

OPEN DOORS: TO RUN OR NOT TO RUN

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“Golden” Lessons from God



Just because the door is open, doesn't mean we should just run through it...

This is yet another lesson God has taught me through Goldie, my “miniature” Golden Retriever...)

For a long time I have been trying (without much success) to teach Goldie to STAY when the front door is open. She has this habit of running, no, I mean it's more like she BULLDOZES her way through the front door whenever it's opened.

She has almost knocked me down; she has ***frightened** more than one person on the other side of the door; her head has almost been “shut” in the door because we didn't know she was following us through the open door; not to mention the stress she has caused to me because I can't seem to control her...

The bottom line is that Goldie is crazy out of control in this one area. So, of course, the remedy for this lack of discipline is simple, it's TRAINING.

“ok, I'm going to open the door now, you STAY until I tell you to come, now stay....stay....stay.....”

When this whole thing started ‘way back when,’ it was during one of those “bulldozing” moments where Goldie had just about knocked me down trying to get out of the open door, that I received some instruction from the Lord. You know, I think sometimes I may be just like that dog...Sometimes when God seems to “open a door” of opportunity or ministry for me I can BULLDOZE my WAY right by Him, right by HIS plan, right by HIS timing, not listening to HIS WORD. It's not that He doesn't want me to go through the door, it's just that He may want me to ‘await His command’ before I head out.. What exactly am I going to do on the other side of that door anyway? Where do I think I'm going? We can get so excited about the open door that we miss the reason God opened it in the first place!

Sure, God may open the door, but He wants us to STAY: DO NOT GO OUT THE DOOR YET... until He has given us some instructions on what to do on the other side.

We need to be trained by HIS WORD. Stay and wait for the PLAN from the master.



Just consider some of the following, *p o s s i b l e* consequences of forcing our way through open doors too hastily:

1. we could knock others down in the process;
2. we could totally scare the people we are supposed to be ministering to on the other side;
3. our ‘heads’ could get shut in the door we weren't supposed to through in the first place, and oh, yeah,
4. the stress we can cause to others...and that's just the tip of the iceberg;)

In Conclusion, if you find yourself right in front of an open door, make sure you wait for the command of your Master to ‘come!’ or ‘go!’ because....

...just because the door is open, doesn't mean we should just run through it.

Peace In, Big D

*Frightened: the kind of startled feeling you get when a door opens and something comes flying out at you...