

OPPORTUNENESS

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One of the biggest news topics at the beginning of this year was the chess contest between the IBM computer 'Deep Blue' and the current world Chess King. It was a close contest which the Chess King won. Human defeated the machine after all.

Actually, the computer was made by humans too. The 'Deep Blue' project was managed by several intellectuals. Why could the Chess King win? The reason was that, although the computer was set up to calculate all the possible situations, the Chess King could change his decisions when any particular situation was presented. He tricked the machine by creating unexpected situations. It was a victory of the human's opportuneness.

The quality of opportuneness is really the highest wisdom. I thank God for not making us to be robots. He gave us free will to discern and make choices according to the circumstances. When He asked Adam to name all the creatures, He was teaching Adam to use his imagination and creativity. The Holy Spirit still uses His small voice to instruct us how to deal with all kinds of situations.

As Jesus said in Matthew's 10: 19-20; "When they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At the time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you."

Modern life is so complicated and unpredictable. Our family traditions and school education are not sufficient to meet all the challenges in our daily lives. They can only give us principles, we need to have the ability of extemporaneity. In realizing this, you will not force your children to follow in your footsteps exactly; rather they should make their own way in this ever-changing world.

Don't worry about your ineloquence or lack of quick wits. If you keep yourself in God's love and communicate with Him all the time, He will give you appropriate words to utter and the right manners to appear before people, even before your enemies.

What is your next move on your chess board of life? Don't rely on the computer, just lift up your eyes to the Lord and He will guide you by His omniscience. 