

SYNC: Seeing Opportunities

(2 Corinthians 2:12-17)

Introduction

A) Recently, I talked with a man that missed an opportunity that haunts him to this day. As a young man, he was single and making money. One day, he and a buddy noticed that 100 acres of pasture land came up for sale. He turned to his friend and proposed buying the land together. They talked for a bit. Finally, the man I was talking to, decided to pass on the investment, he wanted a new truck.

The tract of land? It is where LONGHILL Golf Course and Housing Addition now sets. He saw an opportunity, but failed to act. Many of you can recount similar stories about missed opportunities in life. Some of you can recount stories of ceased opportunities.

B) Today's study is about SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES and why God places some opportunities in front of us throughout life.

C) Contextualize this sermon in the series SYNC.

D) Contextualize 2 Corinthians 2:12-17.

I. Opportunities in Ministry (2:12-13)

Principle: During your Christian journey, God will open doors and close doors of opportunity for you in order to expand His Kingdom and your influence for Him.

A) Faithfully follow God's plan (v. 12)

B) Learn to recognize doors of opportunity (v. 13)

C) Accept closed doors of opportunity (v. 13)

II. Success in Ministry (1:14-16)

Principle: By following God's ministry plan, you will be successful, no

matter the outer appearance or circumstance.

A) On display for God (v. 14)

B) An aroma to life (v. 15-16)

C) An aroma to death (v. 15-16)

III. Candidates for Ministry (v. 16b-17)

Principle: God calls ordinary people, through which to work, in order to build His Kingdom.

A) Genuine (v. 17)

B) Called (v. 17)

C) Accountable (v. 17)

Conclusion