



Open Heaven 7 January 2025 Today Devotional: WHEN GOD PROMOTES

### **Description**

The Open Heaven 7 January 2025 devotional for today: WHEN GOD PROMOTES

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### **TOPIC: WHEN GOD PROMOTES**

#### **MEMORISE:**

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

1 Timothy 3:1

#### **READ: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-10**

2 But even after that we had suffered before, and were shamefully entreated, as ye know, at Philippi, we were bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God with much contention.

3 For our exhortation was not of deceit, nor of uncleanness, nor in guile:

4 But as we were allowed of God to be put in trust with the gospel, even so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God, which trieth our hearts.

5 For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness:

6 Nor of men sought we glory, neither of you, nor yet of others, when we might have been burdensome, as the apostles of Christ.

7 But we were gentle among you, even as a nurse cherisheth her children:

8 So being affectionately desirous of you, we were willing to have imparted unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were dear unto us.

9 For ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail: for labouring night and day, because we would not be chargeable unto any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God.

10 Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:

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## **RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 7 JANUARY 2025 TODAY MESSAGE**

When I see Christians celebrating because they have been promoted to higher positions of influence in God's kingdom, I wonder if they really know what serving God is about. When someone is promoted from leading 10 people to leading 100 people in God's kingdom, such a fellow should be sober. This is because the demons that will be posted to bring him or her down will not only increase in number but also in rank. Also, he or she will become accountable to God for more people. It is tough enough to be accountable for one person, let alone multiple people.

When Joshua was promoted to become the national leader of Israel, God had to tell him multiple times to be courageous. Why then do people celebrate when they are given greater assignments in the kingdom? Could it be because their focus is not on the work but on the prestige and benefits that come with the new office?

If God puts you in charge of the souls of men, you must recognise that at the end of your life here on earth, you will give account to God for every soul that He put in your care. In John 17:12, Jesus said: While I was with them in the world, I kept them in thy name: those that thou gavest me I have kept, and none of them is lost, but the son of perdition; that the scripture might be fulfilled.

If Jesus could give an account of the people in His care while He was on the earth, how much more His disciples? This is why James 3:1 says that the judgement for those who are leaders in His kingdom will be greater than that of others. Therefore, the more people you are teaching the word of God and disciplining, the more people you will have to account for. This invariably means that when God promotes you, you have to work, fast, and pray more.

When I was pastoring just a few people within one state in Nigeria, I used to sleep all night. During this period, one day, I saw my Father-in-the-Lord praying all night, and I was worried. In the morning, I asked him if all was well. He laughed and told me that I would understand later. Now, I understand because all-night prayers have also become my lifestyle.

When you serve God, He will promote you, however, you must take the promotion as an opportunity to work harder.

### **KEY POINT:**

The meaning of promotion in God's kingdom is more work and sacrifices.

## **BIBLE IN ONE YEAR**

Genesis 24-25

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

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