Open Heaven 26 May 2025 Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 26 May 2025 devotional for today is THE POWER OF DILIGENCE.

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OPEN HEAVEN 26 MAY 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: THE POWER OF DILIGENCE

MEMORISE:

He becometh poor that dealeth with a slack hand: but the hand of the diligent maketh rich. Proverbs 10:4

READ: Matthew 25:14-30

14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods.

15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according tohis several ability; and straightway took his journey.

16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents.

17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two.

18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money.

19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them.

20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more.

21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

22 He also that had received two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: behold, I have gained two other talents beside them.

23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.

24 Then he which had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art an hard man, reaping where thou hast not sown, and gathering where thou hast not strawed:

25 And I was afraid, and went and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, there thou hast that is thine.

26 His lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I have not strawed:

27 Thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the exchangers, and then at my coming I should have received mine own with usury.

28 Take therefore the talent from him, and give it unto him which hath ten talents.

29 For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance: but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath.

30 And cast ye the unprofitable servant into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

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Proverbs 22:29 says, "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men." Diligence means doing the right things to achieve a goal in an excellent, timely, and consistent manner. In Mark 10:46-52, Bartimaeus didn't only cry once; he kept crying until Jesus answered him. Likewise, the woman with the issue of blood kept pressing forward until she finally got to Jesus (Luke 8:43-48).

If you want to succeed at anything in life, you must be diligent and keep persevering despite obstacles.

I once gave a project to someone at the beginning of a year, and I intended to give him another one as soon as he was done. He was meant to complete the first project within three months; however, by

September, he was still struggling to complete it, and there was no way I would have given him another one. God had opened a door of financial blessings to him, but he refused to be diligent.

In today's Bible reading, Jesus told the parable of three servants who received talents from their master. Two of the servants were diligent, and they doubled what they received. When the master returned, he commended the two diligent servants and rewarded them handsomely. He said to them, "Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord."

In the same parable, you also see the direct consequences of laziness. The servant with one talent hid it and refused to trade with it. The consequence of not being diligent was not only the loss of his talent but also sorrow for the rest of his life. While the diligent servant who started with five ended up with eleven, the lazy servant ended up with sorrow. Jesus said, "For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have more abundance: but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that he hath" (Matthew 13:12). Anyone who has the virtue of diligence will have more, but those who lack this virtue will lose even what they have.

Beloved, diligence is powerful; it will position you for greatness and more abundance.

Whatever you do according to God's will, do it diligently with all your strength. Don't delay, and don't quit because of limitations or obstacles. I pray that God will reward your diligence

ACTION POINT

Be diligent in all that you do.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Esther 6-10

RCCG HYMN 32: TO THE WORK! TO THE WORK! WE ARE SERVANTS OF GOD

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Memorise: Proverbs 10:4 (KJV)

This foundational Scripture establishes the direct correlation between **diligent effort and divine prosperity**.

Bible Reading: Matthew 25:14-30 (KJV)

The Parable of the Talents demonstrates **God's kingdom economics**—where faithful stewardship through diligence is rewarded, while slothfulness leads to loss.

Key Insights from Today's Open Heaven Devotional

1. The Nature of Biblical Diligence

- Definition:
 - Consistent excellence (Colossians 3:23)
 - *Persistent pursuit* (Hebrews 12:1)
 - *Timely execution* (Ecclesiastes 9:10)
- Biblical Models:
 - 1. Bartimaeus: Persistent crying despite opposition (Mark 10:48)
 - 2. The Bleeding Woman: Pressing through crowds (Luke 8:44)
 - 3. Paul: "I have finished my course" (2 Timothy 4:7)

2. The Parable's Modern Application

Servant	Talent Received	Action	Outcome	Spiritual Principle
First	5 talents	Traded diligently	Gained 5 more	Faithfulness multiplies grace
Second	2 talents	Worked faithfully	Gained 2 more	God rewards proportional effort
Third	1 talent	Buried resources	Lost everything	Unused gifts are reclaimed

3. Consequences of Slothfulness

1. Missed Opportunities

- The undelivered project in the devotional
- Esau's lost birthright (Hebrews 12:16-17)

2. Divine Withdrawal

- "From him shall be taken away" (Matthew 25:28)
- The fig tree's cursed unfruitfulness (Mark 11:14)

3. Eternal Regret

- "Outer darkness" (Matthew 25:30)
- The rich fool's unpreparedness (Luke 12:20)

4. Rewards of Diligence

1. Promotion Principle

• "Ruler over many things" (Matthew 25:21)

 $\circ\,$ Joseph's rise from prisoner to prime minister

2. Divine Multiplication

- Five loaves fed 5000 (John 6:11-13)
- $\circ\,$ The widow's oil miracle (2 Kings 4:1-7)

3. Joyful Celebration

- "Enter into the joy of thy lord" (Matthew 25:21)
- The prodigal's homecoming feast (Luke 15:23)

5. Cultivating Diligence

- 1. Start Immediately
 - "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do" (Ecclesiastes 9:10)

2. Overcome Obstacles

- Nehemiah's wall-builders worked with tools in one hand, weapons in the other (Nehemiah 4:17)
- 3. Maintain Consistency

Daniel's thrice-daily prayer habit (Daniel 6:10)

- 4. Expect Divine Help
 - \circ "The hand of the diligent maketh rich" (Proverbs 10:4)

Life Applications

For the Procrastinator:

- Action: Choose one delayed task-complete it within 24 hours
- Prayer: "Lord, break the spirit of slothfulness in my life"

For the Weary Worker:

- Encouragement: "Your labor is not in vain" (1 Corinthians 15:58)
- *Strategy:* Implement the Pomodoro Technique (25-minute focused work sessions)

For Leaders:

- Evaluation: Are you developing talents or burying them?
- Warning: Untapped potential invites divine redistribution (Matthew 25:28)

Warning vs. Promise

- Warning: "Slothfulness casts into a deep sleep" (Proverbs 19:15)
- **Promise:** *"The soul of the diligent shall be made fat"* (Proverbs 13:4)

Conclusion: Your Diligence Determines Your Dominion

- 1. God's system rewards faithful labor-your effort matters
- 2. Present obedience unlocks future authority-small beginnings lead to great endings
- 3. Eternity will reveal the value of your earthly diligence

Prayer Response

"Father, make me a faithful steward of every talent You've given me. Break every spirit of laziness and procrastination. Let my hands work diligently unto Your glory, that I may hear 'Well done' at Your coming. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Final Charge

"Will you be the servant who multiplied talents or the one who buried his gift?" **Your harvest awaits your faithful sowing!**

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