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**Fellowship of Companies for Christ
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- Welcome! Opening prayer and praise reports
- FCCI update
- **Today's topic: The Power and Pitfalls of "Potential"**

For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries. --1 Cor 16:9

Potential = not yet actual or real; latent; capable of being developed; capacity for realization
Potent = strong, powerful, highly effective or influential



In the business world, we should be alert and discerning about "potential." Potential in us as Kingdom-builders. Potential in our businesses. In our employees. Potential in every aspect of our businesses: planning, research & development, sales and marketing, human resources, finance, legal & administrative and facilities.

Pursuing potential can be powerfully invigorating or a painful pitfall. Why? Doors continuously open for us to pursue new ideas, options and opportunities. *Potential* can be genuine or simply dreamed up, vague, elusive and delusional. We cannot say yes to every idea that pops into our brains and every door that opens. Plus, just because we say yes doesn't mean it will be a slam-dunk success. We need to be ever-sensitive to the Word of God and the Holy Spirit for guidance.

Potential gained: 2 Corinthians 2:12 (obedience), Galatians 6:7-10 (sowing and reaping good)

Potential lost: Numbers 14:44-45 (unbelief and/or presumption); Jeremiah 8:20 (neglect); Matthew 24:45-51 (unpreparedness); Luke 19:41-42 (blindness and/or ignorance).

What "potentials" are you pondering today?

Can you cite examples when pursuing potential resulted in success?

Can you cite examples when pursuing potential was a painful pitfall?

Evaluate yourself from 1 (weak) to 10 (strong) in terms of being discerning about potential.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits might you enjoy by being more discerning about potential?										
What specific actions can you take to become more discerning about potential?										

- Next meeting: "This Is My Story" on September 3
- Other news
- Closing prayer