

## An open door

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### Introduction

1. Text Revelation 3:7-8 the church at Philadelphia
2. We have opportunities set before us we need to seize.
3. Paul recognized some of these. 1 Corinthians 16:9; 2 Corinthians 2:12
4. These were opportunities to preach and teach others
5. How many doors of opportunities are open to us that we do not reach out and open?
6. We need to be ever vigilant about watching for these and opening them.
7. Let us study and be watchful for our opportunities

### II Discussion

1. Sometimes we do not have opportunities. Philippians 4:10; Hebrews 11:15
2. We have ample opportunities. Isaiah 55:6; Ecclesiastes 12:1; Revelation 3:7-8; Galatians 6:7-10; Acts 14:27
3. What are our opportunities?
  - A. To obey God. Acts 5:29; 2 Corinthians 6:2
  - B. To do service to others Matthew 25:34-40
  - C. To teach others Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 6:4; 2 Timothy 2:2
4. These doors of opportunity may close! Hebrews 2:1-2
  - A. The rich man lost his opportunity. Luke 12:19-20
  - B. Many will miss the opportunity to enter the strait gate. Luke 13:24-30
  - C. God will withdraw the door of opportunity. Zechariah 7:11-13; Hosea 4:6; Job 21:14; Proverbs 1:24-25; Romans 1:18-24; 2 Thessalonians 2:10

### III Conclusion

1. There is a time to obey God. John 9:4; 2 Corinthians 6:2
2. Do not let God close the door of opportunity on you obey now Revelation 3:20 church at Laodicea

Sources Preach for a year #5 page 41; vines; Strong's; Nave's