

## An Opportunity Missed

When writer, congresswoman and ambassador Clare Booth Luce was 75 years of age, she was asked whether she had any regrets.

She said, "Sometimes I wake up in the middle of the night, and I remember a girlhood friend of mine who had a brain tumor and called me three times to come and see her. I was always too busy, and when she died, I was profoundly ashamed. I still remember that after 56 years."



Is there anything you have been putting off which, once the opportunity has passed, you will regret not having done?

Dr. David Jeremiah, author and senior pastor of the Shadow Mountain Community Church in El Cajon, California, writing in his book *Turning Points*, declares: "Procrastinating about service to others is a double-edged sword: not only do we fail to extend a blessing, but we miss the blessing that comes with being a

blessing! Instead of a double blessing, procrastination results in no blessings at all."

Dr. Jeremiah used the illustration of Jesus at the beginning of His ministry, calling His disciples. According to Luke 9:59-61, "The original 12 left *immediately* to follow Jesus. Later, others said, 'Let me first go and (do this or that important thing).' Guess who ended up changing the world and being blessed in the process? If God has put an opportunity for service in front of you, don't fail to take it – to bless and be blessed at the same time."

As you reflect on this, remember: Today is the day you thought about yesterday when you said, "I can do this tomorrow."

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*They immediately left their nets and followed Him (Matthew 4:20 NKJV).*

– Beecher Hunter