
I Have Set Before You an Open Door

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1st
Corinthians
16:9

For a great and effective door has
opened to me, and *there are* many
adversaries.

NKJV

There is a wide-open door for a great
work here, although many oppose
me.

NLT

2nd
Corinthians
2:12
NKJV

When I came to the city of Troas to preach the Good News of Christ, the Lord opened a door of opportunity for me.

Revelation 3:7-13

NKJV

“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”:

Revelation 3:7-13 NKJV

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. ⁹ Indeed I will make *those* of the synagogue of Satan, who say they are Jews and are not, but lie—indeed I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you.

Revelation 3:7-13

NKJV

¹⁰ Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth. ¹¹ Behold, I am coming quickly! Hold fast what you have, that no one may take your crown.

Revelation

3:7-13

NKJV

¹² He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And *I will write on him* My new name. ¹³ “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’

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What do Open Doors Look like?

1. Opportunities to share the Good News.
2. Opportunities to invite others to join us in Fellowship.
3. Opportunities to go to other people groups here and in other countries to share the Good News.
4. Opportunities to pray with and help those who are hurting and need healing.

1st
Corinthians
3:4-9
NKJV

For when one says, “I am of Paul,”
and another, “I *am* of Apollos,” are
you not carnal?

⁵ Who then is Paul, and
who *is* Apollos, but ministers through
whom you believed, as the Lord gave
to each one? ⁶ I planted, Apollos
watered, but God gave the increase.

1st
Corinthians
3:4-9
NKJV

⁷ So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. ⁸ Now he who plants and he who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor.

⁹ For we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, *you are* God's building.

Revelation

3:8

NKJV

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Phileo

“Brotherly love”

Revelation

3:10

NKJV

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Galatians 6:9

NKJV

And let us not grow weary while doing
good, for in due season we shall
reap if we do not lose heart.

Why were they given an open door?

1. They had little power
2. They had kept His word
3. They did NOT deny his name

John 14:6
NKJV

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

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Truth:

“God can open doors that no person can shut!”