

Lesson: 3

When God Knocks



**God is
knocking...
Are we too
busy to
answer?**

A teenage boy was engrossed in a computer game when he heard a knock at the front door. He chose to ignore it.

A few moments later, his mother

came downstairs and asked, "Did you answer the door?"

Without taking his eyes off the screen, the boy replied, "I didn't want to. Someone might have been there, and I'd have to stop my game!"

Many people respond to God in much the same way. We deny His existence for all sorts of reasons. Sometimes it is because we simply don't want Him to exist. We become so absorbed in pursuing possessions, pleasure or personal ambition that we fear acknowledging God might interrupt our plans. Others have accepted naturalistic explanations for life for so long that they regard them as unquestionable fact and are unwilling to consider the evidence for a Creator.

Yet God continually reveals Himself. His handiwork is displayed throughout Creation, His truth is declared in His Word, our conscience testifies to right and wrong, and He often speaks through Christian evangelists, family members and friends who lovingly encourage us to consider His claims. The evidence is there, but many choose not to answer because they suspect that if God is real, their lives may have to change.

God will never force His way into our lives, but patiently knocks and invites us to respond. The One standing at the door is the Creator of the universe, offering forgiveness, new life and eternal salvation. Any change He brings into our lives will only be a change for the better. How tragic it would be to ignore the greatest invitation ever given simply because we were too preoccupied with the passing things of this world. Some interruptions are worth answering.

"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."

Revelations 3:20.

