

IT'S BEHIND THE DOOR

Years ago a professor was giving a nature talk to children.

- His subject was plants and flowers.
- He explained how the seeds became plants, how the plants became leaves and flowers, and how the plants developed seeds all over again.
- Then he told about how all the different parts of a plant are built up of tiny cells, and how all these cells are filled with the amazing substance called protoplasm, which is contained in all living bodies and which makes them live and grow.
- Finally, he stated that no one knew what gave protoplasm its power of living and growing.
- “That is a closed door, and behind the door is an unexplainable mystery.”
- Then one of the children asked, “Please, Sir, does God live behind the door?”

—James Hastings

The door into another realm

- Everything we need has a door
 - Access point
 - Relationship
 - Marriage
 - Career
 - Business
 - Ministry
 - We need to find the door
 - And knock for permission to enter
 - Then seek access
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- There doors to which we have keys – we can open and enter
 - Then there are those that we require permission to enter – these ones, we have to knock

Jesus promises that at our knocking – the door will be opened Mat. 7:7

God promises – an opening

- Letting loose
- Liberation

Behind the door – is your promise, is your answer, is your breakthrough, is your next level

- There is mystery behind it
- There is God behind it
- We need access to the other room

We need to know what we want
The giver – who is able to give it us
The sphere in which the gift lies
The obstacle in the way of obtaining it – the door
What we need to do to gain access

Calls for Knocking

Check out the friend at midnight

Luke 11:5-12

- A. Firstly, He knew what he wanted
How much he wanted
- B. HE Knew exactly where what he wanted was
 - His friend's house
 - A friend (Philos) is a person you know well and regard with affection and trust
 - At his friends' – God is our friend – in no longer call you servants – friends
 - He knew the sphere where what he wanted was
- C. He knew the obstacle in the way of getting it
 - Firstly, it was very late – midnight
 - The friend's door was locked by now
 - He knew what he had to do
 - Knock at that door

Knocking at this hour – required

1. Determination to knock hard – persistence
Persistent knocking gets a response.
He knocked until he was heard

When he was heard he got an answer, but it was not the answer he wanted

- The friend indicated that he was not to be disturbed by this man's entreaties
 - Do not inconvenience me
 - Cause me discomfort
 - Am already tucked away in bed

The door is shut

- No access – you are late
- Access is barred – closed
- My children are in bed
- Even the bread you seek for is theirs

I cannot get up

- Unable to get up
- I don't have that energy to do so
- I cannot rise up from my bed
- Am resting

So I cannot give you what you want.

2. PERSISTENT KNOCKING gains an entrance into the secret treasures of divine resources

This man was determined to get the bread

- He was shameless in his request
- Was not alarmed by modesty –
- Compelled by necessity
- Persevered in knocking
- Could not take no for an answer
- Until that door opened

THIS FRIEND AROSE NOT BECAUSE FOR THE FRIEND'S SAKE

- But because of the other's importunity/ impudence

Aneedia – shamelessness, ignoring convention, lack of restraint, audacity, lack of consideration,

Shamelessness – persistence

Insolence – shameless immodesty without concern for propriety of one's own dignity

- boldness – courage and confidence, conviction –

Had confidence in the friend

1 JOHN 5:14-15

This is the [remarkable degree of] confidence which we [as believers are entitled to] have before Him: that ^aif we ask anything according to His will, [that is, consistent with His plan and purpose] He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know [for a fact, as indeed we do] that He hears *and* listens to us in whatever we ask, we [also] know [with settled and absolute knowledge] that we have [granted to us] the requests which we have asked from Him.

- As long as he can hear him
- He knows that he will grant him his request
- And gave him as much as he wished

Jesus – tells us to earnestly knock – until that door is opened

Question is

- Do you know what you need or want?

- How much do you want?
- Do you know what door to knock at
- How badly do you need it?
- If you need it so badly, then you will keep knocking
- Until the door is opened
- What you need is behind that door