

Every Door is Open – Bible Study Lesson

Family is the foundation that God uses to support the structure of your life by helping you adapt to life's ever-changing circumstances.

Revelation 3:8 (AMP)

8 'I know your deeds. See, I have set before you an open door which no one is able to shut, for you have a little power, and have kept My word, and have not renounced or denied My name.

Matthew 10:40-42 (AMP)

40 "He who receives and welcomes you receives Me, and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me.

41 He who receives and welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and he who receives a righteous (honorable) man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward.

42 And whoever gives to one of these little ones [these who are humble in rank or influence] even a cup of cold water to drink because he is my disciple, truly I say to you, he will not lose his reward."

Today we will discuss a topic that will cause doors to swing open for our families. Things that once blocked us from receiving God's best will begin to disappear when we teach and model one concept. **Honor is the seed for access.** It is the one thing that is undeniable to God and man. In the scripture we read God said, "I see your works, and even when it was difficult you honored me. Therefore, I have set before you an open door that no one is authorized to close." With this in mind, let's examine: **Every Door is Open.**

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NLT)

9 Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed.

10 If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.

11 Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone?

12 A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

How we spend our time is even more important than how we spend our money. Our families are conscious of how much or how little quality time we spend with them. They are often conscious of how many directions we're pulled in. **However, when they know they are the most important thing in this moment our family bond is strengthened.**

1. Honoring family time opens the door to unity.

1 Peter 3:7 (NASB)

7 You husbands in the same way, live with your wives in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.

Ephesians 6:2-4 (NASB)

2 Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise),

3 so that it may turn out well for you, and that you may live long on the earth.

4 Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

Here is something that will bless every relationship in our lives. Honor up, honor down, honor all around. **When people feel honored, they will open their hearts.** Some of us had great examples of honorable families. Some of us didn't. However, if we didn't have a good model, we still don't have any excuse. **WE SAW EXACTLY WHAT NOT TO DO.** How can we expect our kids to honor us, when we don't honor our spouses and our exes?

2. Honoring everyone opens the door to transparency.

James 1:19 (NLT)

19 Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry.

It's hard to learn to speak publicly if we haven't learned to speak privately. Empowering the voices in our families is a confidence booster. When we teach our family that their voices matter, their self-esteem grows. **We have to let them know they're worth listening to.** One challenge is creating an environment and preparing a place safe enough for them to tell you the whole story.

3. Honoring your family's voices opens the door to confidence.

Proverbs 12:22 (NASB)

22 Lying lips are an abomination to the Lord, But those who deal faithfully are His delight.

Psalms 101:7 (NASB)

7 One who practices deceit shall not dwell within my house; One who speaks lies shall not maintain his position before me.

One of the worst things we can do is tell our family to do as we say not as we do. How can we expect them to be honest with us and others, when they see us lie all the time? It's not the big things. It's the small things that start the road to dishonor. **Honesty is dishonorable to God and our families.**

4. Honoring your word opens the door to trust in you.

1 Samuel 2:30 (NLT)

30 "Therefore, the Lord, the God of Israel, says: I promised that your branch of the tribe of Levi would always be my priests. But I will honor those who honor me, and I will despise those who think lightly of me.

If we truly want honor and peace in our families, we must decide to live our lives according to God's will and His ways. The Bible says, Seek first the Kingdom, God's way of living and being right and all these things will be

added unto you. Honoring God and the things of God gives our family a model that will produce honor from God. **When they see us pray, serve, and give they will begin to do so themselves.**

5. Honoring God in front of your family opens the door to a personal relationship with Him.

Honor is the seed for access. It is the one thing that is undeniable to God and man. Things that once blocked us from receiving God's best will begin to disappear when we teach and model this concept to our families. Learning honor will cause us to receive **Every Door Open.**