

## *Seven Open Doors....*

7 Open Doors to To An Improved New Year

(7 opportunities...) The bible is not only a book of benefits, but maybe most importantly, a book of relationships with purpose.

And Making Progress Within Our Purpose Is Key.

### **Door Number 1: Demonstrate Calmness...**

In the face of stress and tension, never over-react.

It's called 'being a good witness'.

Walk through the door of calmness and you have made great progress in any situation. You have helped to set the stage for making positive ground in many ways.

Proverbs 17:27

He who has knowledge spares his words, And a man of understanding is of a *calm spirit*.

### **Door Number 2: Exhibit Friendly-ness**

Can you relate vs. being disconnected, self-absorbed.

Proverbs 18 : 1 An unfriendly man pursues selfish ends...

Proverbs 18 Verse 24: A man who has friends must himself be friendly, But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

### **Door Number 3: Show Tolerance...**

With no condemnation, yet without condoning unacceptable behaviors.

Romans 12 : 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Sharing your Wisdom and GOOD advice can be a powerful influence! Don't allow others to misunderstand and ASSUME that you can't relate; (therefore, you can't help).

### **Door Number 4: Display Generosity**

Giving- in varied ways. Examine GIVING. 'Of self' ... In many forms- in many ways. Don't just tell someone that you would like to help.... DO IT.

Proverbs 11:24-25 One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered

**Door Number 5: Discover In-Common interests.**

Luke Ch. 5: 3 Then He got into one of the boats, which was Simon's, and asked him to put out a little from the land.

And He sat down and taught the multitudes from the boat.

4 When He had stopped speaking, He said to Simon,

"Launch out into the deep and let down your nets for a

catch." 5 But Simon answered and said to Him, "Master,

we have toiled all night and caught nothing; nevertheless

at Your word I will let down the net." 6 And when they

had done this, they caught a great number of fish, and

their net was breaking. 7 So they signaled to their

partners in the other boat to come and help them. And

they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to

sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus'

knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O

Lord!" 9 For he and all who were with him were

astonished at the catch of fish which they had taken;

10 and so also were James and John, the sons of Zebedee,

who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon,

"Do not be afraid. From now on you will catch men." 11 So

when they had brought their boats to land, they forsook

all and followed Him.

Psalms 133:1 " Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

**Door Number: 6 "Participate"**

(With a positive influence) Don't just be PRESENT, yet not really there. *Participate.*

James 1: 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

**Door Number 7: Sharing of your Faith...** The previous open doors have set the stage to share your faith in the within a positive and attractive atmosphere that you maintain.

IF you have done *your* part, then you will have cultivated receptive ground. *We are sowing seeds* - (Or should be.)

Ecclesiastes 11:6 In the morning sow your seed, And in the evening do not withhold your hand; For you do not know which will prosper, Either this or that, Or whether both alike will be good.