

Hearing the Voice of God - Part 5: Open Doors

1 Corinthians 16:5-9

"The LORD directs the steps of the godly. He delights in every detail of their lives." - Psalms 37:23

The **first part** of the verse talks about **direction**. The **second part** deals with **relationship**—God delights in the details of your life—not just orders them.

An open door is about both _____ and opportunity.
It's relationship, not just a roadmap.

Direction about Doors

1. Ask for the open door and a _____ spirit—Colossians 4:3

How do I know if an open door is from God?

(Ask the same questions for discerning if whispers are from God)

- *"Is it scriptural?"*
- *"Does it square with God's character and attributes?" Like His - goodness, patience, compassion, justice?"*
- *"Is it wise?"*
- *"Is it in tune with my wiring or character?"*
- *"What do the people I most trust think about it?"*
- *"Do I have the peace of God about it?"*

2. Don't try to go through a door that has been _____ - Acts 16:6-9; Revelation 3:7

*You can _____ God when He shuts a door. Don't try to kick it open.
God wants you to draw near to Him in times of uncertainty.*

3. There are _____ when you step through the open door - 1 Corinthians 16:9; Acts 19:11-12,23-41

*If you encounter adversaries – don't think you missed the voice of God.
Draw near to Him in intimacy.*

Not all adversaries are on the outside of us.

- 1) Sometimes the opposition comes from _____.
- 2) Sometimes _____ can be our own worst enemy.
 - Self doubt and fear can cause us to shrink back from the work God has for us.

4. Have you stepped through _____ open door?