

## OPPORTUNITY

I have often been asked, “Pastor, why doesn’t God provide me with the opportunities I need to be successful?” In my opinion, God is an “equal-opportunity” God; He doesn’t have favourites when dealing with His children. Therefore, we should all have equal opportunity to succeed. But we must remember that success in God is fully aligned to each individual’s calling and destiny. In this regard, in order for us to prosper and succeed in life, we must be doing what God wants us to do, when He wants us to do it, how God wants us to do it. As we are obedient in the fulfilment of His plans and purposes, distinct opportunities will arise. There will be open doors!

*“See, I have set before you an open door, and no one can shut it”* (Revelation 3:8). The church at Philadelphia had been given an ‘open door’ of opportunity. All they had to do was to walk through it and establish the kingdom of God. The church had many opponents; even satan himself had pitted his wits against the small group of believers. But these believers kept true to their Lord and seized the opportunity to draw on His strength and step through those open doors. God has opened doors of opportunity for you too - opportunities to be successful and prosper in all matters of life. It’s impossible to stop God from holding the door open for you. The problem is too many of us don’t see it, or if we do, we stand still and refuse to cross the threshold.

Note, it doesn’t take supernatural strength to step through and begin to walk in the blessings and favour of God. It’s a simple act of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Incidentally, when you walk through the door, Jesus will meet you on the other side with a fresh array of gifts - new power, new blessings, and a new name. If you were weak before walking through the open door, you will be strong and have divine power accompanying you everywhere you go. If you were not being blessed before walking through the open door of opportunity, you will suddenly be showered with blessings. If you had no name or reputation before walking through the open door, you will be given a new name – one that everyone can see and acknowledge as being given by Christ Himself (*verse 12*).

The Greek word translated ‘opportunity’ has to do with a fixed and definite period. For that reason, each opportunity or ‘open door’ that God provides is predestined and therefore falls within a specific timeframe and season. God knows exactly what kind of opportunity is needed (and when it is needed) in order for you to operate in your calling effectively and fulfil your destiny. Ephesians 1:11 declares that we have been *predestined according to the purpose of Him who works all things according to the counsel of His will*. Therefore, if God has already lined up opportunities for you to take advantage of, you must see them and step into them quickly. Do not procrastinate as the time or season may pass and you will miss your God-given opportunity.