REVELATION 3:7-13

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DOOR: A point of entry or means of access. Used figuratively, it relates to opportunity!

- <u>Genesis 4:6-7</u> 6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? 7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and **if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door**. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.
- <u>Hosea 2:15</u> And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.
- <u>Acts 14:27</u> And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith unto the Gentiles.
 - (TM) On arrival, they got the church together and reported on their trip, telling in detail how God had used them to throw the door of faith wide open so people of all nations could come streaming in.
- <u>Colossians 4:3</u> Withal praying also for us, **that God would open unto us a door of utterance**, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds:
 - (NIV) And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.
- <u>1 Corinthians 16:9</u> For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.
 - (NLT) for there is a wide-open door for a great work here, and many people are responding. But there are many who oppose me.
- To take advantage of our God-given opportunity, we must have two ingredients ...
 Power to perceive it
 - People to achieve it
- **ROMANS 16** Paul's Team ("When The Roll Is Called **Down Here**, I'll Be There!")

JOSEPH He achieved his dreams while making someone else's dreams come true!

Genesis 37:5 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.

<u>Genesis 40:8</u> And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is no interpreter of it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell me them, I pray you.

<u>Genesis 41:15</u> And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that thou canst understand a dream to interpret it.

THE REWARD OF SERVICE IS THE OPPORTUNITY FOR MORE SERVICE!

<u>Psalm 115:1</u> Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth's sake.