



5784/2024 the Year of the Open Door - How to take Advantage of The Open-Door Pt.2

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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.

Let's continue to look at the number 5784 - The Number 84

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

4 - Dalet in Hebrew is pictured as a tent door.

Doors in biblical symbolism are used to identify portals, openings, and 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 written in the present tense. 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 open doors. *Like the Apostle Paul encountered when the door was open for Him in Ephesus.*

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.

Paul looked at this opportunity to minister as a gift.

The greatest and most effective open door, is the door that gives us the opportunity to hear the gospel of Jesus Christ.

From hearing the Gospel of the kingdom of God comes the main resource of life, Faith. **Romans 10:17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.**

It is because of our faith that we have right standing with God.

Galatians 3:10-11 (NLT) So it is clear that no one can be made right with God by trying to keep the law. For the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."



Romans 1:17 (NLT) This Good News tells us how God makes us right in his sight. This is accomplished from start to finish by faith (*faith to faith*). As the Scriptures say, "It is through faith that a righteous person has life."

The word life here is in Greek “Zoa”, which is a derivative of the word “Zoe”, which means the God kind of life. It is the life of abundance to the fullest until it overflows.

The second greatest and most effective door is the opportunity to share the glorious gospel of the Kingdom of God. The gospel that Jesus Christ saves and offers (Zoe) the abundant life.

2 Corinthians chapter 16...And there are many people working against it.

You will have enemies that will try to keep you from living and sharing this type of life.

This is a biblical account of Paul’s opposition- **Acts 19:8-10 Then Paul went to the synagogue and preached boldly for the next three months, arguing persuasively about the Kingdom of God. 9 But some became stubborn, rejecting his message and publicly speaking against the Way. So Paul left the synagogue and took the believers with him. Then he held daily discussions at the lecture hall of Tyrannus. 10 This went on for the next two years, so that people throughout the province of Asia—both Jews and Greeks—heard the word of the Lord.**

We see here that Paul was used for three months to evangelize, and for another two years he was used to disciple those who were saved.

Notice he disciplined them every day for two years.

So, we see from Paul’s example, to take advantage of open doors required faith.

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

One thing the enemy will use to keep you from taking advantage of the open door is he will try to get you fearful or discouraged from entering through the open door.

The enemy will expose a lot of things that can go wrong, trying to deter us from entering into the open door.

Two of the main weapons he will use to deter us are the media and testimonies of failure from others to get us fearful and discouraged from entering the open door.

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



Open doors give us access, and/or further access to the promises of God.

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 promised to them.

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

Numbers 13:31-33 But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we." 32 And they gave the children of Israel a bad report of the land which they had spied out, saying, "The land through which we have gone as spies is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people whom we saw in it are men of great stature. 33 There we saw the giants (the descendants of Anak came from the giants); and we were like grasshoppers in our own sight, and so we were in their sight."

The Open door of the promised land God has given the children of Israel, had an opportunity to live in houses they had not built, to gather gold and treasure that they didn't mine for, to take advantage of vineyards that they did not plant. But because of the opposition, the giants, and people that were in the land, they got discouraged and fearful and did not take advantage of the open door.

They couldn't take advantage of the open door because of how they viewed themselves in this world.

They didn't view themselves as having God with them. They thought that they had to take advantage of the open door in their own strength.

We must view ourselves as people of God and we are more than conquerors. **Romans 8:37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.**

As we identify opened doors in this season from the Lord, don't be afraid to take advantage of it, even if it seems like you don't have the resources, the capability or the strength to lay hold to what the open door offers.

Remember if God is for us, no one or nothing can hinder us from laying hold to what God has for us through the open door.

All we must do is fight the good fight of faith. **1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, (The Zoe kind of Life. The God kind of Life) to which you were also called- we were born to live a certain kind of life.**

and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. There are many people watching how we live. There are many people watching how you're going to respond when we have challenging times. There are many people watching how we are going to take advantage of the open doors, and the opportunities that are presented to us from God.