



Open Heaven 19 June 2024 Today Devotional: SPEND TIME WITH THEM 3

Description

The Open Heaven 19 June 2024 devotional for today is SPEND TIME WITH THEM 3.

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TOPIC: SPEND TIME WITH THEM 3

MEMORISE:

Let the deacons be the husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well.

1 Timothy 3:12

READ: 1 Timothy 3:1-5

This is a true saying, if a man desire the office of a bishop, he desireth a good work.

² A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach;

³ Not given to wine, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; but patient, not a brawler, not covetous;

⁴ One that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subjection with all gravity;

⁵ (For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the church of God?)

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 19 JUNE 2024 TODAY MESSAGE

Today, I will continue my teaching on the importance of spending time with children. Many ministers of God make the mistake of putting their ministries before their families – this is not how God wants it.

Today's Bible reading tells us that a man must first have his house in order before he takes up leadership in ministry. As far as God is concerned, your home must come first, then your ministry next. If your home is not in order, you have no business being in ministry.

If you are a minister, don't neglect your family because you are helping to build other families.

There are many ministers' children who have serious issues that need attention while their parents are helping other children settle theirs – this is wrong.

Do not ignore your children because you believe that you are already teaching them the word of God during family devotions and church services. Your children don't see you only as a minister, they also need you to listen to them every now and then as their parent. When you are with them, don't talk as a minister, talk as their parent, showing them love and care.

The reason many ministers' children become wayward is that they are living with a minister, not their parent. Make the work of ministry something they enjoy and not something they detest because it takes their parents away from them.

I realised that I needed to be with my children during festive seasons, and as such, even when we had church programmes at those times, I always ensured that they came along with me. On our way to such programmes, I would share jokes and riddles with them so that they would have fun and be relaxed.

Whenever we arrived at the venue of the programmes, wherever I sleep is where they would also sleep. Even when things were quite tough and all I had to sleep on was a wooden bench, we would all sleep on it together. So, rather than see the programmes as things that took their father away from home during holidays, they became times of bonding and adventure for us.

When you are praying for great exploits in ministry, remember to pray for your family too. Put them first in the place of prayers. What you pray about shows what you prioritise

OPEN HEAVEN 19 JUNE 2024 KEY POINT

You must rule your home well first before taking up a leadership position in ministry

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Psalms 81-88

HYMN 27:

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

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