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## OCFI HOUSE FELLOWSHIP GROUP BIBLE OUTLINES.

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### TOPIC: DIVINE OPENINGS.

#### **MEMORY VERSE: REV.3:8.**

“I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name”

#### **TEXT: Acts 16:6-10.**

#### **(1) INTRODUCTION: DOCTRINE OF OPEN DOOR**

Divine openings speak of God opening doors of opportunities, chances or possibilities unto His children. The first door for every person to seek for is the door of salvation (John 10:9). When you are in Christ; then you can talk about other associated multiple open doors (Matt.6:33).

#### **(2) PRINCIPLES OF OPEN DOORS:**

(1) *God is the doorkeeper.* In life, God is the One who opens and closes doors (Rev. 3:7-8). It is God through Holy Spirit who informs us that a door is open or closed (Acts 16:6-7).

(2) *God can give you open doors in response to your prayer:* Prayer has been likened to a knock on a door. (Matt.7:7-8).

(3) *Doors may be forced open through praise & worship:* When Paul and Silas were in prison, God caused a great earthquake which opened every door and loosed every chain (Acts 16:26).

(4) *An open door may only become evident after one has experienced some closed doors.* It was not until after God had closed two doors that God revealed Macedonia as an open door (Acts 16:6,7 & 10). Some people are tempted to give up at the first closed door. God expects us to persevere until the open door is made known to us.

(5) *Opposition is not necessarily an indication of a closed door:* When your destiny is programmed to enjoy the benefits of great doors, you will face lots of attacks (1 Corin.16:9). Fervent prayers are necessary to deal with the adversaries.

(6) *Our suffering may actually open a door of opportunity for the gospel.* The suffering of our Lord on the cross of Calvary certainly “opened the door of salvation.” Harrowing adverse circumstances of life can be likened to a wilderness experience. When doors are opened then you will be able to see the bright side of life.

(7) God can raise men in authority to open doors & grant you access to piviledges normally reserved for movers & shakers in society (Prov.21:1).

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**(3) WAYS TO KNOW IF AN OPEN DOOR IS FROM GOD.**

The Bible gives us some principles to help us discern if an "open door" or opportunity is really from God:

*i. The Door that God Opens Will Never Contradict His Word*

Many Christians see opportunities to make more money as an open door from God. Can a job that will keep a Christian from regular fellowship or service in the church) or dating relationship with a rich unbeliever be considered open doors from God ? (Heb.10:25, 2 Cor.6:14).

*ii. The Door that God Opens Will be Accompanied by Confirmation*

He will often confirm or establish a matter by "two or three witnesses" whether they be verses from the Word of God, advice from a pastor or well-respected person who is grounded in Scripture. Through prayer, discernment and seeking godly counsel, you should be able to tell if that "open door" and its confirmations are truly coming from God.

*iii. The Door God Opens Will Require You to Depend on Him*

God is not going to give us something that will alienate us from Him or make us believe we no longer need Him (Matt.6:33).

**(4) INGREDIENTS FOR OPEN DOORS: REV. 3:8.**

i- Depend on God's strength....Isai.40:29.

ii- Keep and apply God's Word to our lives....John 15:7.

iii- Do not deny Jesus....Matt.10:33.

iv- Fervent prayer...Col.4:3.

**(5) CONCLUSION:**

When doors are opened, impossibilities become possibilities, hearts are lifted up as burdens disappear; and people's heart desires are granted. The most important door we should be yearning for is the great and effectual door of witnessing by speaking the Word of God to others (Acts 14:27). Jesus is the open door to be saved and enjoy good things of life (John 10:9).

**PRAYER POINTS:**

- (1) O Lord my Father, make me an advertisement of Thy power, in Jesus name.
- (2) Doors of spiritual, academic, career, business, marital & financial breakthroughs be opened unto me now, in Jesus name.

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