

OPEN HEAVEN 14 OCTOBER 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: DON'T WORRY ABOUT TOMORROW

MEMORISE:

Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

1 Peter 5:7

READ: Matthew 6:25-34:

25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they?

27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toilnot, neither do they spin:

29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?

- 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
- 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.
- 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.
- 34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 14 OCTOBER 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

Many people get so worried about their future that they forget to do the right things today.

Today's Bible reading says that you should not worry about tomorrow because God will take care of it. Sufficient unto each day are the troubles thereof; hence, you should face today's issues rather than worry about tomorrow. Believe me, worry is an absolute waste of time. Jesus said that you cannot add one cubit to your stature by worrying (Matthew 6:27). Worry weakens; instead of worrying, believers should trust God with their future.

Whatever is placed in God's hand will always blossom. Don't ever think you know how to make your tomorrow good; you have absolutely no idea of what is going to happen tomorrow. For instance, many people had made careful plans before the coronavirus pandemic hit. However, because of the pandemic, they had to put their plans on hold.

So many things that are beyond your control can happen, so it is better to place your future in the hands of the One who is the Beginning and the End. This is why James 4:13-16 says that you don't know what will happen tomorrow, so whenever you are talking about the future, you should acknowledge that whatever happens will be dependent on God's will.

I was less than 40 years old when I became the General Overseer of RCCG. One day, I looked at myself in the mirror and saw grey hair all over my head. I asked God, "Lord, how did this happen? I'm still a young boy."

At that time, the church had some problems, so the Lord said to me, "It is because you're carrying a burden that is not your own." I replied, "It's the burden of the church." He asked, "Whose church is it? Is it the church of Adeboye?" | replied, "No." Then He said, "Who told you I can't take care of My own burden? You are carrying a burden that is not yours. I just made you General Overseer so that people will see you as My representative. I am the owner of My church, and I will take care of My church."

After hearing this, I relaxed, and my hair became black again. A few years ago, I saw some strands of grey hairs on my head and asked God, "Lord, am I worrying again?" He said, "No. This time, you are getting old."

Beloved, do not worry. Instead, put your trust in God because He always takes care of His own.

KEY POINT

Never give in to worry; choose to trust God instead.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Mark 4-5

HYMN 29: WHEN PEACE LIKE A RIVER ATTENDETH MY WAY

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 14 OCTOBER 2025 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: 1 Peter 5:7

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

This is a direct command coupled with a profound assurance. The act of "casting" is a deliberate, forceful transfer of a burden. We are to do this because the receiving party—God—is not indifferent; He is deeply, personally invested in our well-being.

BIBLE READING: Matthew 6:25-34

This is the Master's definitive teaching on anxiety:

- v. 25: The Command: "Take no thought" (KJV) or "Do not worry" (NIV) about your life.
- v. 27: The Futility of Worry: It is completely unproductive—it cannot add a single hour to your life.
- v. 33: The Antidote: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."
- v. 34: The Daily Focus: "Take therefore no thought for the morrow..." Each day has enough trouble of its own.

The Futility of Worry and the Faith of Surrender

Pastor E.A. Adeboye uses a powerful personal testimony to illuminate a universal struggle: the sin and folly of worry. Worry is not merely a negative emotion; it is a practical denial of God's sovereignty, care, and power. It is the act of bearing a burden that God never intended for us to carry.

Why Worry is Spiritually Destructive

1. It is a Waste of Time and Energy: Worry cannot change anything. As Jesus said, it cannot add a single cubit to your stature (Matthew 6:27). It expends emotional and spiritual energy on

- hypothetical scenarios, leaving you drained for present realities.
- 2. **It is a Form of Atheism:** Worry implies that God is either unaware of your situation, unconcerned about it, or unable to handle it. It elevates the problem above the Problem-Solver.
- 3. **It Assumes a False Responsibility:** Worry makes you feel responsible for outcomes that are utterly beyond your control, as seen in James 4:13-15. It is the arrogance of assuming we can manage the future.
- 4. **It Weakens You Spiritually and Physically:** As Daddy Adeboye's testimony shows, worry has tangible consequences (grey hair, stress, illness). It saps the strength you need for today's legitimate battles.

The Divine Alternative: Casting Your Care

1. Recognize the True Owner of the Burden:

God's question to Pastor Adeboye is pivotal: "Whose church is it?" Every burden you carry—your family, career, ministry, health—ultimately belongs to God. You are a steward, not the owner. The owner assumes full responsibility.

2. Perform the Deliberate Act of Casting:

"Casting" (1 Peter 5:7) is not a passive hope; it is an active verb. It is the conscious decision to take the anxiety from your mind and hand it over to God in prayer. It is saying, "Lord, this is Your problem now. I transfer it to You."

3. Seek First the Kingdom:

Jesus provides the positive alternative to worry: proactive pursuit of God's agenda (Matthew 6:33). Instead of focusing on what might go wrong, focus on obeying God, serving others, and advancing His kingdom today. The promised result is that your needs will be met as a divine byproduct.

4. Live One Day at a Time:

God's grace, provision, and strength are dispensed daily, not in a lump sum for the future (Lamentations 3:22-23). Trying to bear tomorrow's burdens with today's grace is a recipe for collapse. Trust that God will supply the grace you need when you need it.

The Blessings of a Care-Free Life

- **Supernatural Peace:** The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your heart and mind (Philippians 4:6-7).
- Renewed Strength: Energy once wasted on worry is redirected into productive faith and action.
- Clear Focus: You are freed to excel in today's assignments without the paralyzing fear of tomorrow.
- Divine Provision: As you seek God first, He faithfully adds all you need.

Conclusion: Exchange Your Burden for His Rest

Pray this:

"Heavenly Father, I confess the sin of worry. I have carried burdens that belong to You alone. Right now, I cast all my care upon You—my anxieties about [mention specific concerns], my future, and my needs. I release them into Your capable hands. I trust that You care for me. Help me to seek first Your kingdom today and to rest in the assurance that You will provide all I need tomorrow, in Jesus' name. Amen."

Action Steps:

- 1. Identify Your Worry: Write down the specific things you are anxious about.
- 2. Prayer of Release: Literally pray over each item on your list, verbally casting it upon the Lord.
- 3. **Scripture Meditation:** Memorize and meditate on 1 Peter 5:7 and Matthew 6:33-34. Speak them when anxiety arises.
- 4. **Obedient Action:** Choose one thing you can do *today* to actively seek God's kingdom (e.g., pray, serve, give, share the gospel) instead of worrying about tomorrow.

Remember: Worry is choosing to bear today what God has promised to carry for you. Your future is safest in His hands. Let today's troubles be enough for today.

"Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." (1 Peter 5:7). Let today be the day you finally let go.

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