

# What's Next After God Opens the Door?

Revelation 3:7–8 (NIV)

## Sermon Introduction

We spend a lot of time praying for open doors.

“God, open the door.”

“God, make a way.”

“God, give me opportunity.”

And then—God does it.

A door opens.

An opportunity appears.

A connection happens.

A new season begins.

But here's the truth:

**An open door is not the end—it's the beginning of responsibility.**

Because many people know how to pray for doors...

But fewer know what to do **after the door opens**.

So the question becomes:

**What's next after God opens the door?**

## Read the Text

Revelation 3:8 (NIV)

“I know your deeds. See, I have placed before you an open door that no one can shut. I know that you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.”

God says:

- *I placed it before you*
- *No one can shut it*

But notice... **The door is open—but you still have to walk through it.**

# 1. Discern That the Door Is From God

Not every open door is from God.

Some doors are:

- distractions
- tests
- temptations
- shortcuts

## Scripture:

1 Corinthians 16:9 (NIV)

“Because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me.”

Opportunity and opposition can exist at the same time.

**“Just because it’s open doesn’t mean it’s God—but when it is God, it will align with His Word and His purpose.”**

# 2. Open Doors Still Require Obedience

God opens doors—but He doesn’t force you through them.

An open door is an invitation, not a guarantee.

## Scripture:

Matthew 14:29 (NIV)

“Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus.

The opportunity was there...

But Peter still had to step out.

**“God will open the door—but He won’t override your hesitation.”**

### 3. Open Doors Often Come With Pressure

We assume open doors will feel easy.

But many times, they come with:

- responsibility
- stretching
- unfamiliar territory

#### **Scripture:**

2 Corinthians 2:12–13 (NIV)

“Now when I went to Troas to preach the gospel of Christ and found that the Lord had opened a door for me, I still had no peace of mind...”

Even with an open door—there was tension.

**“If the door doesn’t stretch you, it probably won’t grow you.”**

### 4. Faithfulness Is Required to Stay in the Door

Back to the main text:

Revelation 3:8 (NIV)

“...you have little strength, yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name.”

They didn’t have great strength.

They had faithful strength.

#### **Scripture:**

Luke 16:10 (NIV)

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much...”

**“What God opens, only faithfulness can maintain.”**

# 5. Open Doors Are About Purpose, Not Just Blessing

We often think open doors are about us.

But they are about God working through us.

## Scripture:

Colossians 4:3 (NIV)

“And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message...”

The door is not just for you.

It’s for what God wants to do through you.

**“God doesn’t open doors just to bless you—He opens doors to use you.”**

## Application

Some of you are standing in front of a door right now.

You prayed for it.

You believed for it.

You asked God for it.

And now—it’s open.

But you’re hesitating.

You’re waiting for certainty.

You’re overthinking.

But God is saying:

**“I already opened it.”**

The next step is not more prayer.

The next step is obedience.