoured and advanced in his/her career.

Other contents of the blessing of opportunities include but are not limited to divine favours, helps, supports, sponsorship, progress, prosperity, good success, other specific needs etc.

This first element also includes prayers to orchestrate and send the desired opportunities your way.

A model prayer that covers the elements and content of the blessing of opportunity is given below:

> **"Heavenly Father, I ask that you bless me with opportunities to prosper financially, materially and spiritually, to prosper in my business, career and all the works of my hands, to have good success, to make steady progress, to be favoured and supported, and to get highly profitable jobs, contracts and business to execute."**

You can review and work on the prayer above and adapt it to your specific needs.

PRAYER FOR ABILITY TO SEE AND RECOGNIZE OPPORTUNITIES

Ability to see and recognize opportunities as they come your way is one of the most important elements of the prayer for the blessing of opportunity.

Opportunity is everywhere. The key is to develop the vision to see it and this vision comes via the operations of the Holy Spirit, and prayer is the key to getting the Holy Spirit to work in that direction in your life.

Being able to see and recognize opportunities is a function of your eyes of understanding being enlightened by the Holy Spirit. The bible talks about this in Ephesians 1:18

> **"The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know..." – Ephesians 1:18**

Having your eyes of understanding enlightened helps you to know, to see and to recognize opportunities when God sends them to you.

The model prayer to God for the ability to see and recognize opportunities as God sends them your way goes thus:

"Heavenly Father, I ask that you divinely orchestrate these opportunities to come my way and open my eyes of understanding to see them and to recognize them.

O Lord, cause me not to miss or loose them."

Apostle Paul prayed the following:

"Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things." – 2 Timothy 2:7

When you pray that God gives you the ability to see and recognize opportunities, the Holy Spirit will help you to consider and discern the opportunities as they come your way and God would give you divine understanding and revelation knowledge as per what to do.

Your ability to see, know and recognize opportunities flows freely from your spirit as the Holy Spirit communicates with you. The bible says:

"The spirit of man is the candle of the LORD, searching all the inward parts of the belly." – Proverbs 20:27

Your spirit is the communication agent between you and the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit would drop nudges and insights into your spirit, urging you on to consider the opportunity before you and take a hold of it.

About the ministry of the Holy Spirit, Jesus said

> **"Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come."- John 16:13**

The Holy Spirit would guide us into all truth by helping us to recognize the opportunities God sends our way.

Many miss opportunities because these elements of recognition are not put in place.

I have discovered that when I pray for ability to see and recognize opportunities, my senses are sharper. I am aware of opportunities and even though things may not be clear from the beginning, I have discovered that as I take steps of faith in the direction of taking a hold of the opportunity sent my way, the picture of God's hand at work is made clearer and the result is always blessings, upon blessings, upon blessings.

PRAYER FOR THE POWER TO TAKE HOLD OF THE OPPORTUNITY

The next most important element in the prayer for the blessing of opportunity is power to take hold of the opportunity presented to you.

The ability to see and recognize opportunities is nothing without the power to take a hold of it.

The prayer for power – divine enablement to take hold of the opportunity goes thus:

> **"Heavenly Father, as these opportunities comes my way, and as I see and recognize them, I ask that you empower me to take a hold of them, and cause me not to despise or and reject nothing."**

PRAYER FOR DIVINE EMPOWERMENT AND

RESOURCES TO EXECUTE THE OPPORTUNITIES GIVEN

Abandoned execution of opportunities could be as a result of lack of required resources to execute them. This therefore calls for prayers to God for divine empowerment and provision of required resources.

> **"Heavenly Father, I ask that you also empower me with the wisdom, knowledge and resources I require to execute all the opportunities given to me to my maximum advantage and profit in the Name of Jesus Christ!**
>
> **Thank you Lord for answering my prayers, in Jesus Name!"**

Everything we need in life to succeed is in God. When we ask Him in prayer, He makes the provision. He will give wisdom where wisdom is needed, finance where finance is needed and human helps, support and assistance where they are also needed.

God never leaves us destitute of His mercy when we are in need of help. About Abraham, the bible says:

> **"And he said, Blessed be the LORD God of my master Abraham, who hath not left destitute my master**

of his mercy and his truth: I being in the way, the LORD led me to the house of my master's brethren." – Genesis 24:27

As with Abraham, God does not leave us destitute of His mercy when we are in need of help to execute the opportunities He sends our way.

COMBINING THE FOUR BASIC ELEMENTS OF THE PRAYER FOR THE BLESSINGS OF OPPORTUNITY

Combing the four basic elements and components of the prayer for the blessings of opportunity we will have the following model thus:

"Heavenly Father, I ask that you bless me with opportunities to prosper financially, materially and spiritually, to prosper in my business, career and all the works of my hands, to have good success, to make steady progress, to be favoured and supported, and to get highly profitable jobs, contracts and business to execute.

Heavenly Father, I ask that you divinely orchestrate these opportunities to come my way and open my eyes of understanding to see them and to recognize them.

O Lord, cause me not to miss or loose them.

Heavenly Father, as these opportunities comes my way, and as I see and recognize them, I ask that you empower me to take a hold of them, and cause me not to despise or and reject nothing.

Heavenly Father, I ask that you also empower me with the wisdom, knowledge and resources I require to execute all the opportunities given to me to my maximum advantage and profit in the Name of Jesus Christ!

Thank you Lord for answering my prayers, in Jesus Name!"

God never fails to manifest His mercies to us in providing the opportunities well suited to us that will bring about great blessings when we pray the prayer above.

I pray the prayer above and I have taught others to pray same and the testimonies coming out as a result is amazing.

In my case, I have gotten great contracts worth millions just praying this way and

being attentive to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

God always blesses and He does so through opportunities.

OPPORTUNITIES AT THE BEGINNING AND THE EXPECTED END

Job 8:7
"Though thy beginning was small, yet thy latter end should greatly increase."

Many have lost great opportunities to become successful in life and business because they despised, looked-down on, or be-little what was meant to be a stepping stone to greatness.

It matters not how small the beginning may seem to be. We are to make the most of every opportunity, however small, for what is once well done, is well done forever. Never turn down a job because you think it's too small, you don't know where it can lead.

Opportunities are God's greatest charity - they are God's means of blessing us. They are usually disguised as hard-work, worthless or insignificant, and that's why many folks miss them or ignore them. But when you humble yourself and take a hold of them, not despising how little they are, God will surely bless the latter end and give you increase.

In the Book of Ecclesiastes 7:8, the Bible declares that,

"Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit."

It takes patience to see the good end of any venture. So don't despise days of little beginnings. Don't reject jobs because you think they are too small. That small job could be a stepping stone to greater jobs. Always see opportunities in everything however small.

THE FIVE AND TWO TALENTS PRINCIPLE

Matthew 25:14 - 15
"For it is like a man going on a journey, who summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey."

On the journey to success no one ever starts out with practically nothing. We all start with all there is. It's how we use it that makes the difference and makes things that were seemingly impossible possible.

Nothing is too little. You can reap a great-continuous harvest of blessings if you will dare to sow the little you have into kick-starting your goals. Empty pockets never held anyone back. Only empty heads and empty hearts and fear can do that.

Your courage to use what you have to get what you need is the divine empowerment that distinguishes you in life because Courage mixed with Enthusiasm is the steam that drives the engine of success.

The execution and maximization of opportunity requires both Courage and Enthusiasm.

The maximum utilization of the ability that you have changes everything about you - it gravitates you to success. This was what happened to the fellows with five and two talents respectively. They were given opportunity in terms of the five and two talents they were given respectively. They dared to act by using what they have. It is easy to sit up and take notice. What is difficult is getting up and taking action.

In the same story, one of the fellows (the third one) was given one talent – He was given what looked like a very small opportunity, but he despised it and did nothing with it. The end was that he lost out.

The two fellows who dared to do something with what they have were promoted and given more. The fellow who refused to act lost the little he had - the little he refused to use was given to the fellow who dared to act on and maximize the opportunity given to him.

The opportunities we fail to utilize will be given to others who dare to act. I recommend that you do what you can with what you have where you are now. If you have nothing, start with yourself by investing your skills, time and energy in planning, structuring your plan and mapping out your strategies. Do something that only you can do and you will soon see that the resources you need will begin to come in.

THE START, THE ABILITY TO GET AHEAD AND THE COMPLETION

Start! Start!! Start!!!

Capitalize on every opportunity to start off the race of accomplishing your dream. Don't waste time start today.

According to Henry Ford:

> **"It has been my observation that most people get ahead during the time that others waste."**

Use action to cure fear and waste of time, but let your time be spent looking out for opportunities, taking a hold of them, executing them and maximizing them to your greatest advantage and profit.

The secret of successful completion in life is man's readiness for his opportunity when it comes. An opportunity grasped and used produces at least one other opportunity until you become what you want to be.

Joseph the dreamer according to scriptures was brought out from the prison yard to stand before Pharaoh for the actualization of his dream. It was an opportunity to create for himself a throne and an honour with his talent. He was able to maximize the opportunity presented to him because he was ready; he was put a position where he could

uses what he had skills for. That is how God often blesses us. He gives us opportunities that will allow us to exhibit what we have skills for. Sometimes, we may not **FEEL** we have skills for what is presented to us, but God wouldn't have allowed it to come our way if He thought we didn't.

In another line of reasoning which is true, God also gives us opportunities that other people have skills for. He knows we can go in search of those people to employ them to work the opportunity for us. But if we fold our arms saying "I don't know anything about this and that" and don't take action to look for who does for a fee, we would be missing out of God's huge blessings for us.

The person who is determined to achieve maximum success learns the principles that progress is made one step at a time, and in cases where he or she is not skilled, he or she goes in search of those who can do the job for a fee. This is how opportunities are taken a hold of, worked, executed, maximized and completed.

Diligence does not come naturally to most people; it is a result of strong character. Don't look for quick and easy answer; all it will take is persistence and the doggedness with tenacity in a man to see the end of a task. Such a person never thinks of defeat.

The journey to your throne starts with a dream: but between that dream and your throne of stardom are obstacles, distractions, potholes, and the like.

To get there, you must be prepared to surmount them. If you must fulfill your dream,

you must be prepared to take care of everything that says you can't make it or do it.

LIVE DAILY BLESSED WITH OPPORTUNITIES

It is God's desire that we prosper.

His will is revealed to us in 3 John 2:

> **"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." – 3 John 2**

Prosperity is provided by the opportunities God gives to us and these opportunities are released to us daily.

God desires that we live daily in prosperity. He promised us the following:

> **"Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go." – Isaiah 48:17**

God promised to teach our hands to profit and prosper; and He would lead us in the way we should go. This is the operation of divinely orchestrated opportunity He would send your way.

My prayer for you is that you would begin to pray more for divinely orchestrated opportunities and have God use them to prosper you tremendously.

I have written a follow-up to this book available on Amazon in both kindle and Paperback formats titled:

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The prayers will position you spiritually and physically with divine empowerment to take a hold of every opportunity God sends your way.

The prayers will also empower you and release to you all the resources you require in executing and maximizing the opportunities

God gives to you to your maximum advantage and profit.

Make the prayers a part of your daily devotion and you are guaranteed of a life of blessings through divinely given opportunities from God.

I pray that God would cause you to live daily blessed with opportunities in the Name of Jesus Christ!

God bless you!

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