

WHEN GOD OPENS DOORS

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Why God Closes Doors in our lives:

- To redirect us
- To protect us
- To test our faith
- To help us learn contentment

To the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These are the words of him who is holy and true, who holds the key of David.

What he opens no one can shut, and what he shuts no one can open.

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. **Revelation 3:7-8 (NIV)***

Your destiny will be determined by which doors you walk past, and which doors you walk through.

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.

The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. If you worship me, it will all be yours."

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'"
Luke 4:1-8 (NIV)

How To Know If An Open Door Is From God:

1. When God opens a door, **you won't have to compromise or contradict His word.**

Joyful are people of integrity, who follow the instructions of the Lord. Joyful are those who obey his laws and search for him with all their hearts. They do not compromise with evil, and they walk only in his paths. Psalm 119:1-3 (NLT)

2. When God opens a door, **it is accompanied by confirmation.**

And let the peace that comes from Christ rule in your hearts. Colossians 3:15 (NLT)

The way of a fool is right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel is wise. Proverbs 12:15 (NKJV)

3. When God opens a door, **you don't have to kick it open!**

The Scriptures say that Abraham had two sons, one from his slave wife and one from his freeborn wife. The son of the slave wife (Ishmael) was born in a human attempt to bring about the fulfillment of God's promise. But the son of the freeborn wife (Isaac) was born as God's own fulfillment of his promise. Galatians 4: 22-23 (NLT)

4. When God opens a door, **it is sometimes met with fierce opposition.**

For there is a wide-open door for me to preach and teach here. So much is happening, but there are many enemies. 1 Corinthians 16:9 (TLB)

5. When God opens a door, **it requires faith and dependency on Him.**

For we walk by faith, not by sight. 2 Corinthians 5:7 (NASB)