

The Decision-Making Genius of Jesus:

How to Figure Out the Difference Between a
Good Opportunity and a **God** Opportunity

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One time someone representing a church called me and said, “We heard you’re a very funny speaker. We’d like you to come and give us an evening of laughter and fun.”

I said, “I think I can do that as long as I can share God’s Word with you too.”

The person on the other end of the phone said, “We’re not asking for that—we’re asking for thirty minutes of entertainment.”

I said, “Then I’m not your guy.”

I hung up and reflected.

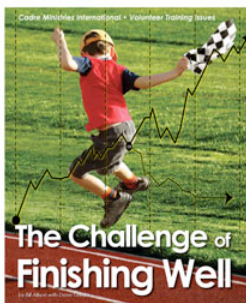
When you understand what God specifically created you to be and do in life, you know what to say yes to—and, perhaps more importantly, you know what to say no to. Hence, the ability to determine the difference between what is merely a good opportunity for you and what is God’s best for you is a powerful advantage in life.



The question is: How can you figure out what’s merely a good opportunity and what’s a God opportunity?

Consider the decision-making genius of Jesus.

Read the passage of Scripture on the next page and observe closely how Jesus determined the difference between a good opportunity and a God opportunity. It could change your life....



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Every opportunity people give you—even ministry opportunities in the church—should not automatically be understood as an obligation from God. There are so many good things people want you to do with your short life, you will never be able to do them all. And if you try to do them all, you will miss God's best for you. If you miss God's best, you will not finish this life well. Hence, the ability to determine the difference between what is good and what is God's best for you is a powerful advantage in life.

🎯 **Action Point: Read Mark 1:35-39.** *“Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: ‘Everyone is looking for you!’ Jesus replied, ‘Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.’”*

How did Jesus know what to say yes to and what to say no to?

yes...no

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