

Opportunity vs. Obligation

Why are we quick to seize
opportunities,
but slow to recognize
obligations?

Newly accrued wealth
affords an opportunity;
what about
your obligation?

Recently restored health
presents an opportunity;
does it carry with it
an obligation?

Academically acquired knowledge
opens up an opportunity;
did you ever consider
its obligations?

We clamor and sue
if we are deprived
of our opportunities;
who raises the cry and hue
if we are delinquent
in our obligations?

When blind Bartimaeus
received his sight,
he was given an opportunity
as a beggar;
when he jumped up
and followed Christ,
he took on the obligation
of a disciple.

As we examine lifestyles,
givers share
by fulfilling obligations;
takers hoard
by amassing opportunities.

Yet,
since God bestows His gifts
as opportunities,
He expects us
to be stewards
in executing
the concomitant
obligations.

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