

GULF SHORES CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Introduction: Have you ever noticed how many businesses have this sign in the window? Ever wondered why? This is a great Bible word that is hiding in plain sight! It is mentioned 319 times in the NKJV of the Bible. There are great lessons to be learned from these verses. Let's study together

Discussion:

I. CHRISTIANS NEED OPEN EYES

Number 24:4

Psalm 119:18

Psalm 146:8

II. CHRISTIANS NEED OPEN EARS

Psalm 40:6

Matthew 11:15, 13:9

**Revelation 2:7, 11, 17, 29,
3:6, 13, 22**

III. CHRISTIANS NEED OPEN HEARTS

Acts 16:14

II Corinthians 6:11, 13

II Corinthians 7:2

IV. CHRISTIANS NEED OPEN MOUTHS

Psalm 51:15

Psalm 81:10

Ezekiel 24:27

V. CHRISTIANS NEED OPEN ARMS

Deuteronomy 15:7-8

Mark 9:36-37

Mark 10:13-16

VI. CHRISTIANS SEEK OPEN DOORS

Matthew 7:7

I Corinthians 16:9

Revelation 3:20

VII. CHRISTIANS LONG FOR AN OPEN CITY

Psalm 24:7, 9

Isaiah 26:2

Revelation 21:25

Conclusion: Would you identify yourself as someone who is open or closed? Are you ready to surrender all to God? What does He require of us? **Mark 12:30** says, "*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.*" Don't hold anything back! Open up, because God is longing to bless you!

WORD OF THE DAY = "OPEN"