



Monday Matters

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When Opportunity Knocks

Did you get up this morning with your day entirely planned out? Maybe it is so planned out it left no time to be spontaneous, no time to look at the opportunities that are staring us in the face. Are we so busy that we can't let anything interfere with what we have planned?

Every salesman and saleswoman that is successful knows that one of the keys to their success is to take advantage of every opportunity that comes their way in order to make a sale. The knock they make on a door, the server at a restaurant, a long lost uncle, the person one passes on the street - they are all potential clients and when their paths cross they do their best to sell them on their product or idea. To be successful in sales one never stops selling. They also know that their day might be very planned out but an interruption can be a sale.

The story below as told by Anthony Nelson, missionary to Alaska, is along those same lines. When opportunity to share the Gospel message stares you in the face, you need to take advantage of it, no matter what you are doing or where you are.



You Don't Love God if You Don't Love Your Neighbor
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Quote of the Week

"I don't regret the things I have done. I just regret the things I didn't do when I had the chance."

~Author Unknown~

The Nelson Family



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"A week ago Wednesday, March 6th, my family and I went ice skating before church. We met a new homeless friend from Bethel who had fallen asleep at the ice skating oval. Out of concern for his safety I woke him up, collected his things, and walked him to our van. It was easy to see he was hypothermic with frostbite on his fingers and face. He needed to warm up, so as the van ran he stuck his face and hands right next to the vents. We did all we could for him tonight but somehow it didn't feel like enough. It might be hard to see, but people like this man have great potential. Before we parted ways we prayed together. I gave him a note detailing how we could help him at the church and gave him my gloves.



Three days later, Sunday, the new friend we made at the outdoor ice skating rink, was at church! Jack got breakfast, he was present for Sunday school, he ate a big lunch, and he stayed with us for the regular worship service. This is a good start - keep Jack in prayer, he has great potential."

How often do we have the opportunity to share the love of Christ with others? Do we take advantage of those times when a door is opened for us to share? Or do we just look the other way and keep on ice skating, doing our own thing? Each and every one of us is presented with a new opportunity each day to do

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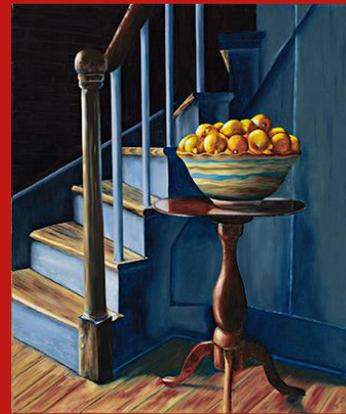
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something good. It might be sharing the Gospel or it might simply be giving someone a pair of gloves. What we do and what we say will have an impact on those that come across our paths. Don't let your plans interfere with opportunities God had placed in front of you.

by Ron Nelson