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Opportunities

Most of us put the whip on ourselves for neglected opportunities, picturing how much better off we were if we had done this or that. However, how much better off would we be? Only as much as we would have put into it, because everything and every place is only as good as we make it ourselves.

Someone said: "Many do with opportunities as children do at the seashore; they fill their little hands with sand and then let the grains fall through, one by one, till all are gone."

Indeed, opportunities come to us in abundance and it depends on us how many we keep in our hands, how much faith we have in ourselves and in Providence to accept the responsibilities that must inevitably go with them. Worrying about lost opportunities serves no useful purpose because nothing in the world would bring it back; better to look for new adventures and be ready for them when they knock at our door, adventures for service to help improve the lot of others and thus help ourselves. —W.R.