## OPPORTUNITY





Would this be something to tell yourself every morning?



opportunity noun

noun: opportunity; plural noun: opportunities

a time or set of circumstances that makes it possible to do something.

"increased opportunities for learning"

What increased opportunities have there been since March this year?
Do you have a new hobby?

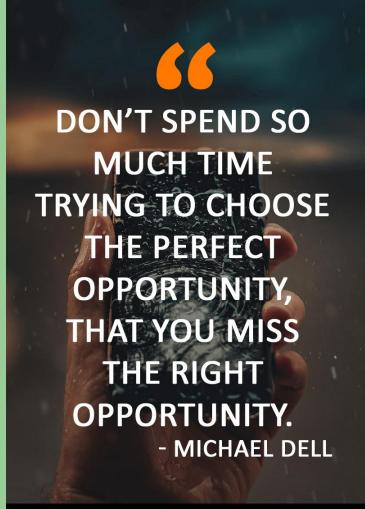




Spend some time reflecting on this quotation



Can you find out who Michael Dell is?

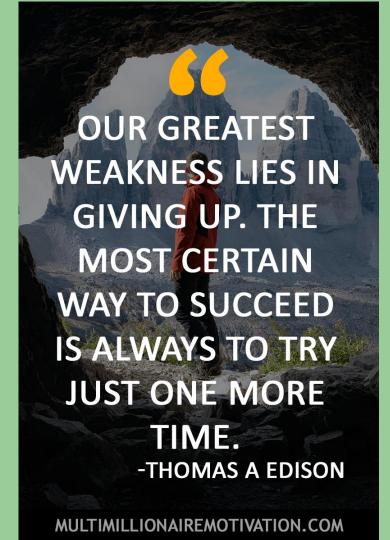


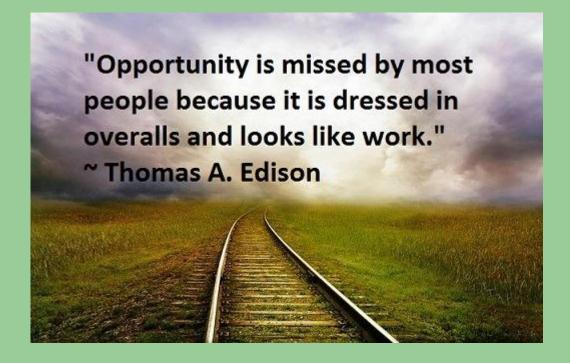
Do you agree with this?

What opportunities have you missed?



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Find out what Thomas A. Eddison invented or developed. Is it worth listening to what he said?



For Reflection:





A very wealthy man was going on a trip. He called his three servants together and told them he would be gone for a long time and that he was leaving them in charge of all of his wealth. He divided his wealth between them.

To the first servant, he gave five talents. That was a lot of money at that time. To the second servant, he gave two talents. Not as much as the first servant received, but still a large sum of money. To the third servant, he gave one talent. Even one talent was quite a fortune!





The first servant took the five talents his master had given him and put them to work and earned five more talents. The second also invested his two talents wisely and earned two more talents. The third servant took his one talent and buried it in the ground for safe keeping.

When the master returned, he was very pleased when the first two servants told him that they had doubled his money. "Well done," he said. "Because you have been faithful with what I have given you, I will give you much more."





"How about you?" he asked the third servant. "What did you do with the money that I left with you?" The third servant said to the master, "I knew that you were a hard man and I was afraid, so I went out and hid your treasure in the ground so that it would be safe. See, here it is."

The master was angry. "You are a wicked and lazy servant. You could have at least put my money in the bank where it would earn more." He then took the one talent from the lazy servant and gave it to the one who had ten talents.





This is a parable that Jesus told. He used stories to teach. You can find this one in the Bible in Matthew chapter 25, verses 14-30. The "talents" were God's gifts which the servant should have shared rather than keep to himself. Jesus wants his disciples to use their God-given gifts in the service of God, and to take risks for the sake of the Kingdom of God.

The servant who received 5 talents had everything necessary to produce 5 more. The servant who received 2 talents had everything necessary to produce 2 more. The servant who received 1 talent had everything necessary to produce 1 more. But out of fear, he chose to do nothing.



## Galatians 6:10

Therefore, as we have **opportunity**, let us do good to all people.

Don't forget to think carefully before taking an opportunity. Sometimes it may not be the right thing to do. What is the quotation from the Bible (below) about?

## Mark 14:11

They were delighted to hear this and promised to give him money. So he watched for an **opportunity** to hand him over.



If you get an opportunity, don't waste it.

If a job's worth doing it's worth doing well.

Don't give up because something is difficult.

Success will be sweeter if it comes with effort.

Seize opportunities to help others not just to help yourself.

If the opportunity is right and good, don't let others put you off.

Even while life is so different there are still opportunities open to you.

What opportunity should you be thinking of seizing right now?



## A Prayer:

You have filled our lives with opportunities. Help us to miss none of these opportunities when they come to us.

Help us to take the opportunities of learning and help us to work and study so that we may: deepen our lives; enrich our minds; set our goals; and be properly equipped for life.

Help us never to miss the opportunities of helping others that we may be ready: to share with the poor; to sympathize with the unhappy; to help those who've made mistakes to get back on track again; to lend a hand to those who are finding things difficult.

Help us to never miss an opportunity to show where we stand that we may: Set an example wherever we are; always make it easier for others to do and be good; never make it easy for others to do any wrong thing.

Help us to grasp every opportunity you send, and to use every gift you have given us, that we may make our lives what you meant them to be. One secret of success in life is for a man to be ready for his opportunity when it comes.

