

The Significance of Open Doors

Revelation 3:7-8 "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."

1. Every door is a decision.

2. My destiny will be shaped by which doors I walk past and which doors I walk through.

Deuteronomy 30:15, *"Today, I'm giving you a choice. You can choose life and success, or you can choose death and disaster."*

3. A door may be...

An opportunity from God

1 Corinthians 16:9. Paul says, *"A huge door of opportunity for good work has opened up here. A huge door of opportunity has opened up for me here and there is much opposition."*

A distraction from others

Nehemiah 6:3, *"So I sent messengers to them,"* that's the critics, *"with this reply: 'I am doing a great work and I can not come down.'"*

A trap from Satan

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

4. If an open door is truly from God, it will not contradict what God has already said in his Word.

Proverbs 6:32, *"Whoever commits adultery is a fool."*

Matthew 24:35, *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my Word will never pass away."*

5. Sometimes God shuts a door for my protection.

Genesis 7:16, *"Then God shut the door."*

6. God will open doors for me if I open doors for others.

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

**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 does he do that?
To inspire me to grow.**

Habakkuk 2:3, God says, "The things that I'm 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!"

Isaiah 60:22 - "When the time is right, I, the Lord, will make it happen."

1. Learn discernment to know which doors to walk through.

Philippians 1:9-10, "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."

2. Learn courage to walk through the right doors

1 Chronicles 28:20, "Be strong, be 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."

3. Learn how to open doors for other people.

1 Peter 4:9, "Open your 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."