



Open Heaven 18 February 2024 Today Devotional: ARE YOU RELEVANT?

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## TOPIC: ARE YOU RELEVANT?

**MEMORISE: Acts 6:5**

*And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch:*

**BIBLE TEXT: John 15:1-6**

<sup>1</sup> I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

<sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

<sup>3</sup> Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

<sup>4</sup> Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more

can ye, except ye abide in me.

<sup>5</sup> I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

<sup>6</sup> If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

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## **RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 18 FEBRUARY 2024 TODAY MESSAGE**

There are different kinds of people in the church workforce today. Some are so relevant to the work of God that if they are absent on a service day, everyone will notice.

There are some other people, however, who hardly do anything, even in the department where they claim to function.

Worse still, there are people who are members of the workforce on paper, but physically, they are nowhere to be found. They hardly attend workers' meetings not to talk of actually working for God.

I don't know which of these categories you belong to, but if you are not so active that people can easily notice your absence, then you need to do better.

The first set of church workers in the Bible were the seven deacons mentioned in Acts 6:5. Phillip was one of them, and in Acts 21:8, he had become someone referred to as the evangelist.

The Bible specifically referred to him as 'the evangelist', which means that there might have been 'an evangelist, or some evangelists, but he was the evangelist'.

Furthermore, the passage referred to him as being one of the seven to remind us that he was one of seven deacons that were chosen.

However, besides Stephen and Phillip, we never heard of the rest.

One of my grandchildren once asked me, "Grandpa, do you know the Bible very well?" I said, "Yes" then she asked, "Who is Prochorus?" I said, "I don't know him".

She said, "What about Timon?" I said, "You mean Simon?" She said, "No, Timon". I replied, "I don't know Timon either." Then she said, "Prochorus and Timon were ordained along with Stephen and Phillip as deacons." I said, "Is that so?"

God have mercy on Prochorus. I know Stephen, I know Phillip, but this Prochorus fellow, what did he do that is worthy of note?"

In the same vein, when your name is mentioned in your local assembly, can people recognise the things you do that are worthy of note?

This is not to say that you must go around trying to show everyone that you are working. However,

your impact must be felt in the department where you choose to work.

For example, if you are in the sanitation department, everyone must know that if you are around, the church is always sparkling clean.

Make so much impact that it is impossible to deny your relevance in the house of God.

## **OPEN HEAVEN 18 FEBRUARY 2024 REFLECTION**

How impactful have you been in your local assembly?

## **BIBLE IN ONE YEAR**

Numbers 27-29

## **RCCG HYMN 1: All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name**

<sup>1</sup> All hail the power of Jesus' name!

Let angels prostrate fall.

Bring forth the royal diadem,

and crown him Lord of all.

Bring forth the royal diadem,

and crown him Lord of all!

<sup>2</sup> Let highborn seraphs tune the lyre,

and as they tune it, fall

Before His face Who tunes their choir,

and crown Him Lord of all.

Before His face Who tunes their choir,

and crown Him Lord of all.

<sup>3</sup> Crown Him, ye morning stars of light,

Who fixed this floating ball;

Now hail the strength of Israel's might,

and crown Him Lord of all.

Now hail the strength of Israel's might,

and crown Him Lord of all.

<sup>4</sup> Crown Him, ye martyrs of your God,

Who from His altar call;

Extol the stem of Jesse's Rod,

and crown Him Lord of all.

Extol the stem of Jesse's Rod,

and crown Him Lord of all.

<sup>5</sup> Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,

ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him who saves you by his grace,  
and crown Him Lord of all!

<sup>6</sup> Hail Him, ye heirs of David's line,  
Whom David Lord did call,  
The God incarnate, Man divine,  
and crown Him Lord of all.  
The God incarnate, Man divine,  
and crown Him Lord of all.

<sup>7</sup> Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
the wormwood and the gall,  
Go spread your trophies at His feet,  
and crown Him Lord of all.  
Go spread your trophies at His feet,  
and crown Him Lord of all.

<sup>8</sup> Let every tribe and every tongue  
before Him prostrate fall,  
And shout in universal song,  
and crown him Lord of all.  
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