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We all have opportunities in life, and it is up to us whether we do nothing or seize the moment and make the most of it. Whether it be job related, family related or as part of an organization, team or social group, at some point we will have a choice of how we participate - or if we participate.

We can stand on the sidelines and watch; we can be a back seat driver and hand out criticism, or we can step out of the crowd and take part in the play-by-play action of family, our job or other activity.

I am looking out my back window as I write this article and noticed the park/school yard is different this morning. It is bare. The soccer nets and volley ball nets are gone along with this year's opportunity to take part in these sports.

Although I am just steps away from the opportunity and with a soccer ball sitting on the shelf, the summer has slipped away and my chance to score a goal (even on my own) has gone with it.

How many of us let opportunity pass us by and wish we had done something after it is too late?

As Shakespeare once said: *“ There is a tide in the affairs of men, Which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune. Omitted, all the voyage of their life is bound in shallows and in miseries. On such a full sea are we now afloat. And we must take the current when it serves, or lose our ventures. ”*

In our jobs we have the opportunity to do as little as we can to get by so we can collect the paycheck, or we can make an effort to contribute as much as we can and make a difference. No matter where we find ourselves we have this opportunity to watch the crowd go by, follow the crowd or become a leader.

Which have you chosen?

Many people join organizations to say “I belong to” or for accreditation of letters to enhance their own image or sense of self-worth. They are quite willing to let someone else do all of the work, while others join and participate fully because they believe in the principles, purpose, vision or mission.

Which type are you?