

# WHAT DOES OPPORTUNITY SOUND LIKE?

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1st Samuel 17:22-32

A sound conveys a certain impression when heard or read. Everything and everyone makes a sound. A storm is loud. A lion roars. A door squeaks. Water whooshes. Complainers whine. Poverty screams depression. Learning how to identify sounds will enable you to move in action.

A mother who hears the sound of her child crying **MOVES** in action. The driver who hears the sound of a flat tire **MOVES** in action. The husband who hears the pain in his wife's voice **MOVES** in action.

Unfortunately, many people **DO NOT** know how to identify the sound that opens the door for progress, prosperity and promotion. The sound I'm referring to is **OPPORTUNITY!**

Until you are able to recognize the sound of opportunity you will remain poor. A poor person **P**asses **O**ver **O**pportunities **R**epeatedly. People who are poor in their health **REPEATEDLY** pass over the opportunity to redeem it.

People who are poor in relationships **REPEATEDLY** pass over the opportunity to socialize. People who are poor financially **REPEATEDLY** pass over financial opportunities. Have you ever heard of the phrase when opportunity knocks, you need to answer? Of course you have.

Think about this phrase...when opportunity knocks. Doesn't a knock make a sound? Yes. What sound does it make? The sound of a knock insights **CURIOSITY**. It creates **EXCITEMENT**. It breed **UNFAMILIARITY**.

Here's what I mean: When an unexpected person knocks on your door how do you react? Do you move in action? Are you curious? Do you become excited? Is it unfamiliar?

If you can answer yes to any of these questions you have heard the sound of opportunity. Opportunity sounds **EXCITING**. Opportunity sounds **UNFAMILIAR**. Opportunity sounds **CURIOUS**.

OPPORTUNITY IS ALWAYS SPEAKING. ARE YOU LISTENING?

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David was an uneducated and unkempt Shepard boy who was wise enough to discern the sound of an opportunity. When David heard Goliath speaking against Israel he was upset. He noticed that the Israelites were afraid to fight Goliath. When David saw the fear in other people, he recognized a reward for himself.

1st Samuel 17:25-26 says, *"They said, "Look at this man! He keeps coming out to challenge Israel. The king will give much money to whoever kills him. He will also let whoever kills him*

marry his daughter. And his father's family will not have to pay taxes in Israel." David asked the men who stood near him, "What will be done to **REWARD** the man who kills the Philistine and takes away the shame from Israel? Who does this uncircumcised Philistine think he is? Does he think he can speak against the armies of the living God?"

David was wise enough to discern the sound of an opportunity. When David became **EXCITED** he saw an opportunity. When David became **CURIOUS** he saw an opportunity. When David was faced with the **UNFAMILIAR** he saw an opportunity.

David knew that this was his chance to move from the pasture to the palace. 1st Samuel 17:32 says, "*David said to Saul, "Don't let anyone be discouraged. I, your servant, will go and fight this Philistine!"*"

## THINK ABOUT THIS!

God **NEVER** instructed David to fight Goliath. David **DECIDED** to fight Goliath on his own accord.

Opportunities must be **PURSUED**, they are not given. In other words, you must **TAKE** an opportunity. God will not force it upon you.

People are presented with opportunities everyday. Unfortunately, they are not utilized. The difference between David's success and the Israelites failure was not an opportunity. **THE DIFFERENCE WAS THEIR HEARING.**

David was able to discern the sound of the opportunity while the Israelites saw the fear of the opposition. The difference between a poor and rich man is what they **HEAR**. The difference between a wise and foolish man is what they **HEAR**.

The difference between a success and failure is what they **HEAR**. The difference between an entrepreneur and an employee is what they **HEAR**. People who recognize the sound of an opportunity will attain prosperity.

## REMEMBER:

An opportunity sounds **EXCITING**.

An opportunity sounds **CURIOUS**.

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