

OCTOBER 1

**“NO MAN CAN SHUT A DOOR  
GOD HAS OPENED, OR OPEN  
A DOOR HE HAS SHUT.”**

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**READ**

*1 Corinthians 16:9, Proverbs 3:5-6*

No one can go anywhere until God opens a door for them. When God opens that door, you have the opportunity to go through it. Paul is not saying God has opened just any door for me. What Paul is saying is that a great and effective door has been opened to me. God is in the business of opening doors. There is an invitation to walk through the door, and once you pass over that threshold, you are never the same again. Then God begins to powerfully move through you to accomplish His Kingdom purpose. You never walk through to another level without feeling naked, helpless and totally dependent. You feel horribly inadequate to go through that door. That's your adversary trying to distract you from what God wants you to do for Him. I didn't say what God wants to do for you, but what God wants you to do for Him. Don't lean on your own understanding. Your understanding will make you miss the door. I don't understand how God works, but God is working. I will never understand it, but I'll just trust Him. I plan to walk through that door.

**PRAY**

Lord, forgive me for trying to push open doors You have closed, and give me the faith to walk through the doors You have opened. Show me what You want me to do for You.

*From January 26, 2003*