



Offering Christ Today: Review of Secret to an Open Door — Igniting a Passion for the Lost

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[Secret to an Open Door: Igniting a Passion for the Lost](#)

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People commonly experience frustration when they attempt to practice personal evangelism. Following this, people often analyze the reasons for their failure to share their faith with others or to lead a person to Christ. David A. Morel, author of *Secret to an Open Door*, can resonate with such frustration. Early in his Christian walk, Morel experienced years of failure in his personal witnessing.

In a telephone interview, with this reviewer, Morel confided that his failures were neither due to a lack of motivation to witness nor a lack of training. He served for more than ten years at The Gideons International and underwent thorough training in one-on-one faith sharing. Training alone was not enough, however. Following a devastating witnessing experience, Morel discovered his problem while in prayer. He said, "I learned that it is God who opens the door for salvation." The understanding that God is responsible for the results in matters of evangelism and salvation is emphasized in *Secret to an Open Door*.

The Secret

The *secret* referred to in this book is the mystery of the gospel. According to Morel, people reject the gospel of Jesus Christ because it is a mystery to them. This mystery of the gospel is incomprehensible to unbelievers. Thus, the task of Christians is to unveil the mystery of the gospel. According to Morel's personal revelation, the secret to soul-winning is that God reveals God's self to the heart of an unbeliever through the Holy Spirit.

Morel underscores the importance of remembering that "No one will ever accept Jesus Christ as Savior unless God is involved." The author helps readers understand the futility of attempting *to win someone to Christ* through personal effort alone. Early in his Christian walk Morel studied and memorized key Scriptures until he believed, "I was prepared to win the lost to Christ." When a particular opportunity arose, he pulled out his sword (Bible) and went straight for the jugular. Fifteen minutes later, he was licking his wounds. The man he tried to witness to had made a mockery of him. In the midst of this devastation, Morel prayed and learned to depend fully on God for the results of the witnessing process.

Prayer

Another emphasis of this book is prayer. The key to evangelism is praying to become compassionate for the lost. Morel also highlights the need for God to open doors of opportunity to share the mystery of the gospel and finally to pray for boldness to share the gospel.

For the balance of the book, Morel provides readers with a succinct overview of the basics of faith sharing: relying on God's word for understanding, moving out of one's comfort zone, tips on personal witnessing, and addressing questions.

If you are looking for a compact book with a clear outline of personal witnessing, then this resource is for you. Morel writes with humility and honesty. His insights emerge from both study and failures overcome. Anyone who needs motivation to engage in personal evangelism or who has stalled in his or her efforts due to frustration would benefit from this book. For more information about author David A. Morel visit: www.davidmorel.net.

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