

We do not have the duty to do that or necessarily the right to seek for our support in any such way. God works that in various ways. But God calls every Christian to fit himself to serve the Lord, to do his best to ^{so} fit himself that he can serve the Lord effectively. There was a man I knew a few yrs. ago who was the Vice Pres. of the Phila. Elec. Co., and at least 4 or 5 nights a week he was preaching in missions in various parts of Phila. He was spreading the Word of God and leading souls to the Lord much more than a great many thoroughly evangelical ministers that I know ever do. Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel. He was earning his living in another way but his primary purpose in life was to serve the Lord. If God calls you to be a Christian He calls you to make your life count for Him. He may want you like Paul to do tent making to support yourself. He may want you to get your support in some other way than from the gifts of God's people, but He wants you to press forward to make every possible amount of your time count for Him, and if it be His will that you should be in full time Christian service, to rejoice that you can accomplish that much more for Him. A Christian may be in some entirely different line of work, and may serve the Lord just as effectively as if he was a minister. But the question is that a means, or has that become his end? Has it become the main thing in his life or is it just a means to support him in order that he may make his efforts count for the Lord to the utmost. Woe is me if I preach not the Gospel. Do we have that conviction? as we should if we truly are followers of Christ? Or do we see the evil of the Canaanites, do we see the forces arrayed against us? Do we see the difficulties, or do we like Demas love this present world, and feel that we would like to serve the Lord if we can have just as much of this world's goods as everybody else does, but if we can't that then the Lord's work must take second place with us? Shall we press on to serve Him, or shall we turn aside, and perhaps find a later time of ineffectual repentance.

4. Lost Opportunities. We sometimes hear the statement, Opportunity Knocks But Once. That of course is a great over simplification. There are some opportunities that knock but once, and some of these are very important. There are other opportunities, that if you