

Called to Be Doorkeepers

What is a doorkeeper?

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Strong's #7778

Gatekeeper, porter, doorkeeper, a janitor.¹

- One who guards the gates of a city or the door of a structure.²
- From a Hebrew root meaning “teeth against the (twisted) rope of the enemy (dark man).”³

Why and when do we need to be a doorkeeper?

Some things are in our home because we've *allowed* them:

- We haven't _____ our house.
- We haven't _____ the front door.
- We haven't _____ the door to keep things from entering.
 - "The watchmen are blind,
They are all ignorant;
They are all dumb dogs,
They cannot bark;
Sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber" (Isaiah 56:10).

We have a choice:

- Yeshua is _____ on the door.
 - “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me” (Revelation 3:20)⁴.
- Sin is _____ at the door.
 - “If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it” (Genesis 4:7).
 - Note: The serpent doesn't knock but awaits an opportunity to slither in uninvited.
 - You must rule over it!
 - Gird up the loins of your mind: Get to work; get down to business.
 - “Take fanciful, fearful, and flighty thoughts in hand, and secure them by the truth Yeshua taught.” (Christine Miller)⁵
 - “I will rejoice and be glad!” (Psalm 118:24)

Who can be a doorkeeper?

Yeshua gave us _____ to trample on the enemy.

- “And [Yeshua] said to them, ‘I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you’” (Luke 10:18-19).
 - Note: Satan is not the source of evil.
 - Don't say, “How could God have allowed this?”
 - Rather say, “How could mankind have allowed this?”

¹ <https://www.blueletterbible.org/lang/lexicon/lexicon.cfm?Strong's=H7778>

² <http://www.ancient-hebrew.org/ahlb/ghayin.html#7778>

³ <http://www.ancient-hebrew.org/ahlb/ghayin.html#6143>

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⁵ <http://www.alittleperspective.com/shabbat-prophetic-for-12-january-2019/>

- Eve blamed the serpent.
 - “But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death” (James 1:14-15).
- We must _____ daily not to allow evil.
 - “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil... I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live” (Deuteronomy 30:15, 19).
 - The Lord’s Prayer – “deliver us from *all evil*” (*A Prayer to Our Father*, Nehemia Gordon & Keith Johnson⁶)
- What does Satan do when he is not bound? He _____ the nations!
 - "Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while" (Revelation 20:1-3).
 - Eve was deceived (2 Corinthians 11:3).
- Bind the strong man!
 - "If I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. How can one enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house" (Matthew 12:28-29).
- We have a calling: to be shining, upright, sons of righteousness!
 - Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah – his calling is ours!
 - Isaiah 22:20-23

Then it shall be in that day,
That I will call My servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiyah;
I will clothe him with your robe
And strengthen him with your belt;
I will commit your responsibility into his hand.
He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
And to the house of Judah.
The key of the house of David
I will lay on his shoulder;
So he shall open, and no one shall shut;
And he shall shut, and no one shall open.
I will fasten him as a peg in a secure place,
And he will become a glorious throne to his father’s house.

 - Clothed with a robe
 - Strengthened with a Belt (see Ephesians 6, armor of God)
 - What we open, no one shall shut!
 - What we shut, no one shall open!
 - We shall be fastened as a peg in a secure place.

⁶ <https://store.nehemiaswall.com/products/a-prayer-to-our-father>

- We have the same calling!
 - "...on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 16:18-19).
 - "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven" (Matthew 18:18).

How do I be a doorkeeper?

1. Clean the house.

- Passover: Get the _____ out.
 - 1 Corinthians 5:6-13

"6 Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? 7 Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. 8 Therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

"9 I wrote to you in my epistle not to keep company with sexually immoral people. 10 Yet I certainly did not mean with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. 11 But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person.

"12 For what have I to do with judging those also who are outside? Do you not judge those who are inside? 13 But those who are outside God judges. Therefore 'put away from yourselves the evil person.'" (1 Corinthians 5:6-13).
 - What things need to be cleaned out?
 - Malice – a disposition to injure others without cause, from mere personal gratification or from a spirit of revenge.
 - Wickedness – departure from the Torah of YHVH; offenses for which a person deserves to be cut off from the people of God.⁷
 - Sexual immorality
 - Covetousness
 - Extortion – practice of wresting anything from a person by force or undue exercises of power.
 - Idolatry
 - Reviling – to treat with language of contempt (to despise, to treat as worthless); the worst way you can express a low opinion of someone.
 - Drunkenness
 - Note: These are talking about someone who is named a brother; not talking about the world. Things INSIDE your house, not outside.
 - With such a one, do not even eat!
- Passover: The _____ was on the door.
 - The blood was to be evident to all.
 - Obedience to YHVH by slaughtering an abomination (lamb) before all the Egyptians.
 - "7 And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it... 22 And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in

⁷ <http://anneelliott.com/2018/12/cut-off-a-history-lesson-for-today/>

the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning. 23 For the Lord will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the Lord will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you (Exodus 12:7, 22-23).

- The _____ of God are to be on our doorposts.
 - "6 "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. 9 You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates" (Deuteronomy 6:6-9).
 - Commands first on your heart (6:6)
 - Taught diligently to your children (6:7)
 - On hands & forehead (6:8)
 - To do, to meditate (Psalm 1:1-3)
 - On doorposts of house, on gates (of property, city)
 - "law of the land"
- *mezuzah* – Hebrew word for "doorpost"
 - Not a good luck charm! (idolatry)
 - *Scripture* is to be placed on doorpost.

2. Shut the door.

- The doorkeeper is commanded to _____.
- Do not be asleep!
 - "But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time is. It is like a man going to a far country, who left his house and gave authority to his servants, and to each his work, and commanded the doorkeeper to watch. Watch therefore, for you do not know when the master of the house is coming—in the evening, at midnight, at the crowing of the rooster, or in the morning— lest, coming suddenly, he find you sleeping. And what I say to you, I say to all: Watch!" (Mark 13:32-37)
 - Servants have authority over the house.
 - Servants are to be about their work.
 - The doorkeeper must not be asleep while servants are doing their jobs.
- Be *echad* (which means, be _____).
 - Divorce is not an option! Be one!
 - טִוּךְ
 - #259 *echad*
 - ox, fence, door
 - to strongly fence the door

"The Hebrew letters which convey *echad* mean, from the ancient pictographs, "to strongly fence the door." In other words, if two are together, and a dispute breaks out, neither one of them departs from the other, because the exit door is strongly fenced. That is what it means in Hebrew to be united, to be one. If we are one, as Yeshua and His Father are one, then there is no departing from each other... (continued next page)

"Since there is no departing, a way needs to be found to dwell together in unity (*echad*, Psalm 133:1), or else life will not be either good or pleasant! We do this by focusing on that which unites us and not on that which divides us. We do this by focusing on the log

in our own eye and not the speck in our brother's eye (Matthew 7:3-5). We do this by serving the needs of our brother above the needs of ourselves.

"Those who cause divisions and offenses focus on that which divides; they focus on the specks in others' eyes; and they focus on serving their needs and not the needs of others" (Christine Miller).⁸

- What if only one spouse is a believer, walking in obedience to Scripture?
 - "Given enough time, the witness of the believing spouse **opens the door** for repentance and salvation of the unbelieving spouse."⁹
 - "For how do you know, O wife, whether you will save your husband? Or how do you know, O husband, whether you will save your wife?" (1 Corinthians 7:16).
 - "Wives, likewise, be submissive to your own husbands, that even if some do not obey the word, they, without a word, may be won by the conduct of their wives, when they observe your chaste conduct accompanied by fear" (1 Peter 3:1-2).

3. Guard the door & produce good things.

- If the house is swept clean but not _____ with good things:
 - "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first" (Matthew 12:43-45).
 - Make sure the house isn't _____!
- Make the tree good > and its _____ will be good.
 - "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or else make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit. Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things" (Matthew 12:33-35).
- How is fruit produced? "A good man out of the treasure of his heart brings forth good fruit." What comes out of the abundance of our hearts? Words! Things that the mouth speaks!
 - _____
 - "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:18-20).
 - The sign that He will fulfill His promise in calling us: "Ask/Agree on anything, and it will be done for them by My Father"

⁸ <http://www.alittleperspective.com/5851/>

⁹ <http://www.alittleperspective.com/on-being-unequally-yoked/>

- _____
 - "Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger" (Psalm 8:2).
 - The enemy is silenced by praise!

- _____
 - Note: The enemy is not a person.
 - "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12).

 - We defeat the *real* enemy by _____ "flesh and blood."
 - "But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven..." (Matthew 5:44-45).
 - Example: How Yeshua blessed us when we were his enemies!
 - "...God, having raised up His Servant Yeshua, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities" (Acts 3:26).
 - "Being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure" (1 Corinthians 4:12).
 - "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse" (Romans 12:14).

What should be produced in our homes?

- Treasures not to be hoarded: generosity.
 - "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:19-21).

- Seek His kingdom _____.
 - "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you" (Matthew 6:33).
 - "These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them" (Hebrews 11:13-16).
 - Note: We are to build houses.
 - "Build houses and dwell in them; plant gardens and eat their fruit" (Jeremiah 29:5).
 - "Seek the peace of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the Lord for it; for in its peace you will have peace" (Jeremiah 29:7).

Why did He call us to be doorkeepers?

Doorkeepers are also known as "_____."

- "You shall appoint judges [*shoftim*] and officers in all your gates, which YHVH your God gives you, according to your tribes, and they shall judge [*shafat*] the people with just judgment [*tsedhek mishpat*]" (Deuteronomy 16:18).
 - *shoftim, shafat* - #8199 - שפּתִים - to decide (from root פת – to see what belongs).
 - *mishpat* - #4941 - מִשְׁפָּט – a pronounced opinion; a judgment by a court of law.

- In Exodus 18, Yitro counsels Moshe to set up judges
- Leviticus 19:15 – in righteousness, all of us are to judge your neighbor. (Righteousness is justice, fairness, equity.)
- Deuteronomy 25:1 – we are to judge in controversies.
- The Book of Judges, through to Samuel.
- 1 Kings 3:9 – we are to discern (judge) between good and evil.
 - Good – טוב – to act functionally; to fulfill the action for which something exists (its intended purpose).
 - Evil – רע – to be dysfunctional; to be impaired, abnormal; not fulfilling its intended purpose
- 1 Kings 3:28 – the wisdom of God needs to be with a judge.
 - Proverbs 8:16 – By wisdom judges rule the earth.
- 2 Chronicles 19:5-6 – judges are to be appointed city by city, in all the walled cities.
 - Judge not for man but for YHVH, who is with you in judgment.
- Psalm 10:18 – judge against oppression
 - This was repeated *many times!*
 - We are to follow God’s example:
 - "He will bring justice to the poor of the people; He will save the children of the needy, and will break in pieces the oppressor" (Psalm 72:4).
- Zechariah 8:16-17 – Speak truth to your neighbor.
 - Execute (judge) the judgment of truth and peace in your gates.
 - Don’t think evil in your heart against your neighbor.
 - Do not love a false oath.
 - (For all these things I hate, says YHVH)

Ultimately, YHVH will set up judges again in the earth

To stop injustice, to establish righteousness – as at the first!

- Isaiah 1:26 – City of Righteousness, the Faithful City
- Ezekiel 44 goes into great detail about this!
 - The priests will be set up to be judges (44:23)
 - They are the sons of Zadok (44:10-16).
 - They are to teach my people the difference between the holy and the common,
 - And show them how to distinguish between the unclean and the clean.
 - Nothing unclean can be in God’s presence!
 - In controversy they shall stand in judgment.
 - They shall judge according to my judgments.
 - Keep my laws and my statutes in all my assemblies.
 - They shall set apart my statutes!
- Isaiah 2:2-4 says that **He shall judge**.
 - He will judge on the mountain of God.
 - He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths.
- But in the New Testament, we read the believers in Yeshua who keep His commandments will be priests and judges.
 - "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (1 Peter 2:9).
 - "And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth" (Revelation 5:10).
 - "And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received his mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years" (Revelation 20:4).

- We are to begin judging now. We are to be doorkeepers!
 - "Do you not know that the saints will judge the world? And if the world will be judged by you, are you unworthy to judge the smallest matters? 3 Do you not know that we shall judge angels? How much more, things that pertain to this life?" (1 Corinthians 6:2-3).
 - Things that pertain to *this* life!
 - Luke 19:11-27
 - Occupy until I come (19:13, KJV).
 - Do business until I come (NKJV).

11 Now as they heard these things, He spoke another parable, because He was near Jerusalem and because they thought the kingdom of God would appear immediately. 12 Therefore He said: "A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom and to return. 13 So he called ten of his servants, delivered to them ten minas, and said to them, 'Do business till I come.' 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent a delegation after him, saying, 'We will not have this man to reign over us.'

15 "And so it was that when he returned, having received the kingdom, he then commanded these servants, to whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know how much every man had gained by trading. 16 Then came the first, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned ten minas.' 17 And he said to him, 'Well done, good servant; because you were faithful in a very little, have authority over ten cities.' 18 And the second came, saying, 'Master, your mina has earned five minas.' 19 Likewise he said to him, 'You also be over five cities.'

20 "Then another came, saying, 'Master, here is your mina, which I have kept put away in a handkerchief. 21 For I feared you, because you are an austere man. You collect what you did not deposit, and reap what you did not sow.' 22 And he said to him, 'Out of your own mouth I will judge you, you wicked servant. You knew that I was an austere man, collecting what I did not deposit and reaping what I did not sow. 23 Why then did you not put my money in the bank, that at my coming I might have collected it with interest?'

24 "And he said to those who stood by, 'Take the mina from him, and give it to him who has ten minas.' 25 (But they said to him, 'Master, he has ten minas.')

26 'For I say to you, that to everyone who has will be given; and from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him. 27 But bring here those enemies of mine, who did not want me to reign over them, and slay them before me.' "