



5784/2024 the Year of the Open – How to take advantage of The Open Door

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Revelation 3:7-9 "And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, 'These things says He who is holy, He who is true, 'He who has the key of David, He who opens, and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens': 8 "I know your works. See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it; for you have a little strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name.

5784/2024 is the Year of the Open Door. This year of the Open Door is all about increasing and maturing.

With the understanding of this, we must keep in mind that we “born-again believers” are in this world but not of this world.

If you are a born-again believer, you have taken advantage of the main open door and that is the door of salvation by way of accepting Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

If you are a born-again believer here today when you got saved, spiritually you (your spirit which is the real you) were transferred through a spiritual portal to the kingdom of God where Jesus is.

Let's continue to look at the number 5784

80 – which is Pey in Hebrew- which means it is the decade of the voice, words, decrees, mouth.

Speaking words of faith from the heart is going to be vital in taking advantage of the open door.

Matthew 12:34...For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

Notice it says “out of the abundance of the heart” the heart houses the abundance of substance for life, Faith, or Fear!

The corresponding letter to the number 4 is Dalet the “Open Door”.

Doors in biblical symbolism are used to identify portals, openings, admittance points that allows what is in one realm or level to access what is in another realm or level.

The word “**Opened**” (anoigo) is in the perfect tense describing past completed action with continuing effect.

So, when the bible says that Jesus opened the door it means that the door will stay open for the duration of the season.

The enemy will try to oppose us from taking advantage of the open door.



1 Corinthians 16: 8-9 But I will stay in Ephesus until Pentecost. 9 I will stay here, because a good opportunity for a great and growing work has been given to me now (the NKJV says “*For a great and effective door has opened*”)

...And there are many people working against it.

Notice that the door was open to Paul in Ephesus, but he knew he had to take advantage of it while it was open.

Notice that Paul knew taking advantage of the open door wouldn't happen without him having to face opposition.

To move into this space of the open door required faith, and during this opportunity Paul faced many challenges.

As you are placed before open doors, this will always draw the attention of adversaries.

There will probably be seen and unseen enemies trying to oppose us from taking advantage of opportunities God has placed before us.

The door now stands open and Jesus says no one can shut it.

The enemy knows he, nor no one else, can shut it.

But he will try to get you away from it.

The enemy will either use people, places, or things or a combination of the three, to deter you from the open door.

If he can't get you away from it, he will try to get you fearful or discouraged from entering through the open door.

Or He will try to stop you from positioning yourself to receive from it.

Let's look at the children of Israel and see how the enemy tried to keep them from entering in the open door (the Promised Land) and receiving what was theirs.

The first generation couldn't enter because they were afraid of what they saw and became fearful and discouraged.

The second generation wasn't afraid, they took on the spirit of their leader Joshua.

Joshua 1:9 Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

God told Joshua to be strong and of good courage. As Joshua moved in strength and courage, the anointing ran down on the people, and they were strong and had great courage as well.

Joshua 1:16-18 So they answered Joshua, saying, "All that you command us we will do, and wherever you send us we will go. 17 Just as we heeded Moses in all things, so we will heed you. Only the Lord your God



be with you, as He was with Moses. 18 Whoever rebels against your command and does not heed your words, in all that you command him, shall be put to death. Only be strong and of good courage."

Joshua 1:10-11 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, 11 "Pass through the camp and command the people, saying, 'Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you will cross over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land which the Lord your God is giving you to possess.'"

There was a window of time “in three days” the door would be open.

Some of the doors we are believing God for in this season haven’t been opened yet. This is our time in this season to prepare.

I believe with everything happening, Rapture is right around the bend. We need to prepare.

The second generation wasn’t afraid, but they still had to position themselves to receive through preparation.

When the Israelites came into the open door of what God had promised “the promised land”, they faced many oppositions, many challenges.

1. Jordan river- over flowing it’s banks. A test of faith. *Get in the middle of it before you see God move.*
2. Jericho – a fortified city- they had to position themselves to receive through obedience and praise.