

Open Heaven 24 April 2024 Today Devotional: ELDER, BE A GOOD EXAMPLE

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TOPIC: ELDER, BE A GOOD EXAMPLE

MEMORISE: Titus 2:7

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BIBLE TEXT: Titus 2:1-8

¹ But speak thou the things which become sound doctrine:

² That the aged men be sober, grave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity, in patience.

³ The aged women likewise, that they be in behaviour as becometh holiness, not false accusers, not given to much wine, teachers of good things;

⁴ That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

- ⁵ To be discreet, chaste, keepers at home, good, obedient to their own husbands, that the word of God be not blasphemed.
- ⁶ Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded.
- ⁷ In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine shewing uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,
- ⁸ Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of you.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 24 APRIL 2024 TODAY MESSAGE

Our Bible reading for today says that elders should behave right in order to influence the younger ones to also behave right – this is how it should be.

Beyond words, the younger generation learns more by observing. Besides hearing the things you say, they can also see the things you do. If you want them to behave rightly, let them see you do what you are asking them to do consistently first.

When you lie to get a favour for your child in school, and then turn around to tell that child not to lie to you, you are deceiving yourself. If they hardly see you pray and read your Bible, you can't turn around and ask them to read their Bibles.

You should be bold to say to the younger ones like

Apostle Paul said:

Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you. -Philippians 4:9

Our memory verse for today says that you must show yourself as a pattern of good works.

Many elderly people usually say that in order to catch the youths, they need to dress like youths and use their slangs. What they don't know is that when they start looking and talking like them, they are endorsing their lifestyle and some of their negative actions. They can't change them that way, rather, they will only reinforce their negative behaviour.

Instead, they should be a standard for the youths to follow. More often than not, the youths know the truth and when they do the wrong things, they actually expect the elders to correct them. Now, imagine their confusion when they see their elders doing the same things they want to be corrected about. In Yorubaland, where I come from, we call elderly people who behave childishly 'agbaya', meaning 'shameless old fellow'.

God is counting on elders to guide the younger ones on how to behave for them to have a better tomorrow. God also expects the youths to submit to their elders in humility. Finally, Titus 2:2 says that

elders should be sober, brave, temperate, sound in faith, in charity and in patience. As an elder, let this be your watchword. Don't be an agbaya.

OPEN HEAVEN 24 APRIL 2024 ACTION POINT

Ensure you act the same way you want your children and the young people around you to.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

2 Kings 19-21

RCCG HYMN 20: Stand Up! Stand Up For Jesus

¹ Stand up! stand up for Jesus! Ye soldiers of the cross; Lift high His royal banner, It must not suffer loss: From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army shall He lead, Till every foe is vanquished And Christ is Lord indeed.

Stand up! stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict
In this His glorious day.
Ye that are men, now serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger.
And strength to strength oppose.

³ Stand up! stand up for Jesus! Stand in His strength alone; The arm of flesh will fail you; Ye dare not trust your own. Put on the Gospel armor, And, watching unto prayer, Where duty calls, or danger, Be never wanting there.

Stand up! stand up for Jesus!
 The strife will not be long:
 This day the noise of battle,
 The next the victor's song;
 To him that overcometh

A crown of life shall be; He, with the King of glory, Shall reign eternally.

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