

# Opposition Is An Opportunity

When doors begin to open in your life or you step into new territory, it is not uncommon for challenges to arise at the same time. Many people assume that difficulty means they are outside of God's will, but Scripture shows that opposition often accompanies opportunity. Advancement in God's plan does not remove resistance—it frequently attracts it. The presence of pressure is not always a sign to stop; sometimes it is a sign that something significant is unfolding.

1 Corinthians 16:9 clearly reveals this pattern: "For a great and effective door has opened to me, and there are many adversaries." Paul recognized that both could exist together. The open door represented divine opportunity, while the adversaries represented resistance. One did not cancel out the other. Instead, they existed side by side, showing that opposition does not mean the door is closed—it often confirms its importance.

This pattern is seen throughout Scripture. David was anointed as king, yet soon after faced threats and persecution (1 Sam. 16–18). Joseph received a dream from God, but experienced betrayal and imprisonment before its fulfillment (Gen. 37–39). Even Jesus Christ, after being affirmed by the Father, was led into a season of testing (Matt. 3–4). In each case, difficulty did not cancel destiny—it preceded it.

Understanding this helps guard the heart from discouragement. When challenges arise, it is important not to immediately assume something is wrong. Instead, it may be a moment to remain steady and trust what God has already made clear. If every obstacle caused retreat, many would never walk through the very doors God has opened. Faith is not the absence of resistance—it is the ability to continue in the presence of it.

The key is to stay grounded and not allow circumstances to determine direction. Doors that God opens remain open, even when opposition is present. Challenges may test endurance, but they do not redefine God's promise. By staying anchored, continuing forward, and refusing to be moved by temporary difficulty, a person positions themselves to walk fully into what has already been set before them.