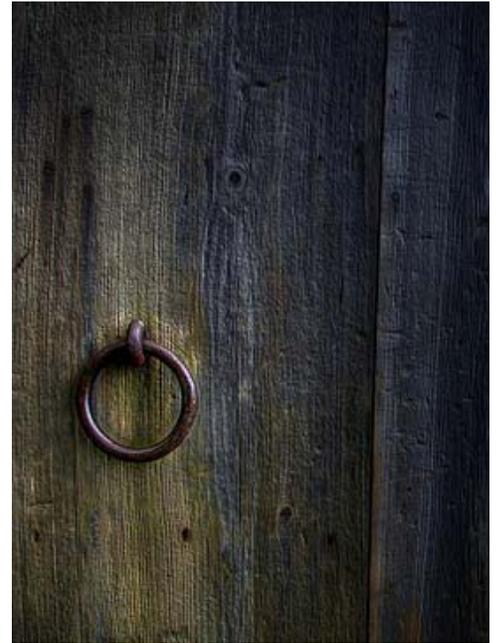


"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me." Revelation 3:20 KJV

Many think this verse is written to unbelievers about their heart's door, but it is not so. It was written to ASSEMBLY of BELIEVERS at Laodicea. It addresses their spiritual condition concerning God's Word. They thought themselves well off, but Jesus told them, *"Thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked."* He said they were neither cold nor hot and were just lukewarm. They thought they could do without Christ! If you go to church that lifts anything higher than Christ, it is not His Church! God's Word says, *"In the beginning was the Word...the Word was God...and the Word was made flesh."* Jesus is the Word. He also said, *"I am the Door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved. I am the WAY, the TRUTH, and the LIFE; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me. I and the Father are ONE."* If Christ is knocking, it means *"the Door/Truth/Word"* is shut. When's the last time you seriously read and studied your Bible? I'm not talking about religious ritual done to salve the conscience. I'm talking about really reading to hear God's Voice and then to continue listening throughout the day? He promises if we open *"the Door,"* He will *"sup"* with us. *"Sup"* refers to the end of day meal where the family gathers to feast and fellowship. How often do we leave *"the Door"* closed to our lives and hearts? We stagger out of bed and hurriedly dress, because we stayed up watching TV, worked on some project too late, or wrestled with the days troubles. We then rush off to work to plod through the drudgery of the day in a mindless flurry of activity. We come home dead tired, scurry off to some function or store, begin another flurry of meal preparation, or plop down in front of a TV. When do we *"open the Door?"* Where is He in our daily schedule? Do we *"fit Him in"* or is He writing every page? Tithing is giving a tenth. God demands a tenth of all! 24hrs/day x 7days/week = 168hrs/week. One tenth of that is 2.4 hrs/day or 16.8 hrs/week. Did you tithe of your time to God this week? *"Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"* If you keep something back from God, you have to redeem it with a double tithe. How is time redeemed? By giving it to God, your priorities will crystallize before you. If you give God His due, you will accomplish more with fewer hours than ever before! You can't outgive God! The Devil has us so *"busy"* with peripherals we barely have time to think, let alone meditate. We need to turn off/get rid of the TV, open our Bibles, and kneel before the Almighty. Oh, we give lip service to the idea that God's Word is more important than anything, but our actions belie our words. Entertainment has become our god, and God has become an *"accessory."* Christ has to knock, because we keep *"the Door"* shut. It's rarely opened. Is God's Word more of a talisman to you than a trusted Friend?



God's Word can be an open door,
Within its pages we can soar,
To heights unknown and planes above,
To touch the hem of boundless Love. ~CGP

In your whirlwind of daily activity, is Jesus knocking? Or do you open *"the DOOR"* and invite Him in to stay? What is the object of your *"affection?"* Who writes the pages of your life?

"My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen Thou me according unto Thy Word." Psalms 119:28 KJV