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## Opening Doors & Stepping Through Them

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Colossians 4:2-6; 1 Peter 3:12-17

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1. Is God real?
2. Is the Bible true?
3. Do all religions lead to heaven?
4. If God is so big, smart, good, and loving, then how could He allow such suffering and hardship in this world?

Our six-week study in “The God Questions” will give you information and answers for those questions. But because our goals are spiritual and not just informational, let me share with you how to have spiritual success with this study.

### 1. How to open any \_\_\_\_\_ door

Colossians 4:2-6

- a) \_\_\_\_\_ for an opportunity (vs. 2)
  - b) \_\_\_\_\_ for the opportunity (vs. 2)
  - c) \_\_\_\_\_ of the opportunity (vs. 4-5)
  - d) \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ for more (vs. 6)
  - e) “\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_” makes a great invitation (John 1:46; John 4:29)
- Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God has the power to open any \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 16:16-18).

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## Opening Doors - Continued

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### 2. What to do when the doors \_\_\_\_\_

1 Peter 3:12-17

- a) Be \_\_\_\_\_ so that you can answer people’s questions (vs. 15)
  - b) Respond \_\_\_\_\_ so people can hear your answers (vs. 15)
  - c) Be \_\_\_\_\_, so people will believe you (vs. 16-17)
- People care what you know when they know that you are \_\_\_\_\_ and that you \_\_\_\_\_.

### ❖ Insight for life:

I will view “The God Questions” study as God’s call to be \_\_\_\_\_ . I will:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Attend church every weekend
- \_\_\_\_\_ Be a part of a weekly small group
- \_\_\_\_\_ Read a chapter a day from “The God Questions” book.
- \_\_\_\_\_ Memorize a verse of Scripture each week from “The God Questions” book.

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- a) Pray for an opportunity (vs. 2)
  - b) Watch for the opportunity (vs. 2)
  - c) Make the most of the opportunity (vs. 4-5)
  - d) Create a thirst for more (vs. 6)
  - e) “Come and see” makes a great invitation (John 1:46; John 4:29)
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### 2. What to do when the doors open

1 Peter 3:12-17

- a) Be ready so that you can answer people's questions (vs. 15)
  - b) Respond gently so people can hear your answers (vs. 15)
  - c) Be righteous, so people will believe you (vs. 16-17)
- People care what you know when they know that you are real and that you care.

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