

Open Heavens 10 June 2026 Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 10 June 2026 devotional for today is MIND YOUR FRIENDS.

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OPEN HEAVENS 10 JUNE 2026 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: MIND YOUR FRIENDS

MEMORISE:

Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt manners.
1 Corinthians 15:33

READ: 2 Corinthians 6:14-17

14 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?
15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?
16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 10 JUNE 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

Many Christians profess to be children of God; however, they still maintain really close friendships with unbelievers and are heavily influenced negatively by such relationships. They attend church regularly, but they have friends who want nothing to do with the Church.

Christians such as this might hear Godâ??s word regularly and even be involved in the various church activities; however, when they are in the midst of their friends, they never discuss the things of God with them.

Eventually, their association with such friends becomes a thorn that chokes Godâ??s word in their hearts.

Todayâ??s Bible reading admonishes us to be separate from the world because light has nothing to do with darkness. Believe me, it is easier for a fellow to be brought down than to be pulled up by another fellow. This means that it is easier for friends who are unbelievers to pull down a Christian than for the Christian to pull such friends up. This is why Paul advised Christians not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers.

Beloved, if you have friends who are worldly, you most likely will begin to care so much about worldly things, and James 4:4 tells us that friendship with the world is enmity with God. When your close friends always speak ill about God, the Church, and men of God, you will likely begin to mock the things of God.

In 2 Timothy 4:10, Paul told us about a young man named Demas who was his companion on some of his missionary journeys but eventually forsook him and left the faith because he loved the world. When a fellow allows unholy friends to introduce little foxes like ungodly habits, unrighteous conversations, and immoral behaviour into his or her life, it will eventually ruin the fellow (Song of Solomon 2:15).

Are there wild desires or ungodly habits in your life that can be traced to your association with some of your friends? Break up with such desires and habits so that you wonâ??t sow among thorns and miss out on Godâ??s blessings or be pushed out of your purpose like Demas.

Furthermore, dissociate yourself from unholy friends and begin to cultivate a more intimate relationship with God and other believers who can influence you positively and help strengthen your faith.

I pray that the Almighty God will guide you to cultivate relationships with godly people that will influence you to be more committed to Him and strengthen you to fulfil His purpose for your life, in Jesusâ?? name.

PRAYER POINT:

Father, please guide me to make friends with the right people, in Jesusâ?? name.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Psalms 28-33

Open Heavens HYMN 39: I AM THINE, O LORD

OPEN HEAVENS DEVOTIONAL 10 JUNE 2026 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: 1 Corinthians 15:33

> *â??Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.â?•*

This verse is a solemn warning against the deception of underestimating the power of companionship. Daddy Adeboye anchors todayâ??s devotional on this text because many Christians sincerely believe they can walk with unbelievers without being affected. Paul says: *Do not be deceived.* The word â??communicationsâ?• here means companionships, conversations, and constant associations. â??Good mannersâ?• refers to morals, character, and spiritual integrity. The truth is devastating but simple: bad company does not merely annoy youâ??it *corrupts* you. Slowly, subtly, and certainly.

BIBLE READING: 2 Corinthians 6:14-17

> *â??Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?â?¦ Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.â?•*

This passage is one of the clearest commands in Scripture on relational boundaries. Paul uses five rhetorical questions to show the impossibility of true fellowship between believers and unbelievers at the deepest level of intimate friendship. A yoke is a wooden beam that joins two animals together so they pull in the same direction. To be â??unequally yokedâ?• means to be bound in a close, shared-life relationship with someone who is pulling toward the world while you are pulling toward Christ. The result is not harmonyâ??it is friction, frustration, and eventual deviation.

The Silent Danger: Close Friendships with Unbelievers

1. The Profile of the Compromised Christian

Daddy Adeboye paints a troubling picture of a believer who is living a double life:

At Church	With Unbelieving Friends

Attends regularly	Never discusses God with them
Involved in church activities	Adopts their language, jokes, and values
Hears Godâ??s word weekly	Slowly being choked by thorns
Professes to be a child of God	In danger of being pulled down

> *â??Christians such as this might hear Godâ??s word regularly and even be involved in the various church activities; however, when they are in the midst of their friends, they never discuss the things of God with them.â?•*

This is the silent tragedy. The believer is not denying Christ outright. They are not renouncing their faith. They are simply *silent* about it in the company that matters most to them. And silence, over time, becomes complicity.

2. The Thorn That Chokes the Word

Daddy Adeboye connects this devotional back to the Parable of the Sower (covered in previous days):

> *â??Eventually, their association with such friends becomes a thorn that chokes Godâ??s word in their hearts.â?•*

Recall the thorny ground: the seed grows, but thorns spring up and choke it. Those thorns were â??the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other thingsâ?• (Mark 4:19). But Daddy Adeboye adds another thorn: **unholy friendships**. These friendships:

- Introduce distractions that compete with Godâ??s word
- Normalize conversations that grieve the Holy Spirit
- Gradually shift your affections from heaven to earth
- Produce no fruit because the plant is strangled

The Gravitational Pull: Easier to Go Down Than to Come Up

1. The Law of Spiritual Gravity

Daddy Adeboye states a sobering principle:

> *â??Believe me, it is easier for a fellow to be brought down than to be pulled up by another fellow. This means that it is easier for friends who are unbelievers to pull down a Christian than for the Christian to pull such friends up.â?•*

This is not pessimism; it is realism. Consider why:

Why Pulling Down Is Easier	Why Pulling Up Is Harder
Sin is naturally attractive; holiness requires effort	The flesh resists correction and change

Why Pulling Down Is Easier	Why Pulling Up Is Harder
The world system supports downward pulls (peer pressure, media, cultural norms)	The Christian is outnumbered in any group of unbelievers
No spiritual resistance in going with the flow	Significant spiritual resistance in swimming against the current
One bad apple can spoil the whole barrel (Ecclesiastes 9:18)	One good apple does not automatically sweeten the bad ones

â??This is why Paul advised Christians not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers.â?•

The unequal yoke is not about never speaking to unbelievers (Jesus ate with tax collectors and sinners). It is about **close, intimate, life-entwining friendships** where their values become your normal. You cannot evangelize effectively if you are being evangelized by the world.

2. James 4:4 â?? Friendship with the World Is Enmity with God

Daddy Adeboye quotes this verse without softening it:

â??James 4:4 tells us that friendship with the world is enmity with God.â?•

The word â??friendshipâ?• here means fondness, affection, and intimate association. The â??worldâ?• means the system of values, desires, and behaviors that ignores or opposes God. Therefore:

If Your Close Friends Areâ?¦	The Inevitable Result
Worldly in their values	You will begin to care about worldly things
Mockers of God, the Church, and men of God	You will begin to mock or at least stay silent when they mock
Unholy in their habits	Their â??little foxesâ?• will enter your vineyard (Song of Solomon 2:15)

â??When your close friends always speak ill about God, the Church, and men of God, you will likely begin to mock the things of God.â?•

You cannot sit at a table where God is being dishonored day after day and remain unaffected. The water will seek its own level. If you swim long enough in a polluted river, you will be contaminated.

The Case Study of Demas (2 Timothy 4:10)

Daddy Adeboye uses Demas as a warning:

â??Paul told us about a young man named Demas who was his companion on some of his missionary journeys but eventually forsook him and left the faith because he loved the

world.â?•

Consider Demasâ??s trajectory:

Stage	Demasâ??s Condition
Stage 1	Companion of Paul on missionary journeys (Philemon 1:24) â?? trusted, active, serving
Stage 2	Still with Paul during his first imprisonment (Colossians 4:14) â?? faithful enough to be mentioned
Stage 3	Forsook Paul because he loved the world (2 Timothy 4:10) â?? chose the world over the ministry

What happened between Stage 2 and Stage 3? Daddy Adeboye suggests: unholy friendships, worldly attachments, and little foxes that grew into big destroyers. Demas did not fall suddenly. He drifted. He began to love the world more than the kingdom. And his close associations likely played a role.

> *â??Break up with such desires and habits so that you wonâ??t sow among thorns and miss out on Godâ??s blessings or be pushed out of your purpose like Demas.â?•*

The tragedy of Demas is not that he was never saved (the Bible does not say). The tragedy is that he was a companion of Paulâ??a man who had seen miracles, planted churches, and touched eternityâ??and yet he walked away. Why? Because he loved the world. And unholy friendships are one of the primary ways the world gets into your heart.

The Little Foxes (Song of Solomon 2:15)

> *â??Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes.â?•*

Daddy Adeboye uses this verse to show that destruction often comes not through massive, obvious sins, but through small, seemingly insignificant compromises introduced by unholy friends:

Little Fox (Small Compromise)	Big Destruction (Eventual Outcome)
â??Just one drink with friendsâ?•	Alcohol dependence or drunkenness
â??A joke about the pastorâ?•	Loss of respect for spiritual authority
â??Skip prayer meeting to hang outâ?•	Gradual cooling of spiritual fire
â??Watch this movie with usâ?•	Exposure to immorality that defiles the conscience
â??Itâ??s just a small lieâ?•	Erosion of integrity and trustworthiness

> *â??When a fellow allows unholy friends to introduce little foxes like ungodly habits, unrighteous conversations, and immoral behaviour into his or her life, it will eventually ruin the fellow.â?•*

The tragedy is that these foxes are *little*. They do not seem dangerous. They seem harmless. But they spoil the vinesâ??the tender grapes of character, reputation, and spiritual fruit. By the time the damage is visible, the harvest is already ruined.

How to Identify a Dangerous Friendship

Not every friendship with an unbeliever is automatically forbidden (Jesus was a â??friend of sinnersâ?• in the sense of reaching them). But Daddy Adeboye is warning about **close, intimate, life-influencing friendships**. Here is a diagnostic tool:

Question	If Yes â?? Dangerous Friendship
Do you spend more time with them than in prayer and Bible study?	Your spiritual diet is being replaced
Do you hide your Christian identity or beliefs around them?	You are ashamed of Christ in their presence
Do you participate in activities with them that you would not do if Jesus returned?	They are leading you into sin
Do they mock God, the Bible, or Christians in your presence without you speaking up?	Your silence is complicity
Do you find yourself adopting their language, humor, or values?	You are being conformed, not transforming

If you answered yes to any of these, the friendship has crossed from redemptive influence to dangerous entanglement.

What to Do: Break Up, Separate, and Cultivate Godly Friendships

Daddy Adeboye gives three clear instructions:

1. Break Up with Ungodly Habits and Desires

Before you can separate from unholy friends, you must separate from the sins they introduced:

Action	How to Do It
Identify the specific habit	Trace it back to the friendship that introduced it
Confess it as sin	Name it to God; do not minimize it
Repent	Turn away completely; do not revisit
Remove access	Stop going to places or engaging in activities that trigger the habit

2. Dissociate from Unholy Friends

> *â??Dissociate yourself from unholy friendsâ?¦â?•*

This is difficult but necessary. Daddy Adeboye is not saying to be rude or cruel. But he is saying to end the close, intimate friendship that is pulling you down.

What This Does NOT Mean	What This DOES Mean
Never speak to unbelievers again	Stop having unbelievers as your inner circle of influence
Be hostile or judgmental	Be loving but distant; friendly but not intimate
Abandon evangelism	Change your posture from learner to influencer; you influence them, not vice versa

Practical steps:

- Reduce time spent with them gradually or abruptly (as the Spirit leads)
- Decline invitations to events that compromise your faith
- When they mock God, speak gently but clearly: â??I donâ??t talk about my Savior that wayâ?•
- Replace those hours with time in godly community

3. Cultivate Intimate Relationships with God and Godly Believers

> *â??Begin to cultivate a more intimate relationship with God and other believers who can influence you positively and help strengthen your faith.â?•*

Godly Friendships Provide	Ungodly Friendships Provide
Prayer support	Pressure to compromise
Accountability	Anonymity in sin
Encouragement in trials	Mockery of struggles
Sharpening (Proverbs 27:17)	Dulling of spiritual senses
A safe place to confess weakness	An audience to perform for

You do not need many friends. You need a few *faithful* friends who love Jesus more than they love you and who will pull you up when you are slipping.

Warning: The Cost of Not Separating

Daddy Adeboyeâ??s devotional carries an urgent warning:

If You Do Not Separate	The Likely Outcome
You will sow among thorns	Your spiritual seed will be choked; no harvest
You will miss out on Godâ??s blessings	Blessings require purity; thorns block the flow
You will be pushed out of your purpose	Like Demas, you will forsake your calling for the world

This is not a minor issue. This is about whether you will fulfill your destiny or abandon it because you loved the world more than God.

Conclusion: Your Prayer for Godly Friendships

Daddy Adeboye closes with a prayer that God will guide you to cultivate relationships with godly people who will strengthen your faith. Do not underestimate the power of companionship. Your closest friends will determine the trajectory of your spiritual life.

Pray this:

> *â??Lord Jesus, I confess that I have been deceived. I have believed that I could walk closely with unbelievers and not be affected. Forgive me for the little foxes that have entered my vineyard through unholy friendships. Today, I break every soul tie with friendships that pull me away from You. Give me the courage to separate, even when it is painful. And lead me to godly friendsâ??men and women who love Your word, hunger for Your presence, and will pray with me and hold me accountable. I refuse to be a Demas. I will not love the world more than I love You. Cleanse my associations, in Jesusâ?? mighty name.â?•*

Action Steps:

1. **The Friendship Audit:** Write down the names of your five closest friends (the people you spend the most time with, text most often, or turn to for advice). Next to each name, write whether they are:
    - Passionate for Christ (spurs you toward holiness)
    - Nominal (talks about God but lives like the world)
    - Unbeliever (does not follow Christ)

    Be honest. Then ask: *Are these friendships helping me or harming my faith?*
2. **The Demas Check:** Ask yourself honestly: *Am I slowly loving the world more than I love God? What â??little foxâ?• has recently entered my life through a friendship?* Identify it. Confess it. Remove it.
3. **The Godly Friendship Pursuit:** For the next 30 days, intentionally invest time in relationships with believers who are spiritually ahead of you. Join a prayer group, attend a Bible study, ask someone to be your accountability partner. Replace ungodly influence with holy influence.

> *â??Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners.â?•* (1 Corinthians 15:33)
> **Your friends are shaping your destiny. Choose them carefully. Separate from what pulls you down. Run with those who pull you toward Christ.**

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