



## OPEN HEAVEN FOR TODAY 30 AUGUST 2023 DEVOTIONAL: BECOMING A SPIRITUAL GIANT

### Description

The RCCG Open Heaven for today 30 August 2023 is **BECOMING A SPIRITUAL GIANT**. The Open Heavens daily devotional author is Pastor E.A. Adeboye, General Overseer of the Redeemed Christian Church of God.

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### **TOPIC: BECOMING A SPIRITUAL GIANT**

### **MEMORISE: 1 Corinthians 12:31 (KJV)**

*But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet shew I unto you a more excellent way.*

### **BIBLE TEXT: Acts 19:11-16 (KJV)**

11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul:

12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against

them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

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## **RCCG OPEN HEAVEN FOR TODAY 30 AUGUST 2023 MESSAGE**

God wants you to grow spiritually so that you would eventually become a giant in the spirit realm.

In 1 Corinthians 12:31, God says you are allowed to covet earnestly the best gifts.

When I read that passage, I told God, “Lord, give me a double portion of the spirit of Elijah, double the spirit of Peter, double the spirit of Paul, double the spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ during His earthly ministry, add everything together and double it again”.

He responded that I was asking for trouble because people would not let me rest. I said I wanted it still because I could not afford to be anything else but a spiritual giant.

You must make up your mind not to be an ordinary Christian from today.

If you want to become a spiritual giant, 2 Kings 2:1-8 teaches that you must be loyal to your own Elijah.

When Elijah wanted to leave this world, Elisha followed him three times; each time, Elijah told him to go back, but he refused.

Your Elijah is your father-in-the-Lord.

In 2 Kings 2:9-15, when Elijah was departing, Elisha got a double portion of his spirit.

One day, I was praying that my children would be greater than I, and one of them said, “Anyone who will be greater than you probably will never eat again”.

He said that because of how often I fast, but then I told him not to leave God out of the equation.

It doesn't matter how great God made your father-in-the-Lord, you can become greater just by honoring and being loyal to him.

Elisha got a double portion of the spirit of Elijah because he pursued the same vision as he.

Learn to minister to the one whom God has placed over you spiritually. In 2 Kings 3:11-12, the Bible tells us that Elisha ministered constantly to his spiritual father.

It wasn't long after that in 2 Kings 13:14 that we read that a king called him ‘Father’.

If you are committed to honouring your father-in-the-Lord by serving him, you would receive something that you could otherwise have laboured greatly in the spirit to get.

Somebody once said that the tail of a lion is more powerful than the head of a dog.

Your father-in-the-Lord is already a lion; if you are committed to following Him as he follows Jesus, you can do greater things than when you are on your own.

## **OPEN HEAVEN FOR TODAY 30 AUGUST 2023 KEY POINT**

You can become a spiritual giant by honouring and being loyal to your spiritual leader.

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

Ezekiel 21-22

### **RCCG HYMN 16: Praise Him, Praise Him, Jesus Our Blessed Redeemer**

1 Praise him, praise him! Jesus, our blessed redeemer!  
Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim!  
Hail him, hail him! Highest archangels in glory!  
Strength and honour give to his holy name!  
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children.  
In his arms he carries them all day long.  
O ye saints that dwell on the mountain of His Zion,  
Praise him! Praise him! ever in joyful song.

2 Praise him, praise him! Jesus, our blessed redeemer!  
For our sins, he suffered, and bled, and died.  
He our rock, our hope of eternal salvation,  
Hail him, Hail him! Jesus, the crucified;  
Loving Saviour, meekly enduring sorrow,  
Crowned with thorns that cruelly pierced His brow;  
Once for us rejected, despised, and forsaken,  
Prince of Glory, ever triumphant now.

3 Praise him, praise him! Jesus, our blessed redeemer!  
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!  
Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever!  
Crown him, crown him! prophet, and priest, and king!  
Death is vanquished! Tell it with joy, ye faithful,  
Where is now thy victory, boasting grave?  
Jesus lives! No longer thy portals are cheerless;  
Jesus lives, the mighty and strong to save.

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