

Keys, Locks & Doors



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“...He who has the key of David, He who opens and no one shuts, and shuts and no one opens.” Revelation 3:7

In a world that constantly pushes us to chase opportunities, force outcomes, and “make things happen,” it’s easy to assume that every open door is worth walking through. But not all doors are divine—and not all closed doors are rejection. Some are God’s protection.

When God opens a door, no system, no resistance, and no opposition can shut it. And when He shuts a door, no amount of effort, strategy, or connections can force it open. God doesn’t just open doors—He controls access

This series is about building the discernment to recognise

- What truly defines an open door
- How to identify doors that are aligned with God’s agenda for your life
- The role of the Holy Spirit in guiding decisions
- Who should walk through certain doors with you—and who shouldn’t
- The “door openers” God strategically places in your journey

Because every door leads somewhere—but not every door leads us in the direction God has planned for us. We pray that the Holy Spirit will work through this series to help us avoid distractions, recognize divine timing, and step into the opportunities that carry purpose and impact.



Day 1

Open Doors Begin with Instruction

“...He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.”
Isaiah 50:4

As believers, we are not called to move by pressure, trends, or urgency. We are called to move by instruction. Scripture tells us that the Lord opens our ears morning by morning to hear Him. We may not always hear an audible voice, but as we grow in our walk with the Holy Spirit, we become more familiar with His voice, His prompting, and His way of leading us.

This is why identifying open doors does not begin with searching for opportunities; it begins with relationship. The closer we walk with the Holy Spirit, the clearer His leading becomes, and the better positioned we are to recognize the doors God has opened for us.

“One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Appoint Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them.”” Acts 13:2

Acts 13 gives us a powerful example of this. As the believers worshipped and fasted, the Holy Spirit gave clear direction concerning Barnabas and Saul, and He sent them to Cyprus. Cyprus may not have been their preferred or expected destination, but it was the place God had appointed for that season. Their example shows us that discernment is sharpened through prayer and fasting. Prayer aligns our hearts with God, while fasting reduces the noise of the flesh so we can perceive His instructions with greater clarity.

“The Lord says, ‘I will guide you along the best pathway for your life. I will advise you and watch over you...’” Psalm 32:8

There are a few things to remember about God’s open doors. They are always aligned with His agenda. They are not always obvious, which is why discernment is essential. We can miss them when we become too focused on our own preferences instead of God’s voice. And because one door often leads to another, we must remain dependent on the Holy Spirit every step of the way.

Prayer: Lord, open my ears daily to hear Your instructions and give me the grace to obey. Help me to pay the price for accuracy so I do not make assumptions about what You are saying.

Day 2

When God's Doors Don't Look Like Doors

"My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts," says the Lord. "And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8-9

The fact that you can't see an open door doesn't mean it doesn't exist—it may simply mean you don't recognize it yet. We often carry expectations about how life should unfold, and without realizing it, we define what an "open door" should look like. Then we judge opportunities based on that lens.

But God's doors don't always look the way we expect.
Sometimes they are wrapped in discomfort.
Sometimes they come as disruption.
Sometimes they look like the very thing we would avoid.

Abraham was already established, yet God's door required him to leave everything familiar and step into the unknown. Joseph's path to influence passed through betrayal, slavery, and prison. Daniel's elevation came through solving an impossible problem. David's journey to kingship began with tending sheep in obscurity. Paul's assignment to Rome unfolded through false accusations and imprisonment.

None of these looked like open doors at the time.

If we're honest, the process likely felt confusing, uncomfortable, even discouraging. Yet in each case, God was working beyond what was visible—building capacity, shaping character, and aligning them with purpose.

God is not interested in instant gratification. Everything He builds is designed to last. That means the process matters. The stretching, the waiting, the refining—these are not detours; they are construction.

Sometimes the real question is not just, "Is this an open door?" It's, "Do I trust God's way of opening it?"

Because sometimes, what feels like pressure is actually preparation. What feels like delay is alignment. And what feels like a setback is a doorway in disguise.

Prayer: Lord, give me wisdom to recognize when You are orchestrating my journey. Help me understand the process so my response aligns with what You are building in me and preparing me for.



Day 3

Doors Attract Opposition

“There is a wide-open door for a great work here, although many oppose me.” 1 Corinthians 16:9

Open doors attract attention—from both kingdoms. Whenever we move in alignment with God’s plan, opposition is inevitable. If we’re not prepared for this, we may wrongly assume that a God-ordained opportunity should be easy and without resistance. But God already factors opposition into His agenda, so we don’t need to be shaken by it.

“You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies...” — Psalm 23:5

Opposition is not a sign to stop—it’s often a sign you’re on the right path. It can show up as distractions, appealing alternatives, delays, resistance, or even direct confrontation. Regardless of the form, the goal is the same: to derail you from walking through the door God has opened.

“...the wall was finished—just fifty-two days after we had begun. When our enemies and the surrounding nations heard about it, they were frightened and humiliated. They realized this work had been done with the help of our God.” Nehemiah 6:15-16

Nehemiah understood the best response to distractions is clarity and focus: “I am engaged in a great work... why should I stop?” (Nehemiah 6:3). Despite persistent opposition, the wall was completed in record time—and even the enemies recognized that God was behind it.

Never forget: the presence of opposition is often tied to the presence of potential. The enemy doesn’t attack what has no value. So instead of fear, opposition should trigger a higher level of focus, discipline, and determination. The enemy may be persistent, but he is already defeated—and we must walk in the understanding that we already have victory so we can stay focused, aligned and moving.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for helping me recognize opposition for what it is. Strengthen my focus and remind me that I am already victorious through Christ. Give me the grace to stay aligned with You and complete every assignment You’ve given me.



Day 4

Not Everyone Can Go Through With You

“The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you...So Abram departed...and Lot went with him...” Genesis 12:1, 4

As we move through different seasons of life, God determines who we should be connected to. Not everyone is meant to walk through every door with us. It’s not that something is wrong with them—they’re simply not part of God’s plan for that season. We cannot afford to let emotions override instruction. Any adjustment we make to suit sentiment over obedience can delay what God is doing.

“But the land could not support both Abram and Lot... After Lot had gone, the Lord said to Abram, ‘Look as far as you can see...’” Genesis 13:6,14

When we choose our companions outside of God’s leading, we risk limiting what He intends to accomplish through us. We see the present, but God sees the end from the beginning. When God called Abraham into generational promise, He instructed him to leave his family. Yet Abraham brought Lot along—perhaps out of responsibility or compassion. But what seemed like a good decision created conflict, because Lot was not part of that assignment. We know this because once they separated, God reaffirmed His promise to Abraham. It was as though progress had been paused until alignment was restored.

“Let us strip off every weight that slows us down... and run with endurance the race God has set before us.” Hebrews 12:1

Sometimes the delay we experience is not because the door isn’t open—it’s because we’re carrying what we shouldn’t. And it’s not always people. It could be habits, mindsets, or past experiences that no longer serve God’s purpose for this season. God has already accounted for where you are and where He’s taking you. The question is: are you willing to let go of anything—or anyone—that no longer aligns? Because you cannot fully step into what God has opened while holding onto what He has asked you to release.

Prayer: Lord, open my ears to hear Your instructions clearly. Give me the courage to release every weight—people, habits, or mindsets—that are slowing me down, so I can move fully in alignment with Your plan.

Day 5

Door Openers

“When Saul returned to his home at Gibeah, a group of men whose hearts God had touched went with him.” 1 Samuel 10:26

“...18,000 men were designated by name to help David become king.” 1 Chronicles 12:31

“Then Barnabas brought him [Saul] to the apostles...” Acts 9:27

Doors speak of new opportunities and/or seasons and for everything new we need the support of people. Whenever God does something He always works through people and for every door He’s already positioned “door openers”. These individuals often act as catalysts for helping us achieve God’s objective for opening the door in the first place, also countering the naysayers we will encounter.

They are a critical part of the process we can’t afford to ignore. It’s not about the number of people, but those whose hearts God has touched on our behalf. When Saul became king, there were two sets of people around him- those who didn’t believe in him and those who supported him because God had already worked on them. We see the same with David where there were people where designated to support him in becoming king. When Paul first converted people were afraid of him because of his past. It was Barnabas that connected Paul (Saul) to the apostles which positioned him for the missions he was to embark on.

For every door there are people assigned to that season. They may be people already familiar to us, or brand new relationships. Our responsibility is to ask God to open our eyes to see whose hearts He’s touched on our behalf so we don’t rely on the wrong people.

Prayer: Lord thank You for the people whose hearts You have touched on my behalf. Open my eyes to discern who they are and how to relate with them.



Day 6

Closed for a Reason

“...He who shuts and no one opens...” — Revelation 3:7

We often celebrate the doors God opens, but we must also recognize the doors He shuts. When God closes a door—whether it’s an opportunity, relationship, or assignment—it’s not random. It’s alignment. If He shuts it, it simply means it’s not part of His plan for that season.

In Acts 16, Paul and his companions were forbidden by the Holy Spirit to preach in Asia. Not once, but repeatedly, they were redirected. It didn’t make sense in the moment. But then came clarity—a vision calling them to Macedonia. The closed door in Asia was positioning them for a more urgent and strategic assignment.

God doesn’t close doors to frustrate us. He closes them to guide us.

Sometimes what feels like rejection is actually redirection. What feels like delay is positioning. There are doors God has shut for your benefit, even if you didn’t understand it at the time.

One of the ways the Holy Spirit helps us discern this is through peace. When God is in something, there is a settled assurance—even if the path is unfamiliar. But when He is not, that peace is absent. On the surface, an opportunity may look perfect, but internally there is unease, a check in your spirit you can’t ignore.

“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit...” — Romans 8:16

The challenge is that we can only recognize these signals if we are walking closely with the Holy Spirit. Without that relationship, it’s easy to mistake emotions, pressure, or personal desires for direction—and that can cost us time, energy, and alignment.

God is always speaking—guiding, warning, redirecting. The question is whether we are sensitive enough to discern when a door is closed by Him... and disciplined enough to walk away.

Because every door He shuts is making room for the one He intends to open.

Prayer: Lord, make me sensitive to Your leading. Help me recognize when You have closed a door and give me the grace to trust Your timing, so I don’t pursue what You have not assigned for me.



Day 7

The Right Key

“Write this letter to the angel of the church in Philadelphia. This is the message from the one who is holy and true, the one who has the key of David. What he opens, no one can close; and what he closes, no one can open.” Revelation 3:7

“I will give him the key to the house of David.... When he opens doors, no one will be able to close them; when he closes doors, no one will be able to open them.” Isaiah 22:22

Some doors remain closed not because they're locked forever, but because we're using the wrong keys. God has already given us access—but access requires the right key. So what is the key of David? David wasn't just a king—he was a leader with both a right heart and skillful hands. He was described as a man after God's own heart, committed to doing what God wanted, the way God wanted it. At the same time, he developed structure, strategy, and strength—leading people effectively and winning battles consistently.

“...He cared for them with a true heart and led them with skillful hands.” Psalms 78:72

The key to God-ordained expansion is this combination: an upright heart + skillfulness. An upright heart is fully aligned with God—not driven by people-pleasing or self-interest, but by obedience. It's revealed in the choices we make, especially when no one is watching. Some doors will not open until our hearts are aligned with God's standards. But alignment alone is not enough. There is also the demand for skill. David trained men, built systems, and executed strategy. God was the foundation of his success, but David still developed the capacity to lead and deliver results.

“...the Lord made David victorious wherever he went.” 1 Chronicles 18:13

When we allow God to lead us in our work, leadership, and decisions, we create platforms for Him to express His power through us. But we must also grow in the specific skills required for each assignment. Every door requires an upright heart. Some doors require a specific level of skill.

The key is to ask: What is required for this door? Not every opportunity responds to the same preparation.

God has already created the opportunities. Our responsibility is to develop the heart and capacity required to access them.

Prayer: Lord, show me the keys required for the doors You have placed before me. Build in me an upright heart and give me the skill and understanding to step fully into every opportunity You've ordained.



Day 8

Grace Needs Your Effort

“Daniel soon proved himself more capable than all the other administrators and high officers. Because of Daniel’s great ability, the king made plans to place him over the entire empire.” Daniel 6:3

It’s one thing to go through an open door, it’s another to make the most of it. Daniel was selected to supervise a region under the king and because of his demonstrated skill, integrity and capability another door was opened for enlargement. Just before Darius appointed Daniel, he hadn’t been as relevant as he’d been under Nebuchadnezzar. Belshazzar didn’t invite Daniel to the feast and had to verify who Daniel was, which tells us Daniel wasn’t well known to the king (Daniel 5).

We may argue that there was divine intervention in Darius selecting Daniel, but if he’d hadn’t distinguished himself Daniel wouldn’t have been in the king’s plans for an enlarged portfolio. With God there’s always a part for divinity and humanity. God can open the door by putting us on the minds of people and granting us favour, but it’s up to us to put in our very best in every opportunity made available to us, no matter how small it may seem to us.

“But whatever I am now, it is all because God poured out his special favor on me—and not without results. For I have worked harder than any of the other apostles; yet it was not I but God who was working through me by his grace.” 1 Corinthians 15:10

“Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.” Ephesians 3:20

In the context of achieving results especially in the marketplace God’s grace can be described as a multiplier effect. It helps us amplify what we do and the results that can be achieved so it’s clear that there’s supernatural enablement. We see a powerful equation from Paul’s life: grace+hard work= supernatural results. Grace complements and amplifies, it doesn’t replace our responsibility. We shouldn’t make the error of thinking that because God initiated something He will take over our responsibility. As we continue to work hand in hand with the Lord, He makes more grace available to us. As we walk in more grace, additional doors are open to us and this is how we go from glory to glory.

Prayer: Lord thank You for the doors You’ve opened to me. I commit to putting in my best in everything I do so I can walk in increasing measures of the grace You’ve already made available to me.

Day 9

Blocked or Redirected?

“We wanted very much to come to you, and I, Paul, tried again and again, but Satan prevented us.” 1 Thessalonians 2:18

Satan cannot close a door Jesus has opened—but he will try to delay access or limit your experience of what God has prepared. His goal is simple: keep you from stepping into—or fully enjoying—what is already yours.

So how do you tell the difference between a door God has shut and a door the enemy is resisting? Ask God.

“If any of you lacks wisdom, ask...” James 1:5

God reveals what’s happening behind the scenes and shows you how to respond. When a door is closed by God, there is alignment and peace—even if it’s disappointing. But when it’s opposition, you’ll often notice patterns: stagnation, repeated delays, unusual resistance, confusion, or discouragement that don’t match your obedience. Scripture describes these forces as “horns”—spiritual powers that scatter and suppress progress. But it also reveals God’s response.

“And I said, “What are these coming to do?” So he said, “These are the horns that scattered Judah, so that no one could lift up his head; but the craftsmen are coming to terrify them, to cast out the horns of the nations that lifted up their horn against the land of Judah to scatter it.” Zechariah 1:21

God has already provided supernatural reinforcements—angelic help assigned to counter opposition. You are not meant to push through resistance alone. When you discern that hindrance is at work, you engage heaven—through prayer, authority, and alignment.

If we don’t activate what God has provided, it remains available but unutilized. So don’t settle for cycles that don’t reflect God’s promise. Don’t normalize resistance that God has already given you power over. Discern it. Address it. Move forward. Because when God opens a door, access is yours—but you must refuse to let opposition stop you from walking through it.

Prayer: Lord, open my eyes to discern where opposition is at work. Show me what is from You and what is not. Let every hindering force be broken, and release Your angels to enforce Your will in my life so I can walk boldly into all You’ve prepared for me.

Day 10

God the Breaker

“This is what the Lord says:...I will go before you...level the mountains...smash down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron...give you treasures...so you may know that I am the Lord...the one who calls you by name.” Isaiah 45:2-3

On the other side of every door God opens is not just opportunity—it’s a deeper revelation of Him. As we align with His leading, we don’t just experience new outcomes; we encounter new dimensions of His power, His nature, and His faithfulness.

But with greater doors often comes greater resistance.

The enemy will attempt to block progress—sometimes subtly, sometimes with force. Some obstacles give way easily, but others feel immovable—like mountains that overwhelm, or barriers that refuse to shift no matter what you do.

Isaiah describes multiple layers of resistance:

Mountains—challenges that feel overwhelming and paralyzing.

Gates of bronze and bars of iron—strong confinements designed to restrict movement and delay progress, sometimes even across generations.

When we encounter such resistance, our response is not retreat—it’s revelation. We must ask God to reveal Himself as the Leveller and the Breaker.

“The one who breaks open will come up before them... their King will pass before them, with the Lord at their head.” — Micah 2:13

As the Leveller, God gives us wisdom, strategy, and perspective to overcome what once seemed impossible. What looked overwhelming begins to shift as He shows us how to move forward. As the Breaker, God destroys barriers—seen and unseen. He dismantles limitations, breaks cycles, and removes what stands in opposition to His plan. We may not always understand how He does it, but He ensures that what once resisted us loses its power.

And He does all this for more than results. He does it so we know Him—personally. So we understand that He sees us, calls us by name, and goes ahead of us. So when you face resistance, don’t just focus on the obstacle—seek the revelation. Because every barrier is an opportunity to encounter God in a new way.

Prayer: Lord, reveal Yourself to me as the Leveller and the Breaker. Give me wisdom for every mountain before me and break every confinement standing in my way. Help me trust You fully as the One who goes ahead of me and calls me by name.



Day 11

Command the Gates

“Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in.” — Psalm 24:7

Life is spiritual. What we access in the natural is first secured in the spirit. And in the spirit, every door has gatekeepers—forces that regulate access. Doors don't always open automatically; sometimes they must be addressed.

Psalm 24 reveals this dynamic. When the gates are commanded to open, there is a response: “Who is this King of glory?” In essence, the question is: On what authority are you making this demand?

When God opens a door and we encounter resistance, it is not always denial—it is a demand for authority. Access is not granted on the basis of our achievements, but on our spiritual position.

“Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty...” — Psalm 24:8

Jesus holds all authority—above every power, dominion, and name (Ephesians 1:21). And as believers, we are seated with Him in heavenly places (Ephesians 2:6). That means His authority has been delegated to us.

So when we speak, we are not speaking from weakness—we are speaking from authority. This is our posture:

- Jesus has all authority
- He has delegated that authority to us
- We can enforce that authority in His name—and it must respond

“Where the word of a king is, there is power...” — Ecclesiastes 8:4

When circumstances resist what God has already opened, we don't wrestle at the surface. We address the root. “We wrestle not against flesh and blood...” (Ephesians 6:12). Our response is not to beg—it is to command.

We speak as kings and priests—confident, aligned, and authoritative. So when doors resist, don't shrink back. Don't negotiate. Speak. Because when the King of glory is backing you, every gate must respond.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the authority You have given me in Christ. I stand confident in that authority and declare: Lift up your heads, O you gates! Be lifted up, you everlasting doors! Let every access You have ordained for me open in Jesus' name.

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