

What's Behind the Secret Door?

Talk about finding a niche in business! According to Jason Barry with *CBS News*, Steve Humble has stepped through an open door – literally and figuratively – into an unusual occupation.

He is the founder of Creative Home Engineering in Gilbert, Arizona. His company makes an assortment of secret doors that are used to hide secret rooms or closets in someone's house.

His website's name – *HiddenPassageway.com* – basically says it all.

"We make doors that don't look like doors," Humble said. "It could look like a bookcase, or a dresser, or grandfather clock, or brick wall – anything you can think of that isn't a door."

Humble said that some of his clients want a secret door to hide a children's play area or movie room. Others want a place to hide a large safe or some guns.

But personal safety is the No. 1 reason people call him. High-end clients want custom-built panic or safe rooms where they can hide in case of a home invasion.

All of the high-end secret doors open and close with a remote control that can be connected to anything around the house, which makes it kind of fun, Humble said.

So fun, in fact, customers often have trouble keeping their secret rooms secret.

"The majority of clients come to us with the intention of telling no one, but it's not uncommon for them to be so proud and excited about it, they end up showing it off to the neighborhood," Humble said.

Certainly, this is an interesting news story, but there's irony in it: People who build secret doors to secret rooms can't wait to tell their neighbors, even though the rooms are supposed to be kept secret?



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But the reaction of Humble's customers to his products does raise a spiritual question: Are we, as Christians, as excited about telling people about the door that's not supposed to be kept a secret, the one that leads to life eternal? Jesus made it clear:

I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture (John 10:9 ESV).

Really cool secrets are hard to keep. What cooler secret is there than the *Door* that leads to heaven?

Is there someone you can share it with today?

– Beecher Hunter