

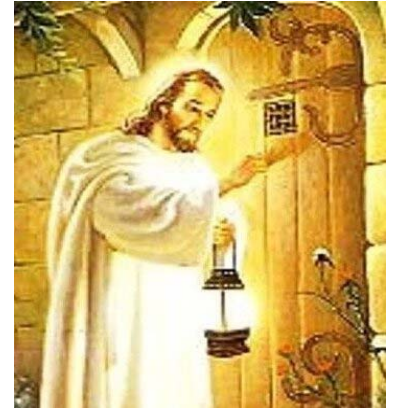
Open The Door For God To Make Himself Real...

DAILY

Door opener number one is to seek him early in the morning.

1. Because God commands it. Proverbs 8:17 those who seek me early and diligently shall find me.
2. Because Jesus, David, Paul and MANY other of God's children rose early and sought God.
3. Because putting God first means putting him first.

My own favorite help is a Bible calendar placed next to the bed...the one thing we all need most, REMINDERS of our need for God...or...for the no expense alternative go to www.bibleparent.com and cut up enough free scripture strips to fill a bedside bowl



For Door opener number two we choose an afternoon or morning outdoor WALK... soaking ourselves in God's creation.

WALKING in His creation opens a very wide door for God to enter. Romans 1:20 *"For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse."* Walking was also God's chosen method of being real to Adam of being WITH him. It is also a near perfect way of being WITH our family, of *Reconnecting* in a BUSY world. It would be very hard to measure the value of a DAILY God/Family walk.

For Door opener number three we choose prayer ...remembering that true prayer affirms THY will be done...not my will. A good start to DAILY prayer could well be writing "From me to Jesus" on one side of a Styrofoam cup and on the other side "From Jesus to me". Each family member put's one prayer in the cup and reprints it each morning until they hear from God. SEEING the cup is a reminder to one and all that prayer needs to be daily. It is also VERY SIMPLE to use in any language in the world. See full instructions and video at www.teachustoprayer.com.

For door opener number four we choose ‘POCKET SCRIPTURES’ ...because...God commands us to carry his word with us; Deut. 6:8. Having his word in our pocket reminds us that He Himself is with us AND it is something our children will see and imitate all their lives.

For door opener number five we choose putting his word ON DISPLAY in our homes, giving our homes a Bible makeover. Deut 6:9 emphasizes that God wants to make himself real to us. It also tells us exactly HOW to go about it...five specific commands. One of which is to put his word on our gates and door posts. Obey the commands, post his word in your room and the kids rooms.

Door opener number six...share him with others. Matthew 28:18–20, “All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always to the end of the age"

Door opener number seven: fellowship/hospitality/family. Matthew 18:20 where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them". Most Christians make it to church once a week, many attend a weeknight group BUT... According to surveys by George Barna, 90% of born-again Christian families do not have family devotions even once a week...far fewer DAILY. Something as simple as a Bible calendar or Bible memory cards near the front door can be a big help. The author invites everyone to visit www.bibleparent.com for hundreds of ways to make family fellowship fun, something your children will remember all their lives.

Our number eight door opener, the greatest of all door openers is to ask God to make you more sensitive to the Holy Spirit. **Matthew 7:8** For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

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