Open Heavens 9 August 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heavens 9 August 2026 devotional for today is THE ANOINTING IS NOT FOR SALE.

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TOPIC: THE ANOINTING IS NOT FOR SALE

MEMORISE

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give. Matthew 10:8

READ: 1 Peter 5:2-4

2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;
3 Neither as being lords over Godâ??s heritage, but being examples to the flock.
4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

RCCG OPEN HEAVENS 9 AUGUST 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

When God anoints a person, He expects him or her to use the anointing to edify His people and spread the gospel. As we see in todayâ??s Bible reading, God does not want the anointing to be used for personal gain.

I often tell the pastors under my supervision that when God uses them to perform a miracle, they must never demand or expect any reward from the person who received the miracle. In todayâ??s memory verse, Jesus told his disciples that they had received the anointing freely and they should also give it out freely. The One who performs miracles is God, not the people He has anointed.

Therefore, you should never feel entitled to anything from anyone who gets a miracle from God through His anointing upon you. Some self-professing ministers of God even go as far as selling olive oil, water, handkerchiefs, and other similar items that they claim have been anointed to those who come to them for prayers.

Such conduct reveals that they are hirelings who are looking to exploit Godâ??s sheep rather than being shepherds who should nurture and feed them.

Beloved, you are not to use the anointing that God bestowed on you to manipulate people. Some people demand that they should be called â??Father in the Lordâ?? just because God has used them to heal headaches.

Being anointed does not qualify anyone to become a lord over others; rather, the anointing ought to be used to serve people. Peter knew that such temptations would arise, which was why he told some church leaders in todayâ??s Bible reading to feed the flock of God willingly and with a ready mind. He also warned them not to use Godâ??s anointing upon their lives for selfish gain.

Jesus Christ, our perfect example, exemplified how to use the anointing God bestows upon a person.

He went about doing good and healing those who were oppressed by the devil (Acts 10:38), and also served His followers (John 13:3-15).

Beloved, like Jesus, use the anointing you have received from God to bless those He has sent you to; do not use it to exploit or victimise others. Jesus is the Chief Shepherd, and you will give an account of all the things He has given to you one day.

Always remember that the anointing you have received from God is a tool to serve Him, edify His people, cater to their needs, and spread the gospel to the ends of the earth.

KEY POINT

The anointing is not meant to be used for personal gain but to serve the will and purpose of the One who gave it.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Jeremiah 18-21

Open Heavens HYMN 59: I WANT TO BE LIKE JESUS

OPEN HEAVENS DEVOTIONAL 9 AUGUST 2026 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Matthew 10:8

> *â??Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.â?•*

The anointing you have received from God is not for sale. It is a gift to be given freely, just as you received it freely. To charge for what God has given is to turn grace into merchandise.

BIBLE READING: 1 Peter 5:2-4

Peter exhorts church leaders to shepherd the flock of God willingly, not for shameful gain, not as lords over Godâ??s heritage, but as examples to the flock. When the Chief Shepherd appears, they will receive an unfading crown of glory. This passage warns against using spiritual authority for personal profit or control.

The Anointing Is Not for Personal Gain

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The Purpose of the Anointing	What It Is NOT For
Edifying Godâ??s people	Personal enrichment
Spreading the gospel	Building a personal empire
Serving others	Exploiting others

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Receiving a Miracle Freely	Giving a Miracle Freely
You did not earn the power	You should not charge for the power

Receiving a Miracle Freely	Giving a Miracle Freely
God worked through you	God deserves the glory, not you
The person received it by grace	You must give it by grace

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The Hireling Mentality: Exploiting the Sheep

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The Shepherdâ??s Heart	The Hirelingâ??s Heart
Feeds and nurtures the flock	Exploits the flock for gain
Gives freely	Charges for prayer, oil, handkerchiefs
Serves willingly	Serves for profit
Cares for the sheep	Cares for what the sheep can provide

John 10:12-13 â?? *â??The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.â?•*

The Hirelingâ??s Motivation	The Shepherdâ??s Motivation
What can I get?	How can I serve?
Profit and recognition	The flockâ??s well-being
Exploitation	Nurturing and protection

The Anointing Is Not a License to Be a Lord

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Manipulating Through Anointing	Serving Through Anointing
Using titles to control	Using the anointing to bless
Demanding recognition	Giving glory to God
Acting as a lord over others	Serving as a servant to all

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Mark 10:42-45 â?? *â??Whosoever will be great among you, shall be your ministerâ?¦ For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.â?•*

The Worldâ??s Model	The Kingdom Model
Lordship over others	Servanthood to others
Being served	Serving
Using authority to control	Using authority to bless

Peterâ??s Warning to Church Leaders

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1 Peter 5:2-3 â?? *â??Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; Neither as being lords over Godâ??s heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.â?•*

How to Shepherd	How Not to Shepherd
Willingly	By compulsion
Not for shameful gain	For filthy lucre
With a ready mind	Reluctantly
As examples	As lords

Jesus: The Perfect Example

â??Jesus Christ, our perfect example, exemplified how to use the anointing God bestows upon a person. He went about doing good and healing those who were oppressed by the devil (Acts 10:38), and also served His followers (John 13:3-15).â?•

Acts 10:38 â?? *â??God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil.â?•*

Jesusâ?? Example	Your Application
He went about doing good	Use your anointing to do good
He healed the oppressed	Set captives freeâ??freely
He served His disciples	Wash feet, not demand titles

John 13:14-15 â?? *â??If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one anotherâ??s feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.â?•*

What Jesus Did	What You Should Do
The Lord washed feet	The anointed should serve
He did not demand to be served	You should not demand recognition
He gave freely	You should give freely

How to Use the Anointing Rightly (Practical Steps)

Based on Daddy Adeboyeâ??s teaching and Scripture, here is how to use Godâ??s anointing with integrity:

1. Remember You Received Freely

You did not earn the anointing. You did not pay for it. God gave it to you by grace. Therefore, give it freely to others.

2. Never Charge for Ministry

Do not sell prayer, oil, handkerchiefs, or any spiritual item for personal gain. The gospel is free. The anointing is free. Do not make merchandise of grace.

3. Refuse Titles That Elevate You Above Others

Do not demand to be called â??Father,â?• â??Lord,â?• or any title that implies lordship over others. Be a servant. Let your life speak louder than your title.

4. Serve Willingly, Not for Gain

Do not serve because you want recognition. Do not serve because you expect something in return. Serve with a ready mind, willingly, because you love God and His people.

5. Remember the Chief Shepherd Is Watching

One day, you will give an account. Use the anointing wisely. Use it to bless, not to exploit. The Chief Shepherd is coming, and He will reward faithful servants.

Warning: The Anointing Is Not a Business

Daddy Adeboyeâ??s devotional carries an urgent warning: using the anointing for personal gain is a form of exploitation. It turns the sheep into customers and the shepherd into a salesman.

Using the Anointing Wrongly	The Consequence

Exploiting Godâ??s people	God will hold you accountable
Selling what is free	You lose the very anointing you sell
Acting as a lord	You will not hear â??Well doneâ?•

Conclusion: Your Prayer for a Servantâ??s Heart

Daddy Adeboye closes with a call to use the anointing for serving, not exploiting. Receive it freely. Give it freely. Serve like Jesus.

Pray this:

> *â??Lord Jesus, I thank You for the anointing You have given me. I confess that I have been tempted to use it for my own gain, to demand recognition, and to think of myself as more than a servant. Forgive me. I receive Your anointing freely, and I will give it freely. I will not sell what You have given freely. I will not manipulate Your people. I will serve them, nurture them, and feed themâ??willingly, with a ready mind. When I stand before You, the Chief Shepherd, may I hear, â??Well done, good and faithful servant.â?? In Jesusâ?? mighty name.â?•*

Action Steps:

1. **The Anointing Audit:** Ask yourself: *Have I ever used Godâ??s anointing for personal gain?* If yes, repent and make restitution if necessary.
2. **The Servant Check:** Do you serve willingly or for recognition? Do you serve with a ready mind or grudgingly? Ask God to give you a servantâ??s heart.
3. **The Free Give Principle:** This week, find an opportunity to give freely to someone in needâ??without expecting anything in return. Let your service mirror Jesusâ?? example.

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