

THE DOOR TO A NEW YOU

DOORS – Part 1

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When I open a door, no one can close it. And when I close a door, no one can open it.

Revelation 3:7b (CEV)

For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son, so that his Son would be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters.

Romans 8:29 (NLT)

...My dear friends...continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Philippians 2:12-13 (NIV)

God saved you by his grace when you believed. And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it.

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NLT)

3 Tools God uses to make you more like Jesus:

1. The first tool is The Bible.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right.

2 Timothy 3:16 (NLT)

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

God's will is always found in His Word.

God will never contradict His Word.

2. The second tool is the Power of the Holy Spirit.

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness...

2 Peter 1:3a (NIV)

And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us, we become more and more like him.

2 Corinthians 3:18b (TLB)

3. The third tool is Circumstances.

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them...For God knew his people in advance, and he chose them to become like his Son...

Romans 8:28-29a (NLT)

3 Choices to cooperate with God's Spiritual Growth Process:

1. You must choose what you think about.

Be careful what you think, because your thoughts run your life.

Proverbs 4:23 (NCV)

Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.

Ephesians 4:23 (NLT)

How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word. I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.

Psalms 119:9-11 (NIV)

2. You must choose to depend on God's Spirit moment by moment.

Stay joined to me, and I will stay joined to you. Just as a branch cannot produce fruit unless it stays joined to the vine, you cannot produce fruit unless you stay joined to me. I am the vine, and you are the branches. If you stay joined to me, and I stay joined to you, then you will produce lots of fruit. But you cannot do anything without me.

John 15:4-5 (CEV)

3. You must choose to respond to circumstances the way Jesus would.

My friends, be glad, even if you have a lot of trouble. You know that you learn to endure by having your faith tested. But you must learn to endure everything, so that you will be completely mature and not lacking in anything.

James 1:2-4 (CEV)

The Door to Salvation

I am the door, and the person who enters through me will be saved...

John 10:9 (NCV)