

THE WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY

Esther 2-7:1-6

- Intro: Hope for the Jews lay in Esther's hands.

- Mordecai encouraged her to undertake a hazardous task to save and serve her people. Would she keep silent? Would she use this window of opportunity?

A. In considering this lesson, let's notice:

1. We may fail in our duty by simply keeping silent. We can sin by being silent just as we can sin with our speech.

Matt. 12:36-37

NOTE: Lev. 5:1

2. Some are silent because of danger, cowardice or afraid they may alienate their friends or be ridiculed in some way. This may be the reason many use -
“Expedience” or the “I shouldn’t get involved” excuse, denying self is the first condition of discipleship Matt. 16:24.
Remember “Expediency is man’s wisdom, doing right is God’s.”

3. God's work will be done, whether we get involved or not: **Est. 48:14** gives great encouragement.

NOTE: **Matt. 20:18-20; Isa. 55**

Mordocai's principle is forever true.

Retribution must follow negligence. **Heb. 2:1-3**

4. We cannot hold back from the cause of Christ with impunity. *Matt. 16:25; Jo. 14:6; Matt. 7:21-23*

5. Esther's test presents God's providential purpose and man's present opportunity to live for Jesus every day physically. **Rom. 12:1-2**

Intellectually and spiritually is our call. Do we understand the wonderful possibilities of life?

6. The Christian life is an opportunity to make a difference in someone's life, maybe your own. Will we meet these opportunities with resolve?

OPPORTUNITIES :

a. To attend all bible studies and services.

Heb. 10:25.

b. To bring someone with you. Jo.

1:40-42;

Acts 10:23-24

c. To teach someone the Gospel. Acts

8:29-39

d. To encourage a shut-in or one who is fainthearted. **1 Thess. 5:14-15; Rom.**

15:1-3

e. To get out of your comfort zone and visit a Gospel Meeting.

f. Help Faithful needy Saints. **Rom.**

12:11-13

Gal. 6:10

g. To help support Gospel preaching elsewhere. **Phil. 4:15-17**