

Choosing Which Doors You'll Walk Through

SERIES: Choosing the Right Future – Part 4

Jesus: "I hold the Key of David in my hand. The DOORS that I unlock and open, no one else can close. And any DOORS that I shut and lock, no one will ever be able to open. Now I know everything you have done. So look! I am placing before you AN OPEN DOOR that no one can shut! I know that you are not very strong, but you've kept my word and you've been faithful to me." Revelation 3:7-8

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DOORS IN YOUR LIFE

1. Every door is a **DECISION**.

Doors are metaphors for the choices we make in every day

2. My destiny will be shaped by which doors I walk **PAST** and which doors I walk **THROUGH**.

God: "Today I am giving you a choice. You can choose life and success or death and disaster." Deuteronomy 30:15 (CEV)

3. A door may be . . .

- an **OPPORTUNITY** from **GOD**.

Paul: "A huge door of opportunity for good work has opened up here." 1 Corinthians 16:9 (MSG)

- a **DISTRACTION** from **OTHERS**.

Nehemiah: "I sent messengers to them with this reply: "I'm doing important work right now. Why should the work stop while I come down to see you?" Nehemiah 6:3 (NIV)

- a **TRAP** from **SATAN**.

Jesus said, "Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are looking at things merely from a human viewpoint, not from God's." Matthew 16:23 (NLT)

4. If an open door is truly from God it will not **CONTRADICT** what God has already said in His Word.

Jesus: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my Word will never pass away." Matthew 24:35 (NIV)

5. Sometimes GOD **SHUTS** a door for my protection.

“Then God shut the door.” Genesis 7:16 (NLT)

6. God will open doors for me if I **OPEN** doors for **OTHERS**.

“Anyone who generously blesses others will be generously blessed. And when you refresh others, you will be refreshed yourself.” Proverbs 11:25

Job: “I have never turned away anyone but I have opened my doors to everyone.” Job 31:32 (NLT)

7. Sometimes God cracks open a door to give me a glimpse of my future long before I'm ready to walk through it. WHY?

To **INSPIRE** me to **GROW**.

(God) “The things that I am planning for you won't happen right away. But slowly, steadily, surely, the time approaches when THE VISION will be fulfilled. If it seems slow, do not despair, for these things will surely come to pass. Just be patient! They will not be overdue a single day!” Habakkuk 2:3 (LB)

WHAT I NEED FOR MY PERSONAL VISION

(Goals of our campaign)

1. Learn **DISCERNMENT** to know which doors to walk through.

“This is my prayer for you: that your love will keep growing more and more, with knowledge and greater discernment, so that you will be able to make the right choices . . .” Philippians 1:9-10

2. Learn **COURAGE** to walk through the right doors.

David's advice to Solomon: “Be strong and courageous and get to work. Don't be frightened by the size of the task, for the Lord God is with you! He will not fail or forsake you! He will see to it that everything is finished correctly.” 1 Chronicles 28:20 (LB)

3. Learn **HOW TO OPEN** doors for other people.

“Open you home to others and show hospitality without grumbling about it. Each of you should use whatever gifts you have received from God to serve others.” 1 Peter 4:9-10 (CEV)