



Open Heaven 12 October 2024 Today Devotional: BE MERCIFUL

### **Description**

The Open Heaven 12 October 2024 devotional for today is **BE MERCIFUL**.

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### TOPIC: BE MERCIFUL

#### MEMORISE

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Matthew 5:7

#### READ: Matthew 18:21-35:

<sup>21</sup> Then came Peter to him, and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times?

<sup>22</sup> Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven.

<sup>23</sup> Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, which would take account of his servants.

<sup>24</sup> And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, which owed him ten thousand talents.

<sup>25</sup> But forasmuch as he had not to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

<sup>26</sup> The servant therefore fell down, and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will

pay thee all.

<sup>27</sup> Then the lord of that servant was moved with compassion, and loosed him, and forgave him the debt.

<sup>28</sup> But the same servant went out, and found one of his fellowservants, which owed him an hundred pence: and he laid hands on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay me that thou lowest.

<sup>29</sup> And his fellowservant fell down at his feet, and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee all.

<sup>30</sup> And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay the debt.

<sup>31</sup> So when his fellowservants saw what was done, they were very sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done.

<sup>32</sup> Then his lord, after that he had called him, said unto him, O thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou desiredst me:

<sup>33</sup> Shouldest not thou also have had compassion on thy fellowservant, even as I had pity on thee?

<sup>34</sup> And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.<sup>35</sup> So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

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## **RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 12 OCTOBER 2024 TODAY MESSAGE**

Many people ask God for mercy, but when God looks into their lives and sees that they don't show mercy to others around them, He withholds His mercy. From our memory verse today, you will realise that if you are merciful to others, you will also enjoy God's mercy.

Psalm 130:3 says that if God were to count our iniquities, we will not stand. It is only by His mercy that we are still alive, and if we are wise, we will also have mercy on those around us.

In our Bible reading for today, Jesus Christ told the story of a man who owed the king ten thousand talents. The king commanded that he and his family be sold in order to pay the debt, but the man asked for mercy, and the king forgave him of the debt. The same man went out and saw someone that owed him a hundred pence. His debtor begged for a little more time to pay his debt, but this man refused to forgive the debtor and locked him in prison. The king heard about it, withdrew his mercy, and gave the unmerciful servant to tormentors.

Proverbs 11:17 says:

The merciful man doeth good to his own soul: but he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.

The Scripture above says that when you are merciful, you are doing good to yourself, but if you are cruel, you are hurting yourself because your cruelty will only rob you of the mercies of God.

In John 14:23, Jesus said if you love Him, His Father will love you, and both of them will come and dwell in you. How do you show God that you love Him? 1 John 4:21 says that if you love God, then you must love your brother.

Love your neighbour like yourself because you cannot say you love God and hate your neighbour. If you decide not to love your neighbour, you are telling God that you don't need His love.

Galatians 6:7 says:

Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Whatever you sow is what you will reap. If you sow mercy into the lives of others, you will reap mercy. However, if you decide to sow unforgiveness, then do not complain when you reap unforgiveness (Job 4:8).

## **ACTION POINT**

Be merciful to everyone.

## **BIBLE IN ONE YEAR**

Mark 1-3

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