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## When is Opportunity Like a Banana?

(Seeing opportunity where others see obstacles)  
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"The LORD then said to Noah, 'Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation. Take with you seven of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and two of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, and also seven of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth. Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made.' **And Noah did all that the LORD commanded** him." (Genesis 7:1-5 NIV)

### Opportunity Hides

**"make the most of every opportunity you have for doing good.**  
Don't act thoughtlessly, but try to find out and do whatever the Lord wants you to." (Eph 5:14-17)

Opportunity often comes disguised as a **problem**.

Opportunity at first sounds like **bad news**.

Opportunity can feel like **set back**.

### 10 Big "O" Questions

Will this make me the person **I want to be**?

Will this take me to a place **I want to go**?

"If you can't? said Jesus. 'Everything is possible for him who believes.' Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, 'I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!'" (Mark 9:23-24)

Will this **matter once it's done**?

"For to me, **living means opportunities for Christ**, and dying--well, that's better yet!" (Phil 1:21 NIV)

Will I **want it once I get it**?

Will this make me **look foolish**?

"It was by faith that Noah built a large boat to save his family from the flood. He obeyed God, who **warned him about things that had never happened before**. By his faith Noah condemned the rest of the world, and he received the righteousness that comes by faith." (Hebrews 11:7 NIV)

Will this require **sacrifice on my part**?

Will this require **divine intervention**?

"In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success." (Prov 3:6)

Will this attract **divine favor**?

"There is a **way** that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death." (Prov 14:12)

Will this live **on after me**?

Will it be **worth it in the end**?

"Whenever I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. **Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.**" (Genesis 9:14-15 NIV)