



Open Heaven 18 June 2024 Today Devotional: SPEND TIME WITH THEM 2

### **Description**

The Open Heaven 18 June 2024 devotional for today is SPEND TIME WITH THEM 2.

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## **OPEN HEAVEN 18 JUNE 2024 TODAY DEVOTIONAL**

### **TOPIC: SPEND TIME WITH THEM 2**

#### **MEMORISE:**

*Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.*  
2 Corinthians 2:11

#### **READ: Proverbs 1:10-16**

<sup>10</sup> My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not.

<sup>11</sup> If they say, Come with us, let us lay wait for blood, let us lurk privily for the innocent without cause:

<sup>12</sup> Let us swallow them up alive as the grave; and whole, as those that go down into the pit:

<sup>13</sup> We shall find all precious substance, we shall fill our houses with spoil:

<sup>14</sup> Cast in thy lot among us; let us all have one purse:

<sup>15</sup> My son, walk not thou in the way with them; refrain thy foot from their path:

<sup>16</sup> For their feet run to evil, and make haste to shed blood.

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

Yesterday, I started discussing the importance of spending time with children. As parents spend time with their children, they must also spend time with what and whom their children spend time with.

Parents should check the apps on their children's phones to see what they are being exposed to.

When they are watching movies or cartoons, they should watch with them to be sure that they are safe for them. They should check the websites they visit and ask them to invite their friends over so they can know the kind of friends they keep.

They should visit their schools regularly to know the kind of people their teachers are. Parents should not see anything their children are involved in as too low or immature for them. Whatever or whomever children spend their time with will influence them, and parents must be there to ensure that they are influenced correctly.

Solomon, in today's Bible reading, spoke to his son about the people he should interact with. He knew that even after raising him the right way, other people and things could still influence him negatively.

There are things parents teach their children that the world will try to convince them to compromise on. Today's memory verse tells us not to be ignorant of the enemy's devices. Parents must pay attention to whatever their children are paying attention to. It will be unwise to teach them and then leave them to the world to corrupt them.

Beyond that, parents should occupy their children with godly activities so that they can have things to spend their energy on. They should encourage them to join the workforce in their local assembly as well as Christian book clubs and associations.

School activities and excursions are good, but parents must also prioritise spiritual engagements for their children. They shouldn't ignore their children's spiritual growth, but rather, they should teach them to build a connection with the Holy Spirit so that they can hear His voice telling them what and what not to do, even in their absence.

If you are a parent, engage your children in conversations to know what they have in their hearts and the things that influence them.

Matthew 15:11 says that it is what comes out of a person's mouth that defiles him or her. Talk to them about anything and everything to hear what they will say and know what is in their hearts.

I pray that you will not fail God over your children, in Jesus' name.

## **OPEN HEAVEN 18 JUNE 2024 KEY POINT**

Beyond spending time with children, it is also very important to spend time with the people and things that they spend their time with.

## **BIBLE IN ONE YEAR**

Psalms 78-80

## **HYMN 1:**

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

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