

Definition Essay on Opportunity

Opportunity is an appropriate or favorable time or occasion that comes in the life of almost everyone only if one takes it positively. A child gets an opportunity of the love of its parents (though it is too innocent to utilize the opportunity).

A student gets an opportunity to study and make his career. He/she is lucky enough to appear at the various entrance examinations. It is up to you how to make the best use of the opportunity. The officers as well as other employees who are in services have had opportunities to show and use their abilities, qualities and efficiencies. If we go into the depth of this 'favorable time', we find that God gives us an opportunity in our life almost every day; it is up to us to grasp and utilize this opportunity. The holy Quran says: 'Allah gives man every opportunity of knowing and understanding things, but He does not force him, for that would be against the whole plan on which our present life is constituted.' Opportunity is nothing else but the 'Time' that plays various roles in the life of various people. It is the most powerful deciding factor that makes millions of people think and work differently at the same time. We all have got an opportunity to lead our life and the same twenty four hours has been allotted to all of us. But some flourish and prosper while some suffer and remain in poverty.

Though nothing certain about such a big gap can be said, yet much more depends on how we answer the opportunity that has knocked at our door.

A proverb runs, 'Opportunity knocks at every door but only once.' The proverb clearly clarifies that God has given us an opportunity of living in this world but only once. How best we can use this opportunity depends on us. Lily Tomlin says: 'The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes their way.' Your mind is the soul author of your destiny and success. R.W.Emerson says: 'Nothing can bring you peace but yourself.' What I mean to say is that the opportunity of living is there in the life of everyone but the opportunity that knocks at every door but only once is the opportunity that can bring a big and amazing change in a person's life if is prudently and courageously utilized. But one has to become very cautious and aware of hearing the knock of the opportunity. Sometimes it so happens that we go deaf to the knock. Opportunity comes to us and goes away but we are so lazy and unaware that we don't care to welcome the opportunity. Some

opportunities seem to be too small for us to heed. But the fact is: 'Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises.'(Demosthenes)

In the life of a person so many opportunities come but he ignores or give little importance to them, sometimes unknowingly and sometimes knowingly. The result is that he suffers or repents all his life. There runs a story that teaches us that we should always be aware of the chance that comes in our way. The story is: A few passengers were sailing in a boat. In the meantime the boat they were in was caught in a storm and was going to sink. They were all yelling for help. Another boat came and took some of the passengers. Some passengers swam across the river safely. Some passengers were saved by some divers. All the passengers but one were saved as they all got the opportunity in some way or the other and they greeted it. But one of the passengers could not be saved only because he did not greet the opportunity that came to him. In the 'Yamlok' he asked the King of Death (Yamraj) why he was not saved from being drowned to death. The King answered: ' I gave you the opportunities three times but you ignored every time thinking foolishly that God would save you.' God has given us life endowed with prudence, wisdom, intelligence, courage so that we may understand how to live our life. Alfred Einstein says: 'God made us not because He knew what we would do but to find out what we would do.' God undoubtedly stands by us all the time but He has given us the most unique thing, i.e. mind/heart. ' I asked God to give me happiness. God said, ' No! I give you blessings, happiness is up to you.' I asked for all things so that I might enjoy life. God said, 'No!' I will give you life so that you may enjoy all things.' (source: Internet)

If you want to lead your life successfully and happily, be alert and prepared to hear the call of the opportunity that may come at any moment. We all know 'time and tide wait for none.' Even if you do not have any opportunity in your life, never lose the hope you have cherished. It is up to you to realize your hope. What you must have is the 'will power' that can overcome any hurdle. Milton Berley says: ' If opportunity does not knock, build a door.' And it is only possible if you have 'will power' and do not blame anyone or anything for not having any opportunity in your life. Make the door and opportunity itself would like to knock at that door. All problems contain the seeds of opportunity and this awareness allows you to take the moment and transform it to a better situation or thing.

