

THE WORST THING THAT CAN HAPPEN

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Genesis 2:15

There are a lot of bad things that can happen to you. Your car can be repossessed. Your house can be foreclosed. You can lose your job. You can be falsely accused. I'm not going to list every bad thing that could occur, but you understand my point.

There is a huge **DIFFERENCE** between a **BAD** thing occurring and the **WORST** thing occurring. When something **CANNOT** be redeemed that situation has gone from bad to worse. The ability to **REDEEM** something from where it is explains the difference between a bad thing occurring and the worst thing happening.

HERE'S WHAT I MEAN:

- It's a **BAD** thing if your car gets repossessed. However, it's not the worst thing because your car can be redeemed.
- If a love one dies this is the **WORST** thing that can happen because their life cannot be redeemed.
- It's a **BAD** thing to flunk out of school. However, it's not the worst thing because your school status can be redeemed.
- If you are diagnosed with a terminal illness this is the **WORST** thing that can happen because your health cannot be redeemed.

To redeem something is to bring back to life. In this lesson I'm focusing on teaching you the worst **THING** that can happen to you that **DOESN'T** involve people.

THE WORST THING THAT CAN HAPPEN TO YOU IS RECEIVING AN OPPORTUNITY VOID OF WISDOM!

REALLY?

Receiving an opportunity **VOID** of wisdom will produce regret. Regret **NEVER** leaves you. It stays with you. The feeling of regret replays itself in your mind against your wishes. Whether you realize it or not God-given opportunities are **NOT** redeemable. They are here for a season.

Unfortunately, many people have received great opportunities **VOID** of wisdom. How many women attracted a good man who loved, sacrificed and cherish them while yet having no wisdom on how to treat him? Many. Their **LACK** of wisdom and **INABILITY** to treat him right caused them to lose him.

These **SAME** women have yet to attract a man that is half the quality of the one they lost. How many students received a four year college scholarship while yet having no wisdom on how to maximize and take advantage of the free education? Unfortunately, too many. Their **LACK** of wisdom and **INABILITY** to focus on getting good grades led them toward losing their scholarship.

These **SAME** students are applying for student loans trying to recapture the opportunity. Their opportunity to graduate debt free turned into an obligation to be a slave for Sallie Mae.

YOU'RE NOT THE FIRST

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When you are presented with an opportunity void of wisdom the end result is regret. Adam showed us the tragedy of receiving opportunities **VOID** of wisdom. Genesis 2:15 says, "*The Lord God put the man in the garden of Eden to care for it and work it.*"

God gave Adam the opportunity to **MANAGE** and have dominion in the garden of Eden. This opportunity allowed Adam not to be oppressed, attacked or dominated by anyone. Unfortunately, with this opportunity he **LACKED** the wisdom to capitalize on it. Adam's opportunity to reign eventually became his regret.

Adam was not wise enough to protect the garden and the people in it. The serpent took advantage of Adam's ignorance and stole Adam's dominion. The most important part of the message is this. Adam **NEVER** received the **SAME** opportunity again.

The opportunity to walk in dominion was **NOT** redeemable to him. Tragedy and regret will enter your life when you receive an opportunity **VOID** of wisdom.

Proverbs 4:7 says, "*Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.*"

Attaining wisdom **DAILY** preps you for the opportunities God **PLANS** to give you.

REMEMBER THIS:

God **WILL** open doors (opportunity) for you. However, do you have the wisdom to **KEEP** them open?

Open doors that have been closed due to a lack of wisdom will depress you. There is nothing more discouraging than to lose a God-given opportunity because of **YOUR** ignorance. Don't let this be you! Make it a priority to attain the wisdom of God **DAILY** so you can be equipped to **KEEP** your God-given opportunities.

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