Open Heaven 7 June 2025 Today Devotional & Commentary

## Description

The Open Heaven 7 June 2025 devotional for today is THE SUBJECT CALLED 'SPOUSE'.

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# **OPEN HEAVEN 7 JUNE 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL**

### **TOPIC: THE SUBJECT CALLED 'SPOUSE'**

#### **MEMORISE:**

Forsake the foolish, and live; and go in the way of understanding. Proverbs 9:6

#### READ: Genesis 2:21-25

21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

22 And the rib, which the Lord God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man.

23 And Adam said, This is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

# RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 7 JUNE 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

Marriage is a school where you study a subject called 'the spouse'. People need to study their spouses in order to discover what makes them happy and what offends them. Spouses also need to learn how to support each other to achieve their goals and succeed in all aspects of life.

If you are married, understanding your spouse will help you avoid offence, especially when you know his or her weaknesses. For example, a man who knows that his wife struggles with managing time should not be offended whenever she takes her time to get ready for outings. Instead, he should help her to manage her time however he can. Likewise, a woman who knows that her husband struggles to express his feelings should be more patient with him and encourage him to be more open with her. In marriage, you must seek to understand your spouse's strengths and weaknesses so you can work together to make the best of your union.

When I got married to my wife, we made a vow never to be angry at the same time. We agreed that whenever one of us gets angry, the other partner should keep quiet. One day, we were travelling to Lagos from llesha, another town in Western Nigeria, when my wife got angry about something and expressed her feelings to me. I knew she was right, but I was also angry. As I was driving, she continued to express her anger, but I could not say anything to her because of our vow. When I couldn't take it anymore, I parked the car and walked away, leaving her inside. After walking for a while, I stopped at a village and bought some fruits. I returned to the car and gave them to her. My wife was already worried because I had been gone for a while. She accepted my peace offering, and that was the end of the issue. I was able to appease her in this manner because we had taken some time to study each other, and we know what works for us.

Once some people go through courtship and then get married, they wrongly think they have learnt all they need to know about their partner. They do not realise that they have only just begun. If you are married, you will avoid many misunderstandings if you humble yourself to study your spouse with the help of the Holy Spirit.

## **KEY POINT:**

Those who are married should humble themselves and keep on learning about their spouses.

## **BIBLE IN ONE YEAR**

Psalms 9-17

## HYMN 33: GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH!

# **OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 7 JUNE 2025 COMMENTARY**

## Marriage as a Lifelong Learning Journey

Marriage is not just a union of two people—it is a **divine school** where spouses must continually study each other to grow in love, patience, and wisdom. Just as Proverbs 9:6 urges us to walk in **understanding**, a successful marriage requires **intentional learning**, **humility**, **and the guidance of the Holy Spirit**.

#### 1. Marriage: A School Where You Study "The Spouse"

#### A. The Need for Continuous Learning

- Many couples make the mistake of thinking they fully know their spouse after courtship.
- Truth: Marriage is a lifelong journey of discovery.
- Example: Just as Adam had to **learn about Eve** (Genesis 2:23), we must study our spouses daily.

#### **B. Understanding Strengths and Weaknesses**

#### 1. Weaknesses:

- A husband who knows his wife struggles with **time management** should **help her**, not criticize her.
- A wife who understands her husband is **not expressive** should **patiently encourage him.**

#### 2. Strengths:

- Discover what motivates, encourages, and fulfills your spouse.
- Support each other's God-given purpose.

#### Lesson:

- Love covers weaknesses (1 Peter 4:8).
- Wisdom builds up (Proverbs 24:3).

#### 2. Practical Keys to Studying Your Spouse

A. The Power of Mutual Agreements (Like Pastor Adeboye's Vow)

- "We vowed never to be angry at the same time."
- This prevented heated arguments and promoted peaceful resolutions.
- Application: Establish healthy boundaries (e.g., no shouting, taking breaks when angry).

#### **B.** Conflict Resolution in Action

- Example: Pastor Adeboye walking away, then returning with a peace offering (fruits).
- Wisdom:
  - Sometimes, silence diffuses anger (Proverbs 15:1).
  - Small gestures of love restore harmony.

#### C. The Role of the Holy Spirit

- Human understanding is limited; we need God's wisdom (James 1:5).
- Pray together: "Holy Spirit, help us understand each other deeply."

## 3. Avoiding Common Marriage Pitfalls

#### A. Pride vs. Humility

- Pride says: "I know my spouse already."
- Humility says: "I'm still learning."

#### **B.** Assumptions vs. Communication

- Never assume—ask questions, listen, and observe.
- Example: "What makes you feel loved? What hurts you?"

#### C. Emotional Neglect vs. Intentional Love

- Neglect: Taking each other for granted.
- Intentional Love: Daily acts of kindness (1 Corinthians 13:4-7).

### **Prayer Declaration**

"Father, teach us to love and understand each other as You designed. Help us to walk in humility, patience, and wisdom. Let the Holy Spirit guide our marriage, so we may reflect Your love and glory, in Jesus' name. Amen."

## **Conclusion: A Thriving Marriage Requires Effort**

- Marriage is not automatic—it requires study, sacrifice, and surrender to God.
- When both spouses commit to **learning, forgiving, and growing**, their union becomes **stronger and sweeter.**

**Final Challenge:** 

- Husbands: Study your wife like the most important subject of your life.
- Wives: Seek to understand your husband's heart, fears, and dreams.
- Both: Let the Holy Spirit be your Teacher.

## Key Takeaways for Reflection:

Marriage is a school—never stop learning. Understanding prevents unnecessary conflicts. The Holy Spirit is the best Marriage Counselor.

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