

# **Description**

The Open Heaven 6 July 2025 devotional for today is THE HUSBANDMAN.

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## **OPEN HEAVEN 6 JULY 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL**

**TOPIC: THE HUSBANDMAN** 

### **MEMORISE**:

And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?

Luke 12:42

#### **READ: Matthew 24:45-47**

45 Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household, to give them meat in due season?

46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing.

47 Verily I say unto you, That he shall make him ruler over all his goods.

## RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 6 JULY 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

A husbandman is someone who tills the ground and takes care of crops. In church, the husbandmen

are the workers who ensure that everything goes well in Christ's vineyard. When worship rises to God from His vineyard, He pours down blessings, and the first partakers are usually the husbandmen (2 Timothy 2:6).

When I joined The Redeemed Christian Church of God, the workers in the church were called Children of God. This is because it is children who ensure that everything goes well in their father's house; only visitors come and go without care. Hence, no good father will see his children hungry and prefer to feed strangers; children are usually the first partakers of a household's blessings.

When a Canaanite woman came to Jesus, pleading with Him to heal her demon-possessed daughter, He told her that it was not fair to give what belongs to the children to dogs (Matthew 15:26).

Some privileges belong to children alone, and similarly, only God's children who worship and serve Him wholeheartedly have access to special privileges from Him.

In 2 Timothy 2:6, the Bible says that the husbandman who labours should be the first partaker of the fruits. This implies that there are some husbandmen who do not labour. God expects certain things from husbandmen.

First of all, He expects them to be diligent as they tend to the responsibilities that He has given them in His vineyard. These can be within a department in the church – it can be arranging the chairs, washing the toilets, taking care of children, or serving as ushers. If you are a husbandman, whatever your duty is, do it diligently. When you labour diligently, you will be a first partaker of the fruits of God's blessings.

God also expects faithfulness from husbandmen (1 Corinthians 4:2). When God gives you a task, He wants you to do it faithfully. Being faithful is proving yourself worthy of trust. It also involves managing resources efficiently. When you are faithful, God can trust you with people, ideas, and resources; He can trust you to do His will.

When you are faithful in the little God gives you, He will trust you with more (Luke 16:10-11).

Beloved, ensure that you labour diligently and faithfully as a husbandman in God's vineyard so you can be a first partaker of His blessings.

If you are not yet a worker in your local assembly, now is the time to take up some responsibilities in your church.

## **OPEN HEAVEN 6 JULY 2025 KEY POINT**

To be a first partaker of God's blessings, you must serve Him diligently and faithfully as a husbandman in His vineyard.

#### **BIBLE IN ONE YEAR**

Proverbs 21-23

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

## **OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 6 JULY 2025 COMMENTARY**

MEMORISE: Luke 12:42

"And the Lord said, Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over his household, to give them their portion of meat in due season?"

This verse highlights God's expectation of **faithfulness and diligence** from those entrusted with responsibilities in His kingdom. A true servant of God must be both **wise in management** and **dependable in service**.

#### BIBLE READING: Matthew 24:45-47

"Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath made ruler over his household... Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing."

Jesus emphasizes that **faithfulness in small assignments leads to greater rewards**. Those who serve God diligently will be **honored with greater responsibilities and blessings**.

## Understanding the Role of a Husbandman in God's Vineyard

The devotional draws a parallel between **agricultural workers** (husbandmen) and church workers, emphasizing that **those who labor in God's house are first to partake of His blessings**.

### 1. The Privilege of Being a Child, Not a Visitor

- Children vs. Strangers (Matthew 15:26)
  - Just as a father prioritizes feeding his children before guests, God prioritizes His faithful workers over casual attendees.
  - The Canaanite woman's story shows that kingdom benefits flow first to those who are committed to God's household.
- Workers = Children of God
  - In RCCG's early days, workers were called "Children of God" because they took
     ownership of the church's welfare, unlike visitors who come and go without responsibility.

## 2. The Principle of First Partakers (2 Timothy 2:6)

- Spiritual Law: "The husbandman that laboureth must be first partaker of the fruits."
  - o This means God's blessings manifest first in the lives of those actively serving Him.
  - o Example:
    - Ushers who serve diligently often experience divine favor in their personal lives.
    - Intercessors who pray fervently see breakthroughs in their own families first.

## 3. God's Expectations from Husbandmen (Church Workers)

### a. Diligence in Service

- Proverbs 22:29 "Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings."
  - Whether cleaning, teaching, or organizing, excellence attracts God's attention.
  - Example:
    - Nehemiah's diligence in rebuilding Jerusalem's walls led to national restoration (Nehemiah 4:6).

#### b. Faithfulness in Stewardship

- 1 Corinthians 4:2 "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful."
  - God tests workers with small tasks before promoting them (Luke 16:10-12).
  - Example:
    - Joseph's faithfulness as a slave and prisoner led to his elevation in Egypt (Genesis 39:2-6).

#### c. Sacrificial Commitment

- John 12:26 "If any man serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be."
  - True servants prioritize God's work over personal convenience.
  - Example:
    - David served Saul faithfully even in hardship (1 Samuel 18:14) before becoming king.

## How to Become a Fruitful Husbandman in God's Vineyard

- 1. Volunteer for Service
  - o Don't wait to be pushed; **step forward** (Isaiah 6:8).
  - Start with available roles (ushering, cleaning, prayer teams).
- 2. Serve with Joy, Not Complaints
  - o Colossians 3:23-24 Work as unto the Lord, not for human applause.
- 3. Be Consistent

- o Don't serve only when "convenient"; faithfulness is key (Matthew 25:21).
- 4. Expect God's Reward
  - **Hebrews 6:10** "God is not unrighteous to forget your labour of love."

### **Conclusion: From Labor to Favor**

God's kingdom operates on kingdom principles:

- You reap what you sow (Galatians 6:7).
- Faithfulness in little leads to more (Matthew 25:23).

## Ask yourself today:

- "Am I a visitor or a child in God's house?"
- "What responsibility can I take up in my local assembly?"

## **Action Step:**

- Approach your pastor or church leader and express your willingness to serve.
- Commit to a department and serve wholeheartedly.

When you labor as a faithful husbandman, you position yourself for divine blessings that overflow from God's vineyard into your life!

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