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My desire for you is that 2018 will be a year of great open doors and God opportunities! The Apostle Paul seemed to always be in transition in his life and ministry, but never without a divine purpose. In the midst of constant challenges, he receives the revelation of the Holy Spirit for us all. “A great and effective door is opened unto me...” and oh, by the way, “...there are many adversaries.”

Doors in our life open both naturally and supernaturally. As leaders there are doors that only God can open, and there are doors only we can open. The growth and blessing of God on your life and ministry in 2018 will depend on you discerning the doors he has already opened for you, and then opening those doors in the natural realm.

As I have thought about this revelation for our ministries this year, I am sensing that we must identify the “Access Points” that will be strategically effective in opening doors to reach this generation. Obviously, knocking on doors in your community is now not only ineffective, it is offensive to the point of closing the doors in your community. So, what are the new spirit led strategic “Access Points” through which we can reach this generation? In evaluating this myself and with my staff, we have concluded we must create new points of access for unchurched people to get into our churches.

Some of the following Access Points are newer, while others are existing Access Points that can be used in constantly creative ways.

- The People Points – “82% of the unchurched are at least ‘somewhat likely’ to attend church if they are invited.” Especially by someone in relationship with them. Millennials are motivated by relationship!
- The Serving Points – Studies and surveys show Millennials are slow to commit or join anything, but eager to serve the community more than the church. The Access Point is a church serving its community!
- Exposure Points – Multimedia, websites, and many other forms of Social Media, can create positive pre-exposure from the inside out. An RMFI church plant has 100 in its building and 300 online weekly.
- The Experience Points – Keep the content of your service, but change the experience. Cultural relevance, excellence, and timing are critical church/ministry components from a round trip to/from the parking lot

As you personally evaluate your current church or ministry Access Points, be ready to change and create new access points for more multigenerational connectivity and growth in 2018.

Thank you for faithfully giving your RMFI Tithes and Offerings this month so we can do more for you in 2018. Please also send me your prayer requests and Praise Reports.

Serving Him and you,

Pastor Ron Carpenter, Jr.