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OPPOSITION AND OPPORTUNITY

INTRODUCTION

We have expressions in life to get us "through" troubles:

"To be fore-warned is to be fore-armed"

"Be prepared" is the Boy Scout motto.

"Count the cost" - (Luke 14:28-30)

Jesus' sermon in (Matt. 5:2-12) speaks to this Opposition and Opportunity sermon:

(v10-12) "... are persecuted ... men shall revile you ... persecute you ... say all manner of evil against you falsely ..."

We would be greatly discouraged without any opportunity: "for theirs is the kingdom of heaven ... for great is your reward in heaven"

1. HERE'S A PARTIAL LISTING OF THE "OPPOSITION" IN DISCIPLESHIP

(also discover the "opportunity" as the verses are read)

(Matthew 10:16-17, v22, v34-36)

(John 15:18-19; 16:33)

(Acts 5:17-20, v28-29, v40-42; 7:59; 8:1; 12:1-3)

(1 Cor. 4:11-14)

(2 Cor. 1:3-4; 4:8-10; 6:3-5; 11:23-28)

(Gal. 6:17)

(Phil. 1:29)

(1 Thess. 3:3-4)

(2 Thess. 1:4)

(2 Tim. 3:12)

(James 1:2-3)

(1 Peter 4:4, v12, v16)

(Rev. 6:9)

2. Cummings, Greg; Problems, Problems, Problems; Mt. Vernon Messenger, 04/26/2009

God uses problems to DIRECT us: (Prov. 20:30)

God uses problems to INSPECT us: (James 1:2-3)

God uses problems to CORRECT us: (Psalm 119:71-72)

God uses problems to PROTECT us: (Gen. 50:20)

God uses problems to PERFECT us: (Romans 5:3-4)

God is at work in our life even when we do not recognize it or understand it. Trust him!

CLOSE - (1 Cor. 10:13; Romans 8:18 and 2 Cor. 4:16-18)