

Closed Doors

Acts 16:6-15

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Pr 16:9 A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps.

Divine directives in confusing circumstances.

1. God can direct us by **closing a door** [v.6-8].
 - a. When God closes a door he is not **cancelling** the mission.
 - b. God was not changing **what** they were to do (preach Jesus); he was changing **where** they were to do it.
 - c. We are called to a **person** more than to a **place**.
2. God will direct us from his divine **perspective** [v.9-10].
 - a. God knows where people are **begging** for the truth (v.9).
 - b. God knows which servants are **predetermined** for obedience (v.10).
3. God will direct to **places** where he is working (v.11-12).
4. God will direct to people that are truly **seeking** (v.13-15).
5. God directs according to his **sovereignty** (v.6-15).

Get this:

- Closed doors need not discourage your heart nor **close** your mouth. God is working.
- Predetermine to obey God even **before** you know the whole plan.
- God calls people **to go** because he is also calling someone to **listen**.
- One simple act of **obedience** may open a door much bigger than we can imagine.
- Have you responded to the gospel like Lydia?