



Open Heaven 27 November 2025 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 27 November 2025 devotional for today is **YOU CAN'T CHANGE ANYONE.**

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TOPIC: YOU CAN'T CHANGE ANYONE

MEMORISE:

And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:
John 16:8

READ: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5:

- 1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.
 - 2 For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.
 - 3 And I was with you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling.
 - 4 And my speech and my preaching was not with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power:
 - 5 That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.
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In 1 Corinthians 3:6, Paul said that he planted, Apollos watered, but it is God who gave the increase. It is the Holy Spirit who convicts sinners to repent of their sins and become members of the body of Christ.

Beloved, no matter how eloquent you are, you cannot save a soul. If eloquence is required for people to turn to Jesus, the 3,000 people who got saved in Acts 2 would not have cried out to God in repentance because Peter was an ordinary fisherman, and his words were likely to have been unrefined.

However, when the Holy Spirit came upon him, the people who heard him were convicted. When they heard his preaching, they were pricked in their hearts and asked what they should do (Acts 2:37).

Paul, who was well-educated, knew that he could not save anyone by his preaching alone and that his eloquence could not soften any man's heart. This is why he said in today's Bible reading that his speech and preaching were not with enticing words of man's wisdom but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

Only the Holy Spirit can soften people's hearts. He alone can bring light to the darkness in a sinner's soul.

2 Corinthians 4:4 says that the god of this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers. Satan does not want people to be saved, so he blinds their eyes and keeps them from accepting Jesus.

This is why you need the Holy Spirit when you go out to evangelise; He alone can destroy the lies of the devil in the minds of men. Without Him, your preaching will be mere words.

People may clap for you because of your eloquence, but their hearts will not be changed, and they will remain hardened in their sins. However, when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, you won't need to say much before people surrender their hearts to Jesus.

Beloved, you cannot go into a strong man's house without first binding him (Mark 3:27). To bind the devil and stop his activities in the lives of men, you need the power of the Holy Spirit.

Before you preach to people, ask the Holy Spirit to work on their hearts. He is your Helper, and He is in you to help you become an effective soul winner. I pray that the Holy Spirit will work mightily through you to bring many lost souls into the kingdom of God, in Jesus' name.

KEY POINT

You need His power and help to be an effective witness for Jesus Christ.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Romans 11-14

HYMN 8: I Need Thee Every Hour

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COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: John 16:8 (KJV)

“And when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment.”• This verse defines the Holy Spirit’s primary evangelistic role. He is the divine Prosecutor who convicts and convinces the human heart. Our preaching provides the facts of the Gospel, but it is the Holy Spirit who makes the sinner feel the weight of those facts—their own sin, God’s righteousness, and the coming judgment.

BIBLE READING: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5

This passage is the Apostle Paul’s manifesto on Spirit-empowered ministry:

- **v. 1-2:** Paul deliberately set aside “excellency of speech” and human wisdom, determining to know and preach nothing but “Jesus Christ, and him crucified.”
- **v. 3-4:** He came in “weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling,” ensuring that his message was not delivered in “enticing words of man’s wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.”
- **v. 5:** The ultimate goal: *“That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.”*

The Divine Partner in Evangelism: It’s Not About Your Eloquence

Pastor E.A. Adeboye delivers a liberating message for every believer who feels inadequate to share their faith. He systematically dismantles the myth that soul winning depends on human eloquence or education, and instead establishes that it is a supernatural collaboration where the believer sows the seed, but the Holy Spirit alone can give the increase.

1. The Limitation of Human Ability

Eloquence Cannot Save:

Daddy Adeboye makes a stark declaration: *“No matter how eloquent you are, you cannot save a soul.”*• If salvation depended on polished speech, the 3,000 converts at Pentecost would not have been won by Peter, a simple fisherman. Human persuasion can change minds, but only divine power can change hearts.

The Danger of Trusting in Wisdom:

The well-educated Apostle Paul consciously rejected reliance on “enticing words.” He knew that if people were converted by his rhetorical skill, their faith would be built on the shaky foundation of human

wisdom, which could be easily dismantled by a more persuasive argument. True, lasting faith must be built on the power of God.

2. The Primacy of the Holy Spirit's Role

The Spirit Convicts, We Testify:

Our role is to be faithful witnesses who present the truth of the Gospel (Acts 1:8). The Holy Spirit's role is to take that testimony and use it to "prick" or stab the hearts of the listeners, creating a deep sense of conviction that leads to the question, *"What shall we do?"* (Acts 2:37).

Breaking Satan's Blindfold:

The core problem is not a lack of information, but a spiritual blindness imposed by "the god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4). A person can hear the most logical Gospel presentation and remain utterly unmoved because their mind is veiled. Only the light of the Holy Spirit can penetrate this darkness and destroy the enemy's lies.

3. The Strategy for Effective Soul Winning

Binding the Strong Man First:

Daddy Adeboye invokes the spiritual warfare principle from Mark 3:27. You cannot plunder the "goods" (a soul) from the "strong man's house" (a person under Satan's dominion) without first *binding the strong man*. This binding is done not by our strength, but through the authority and power of the Holy Spirit working through our prayers.

Prayer Before Preaching:

The practical application is profound: *"Before you preach to people, ask the Holy Spirit to work on their hearts."* This shifts our preparation from merely rehearsing a presentation to engaging in spiritual warfare, inviting our Divine Helper to go before us and prepare the soil of the heart.

How to Partner with the Holy Spirit in Evangelism

1. Shift Your Dependence from Your Speech to His Spirit:

When sharing your faith, consciously rely on the Holy Spirit's prompting more than your pre-planned words. Be willing to deviate from your script to follow His lead.

2. Pray for the Listener Before You Speak to Them:

Make it a habit to pray for the person you intend to witness to. Ask the Holy Spirit to soften their heart, remove blinders, and make them receptive to the truth.

3. Focus on Clarity, Not Eloquence:

Aim to present the core message of Jesus Christ clearly and simply. Trust that the "demonstration of the Spirit and power" will come from the content of the Cross itself, not from your embellishment of it.

Warning: The Emptiness of Unanointed Effort

Preaching without the Holy Spirit results in applause but not conversion. People may compliment your speaking ability while remaining "hardened in their sins." This is the ultimate failure in evangelism: entertaining the crowd without emancipating the captives.

Conclusion: Your Empowerment for Effective Witness

Pray this:

“Holy Spirit, my Divine Helper, I acknowledge that without You, my evangelism is in vain. I depend on You completely. Go before me and prepare the hearts of those I will speak to. Bind the strong man that holds them captive. As I share the Gospel, take my simple words and use them to convict of sin, righteousness, and judgment. Let there be a demonstration of Your power that leads to genuine repentance and faith, in Jesus’ name.”

Action Steps:

- **Study the Model in Acts:** Read Acts 2, 8, and 10, noting how the Holy Spirit was actively involved in each evangelistic encounter, from giving the words to speak to preparing the hearers’ hearts.
- **Practice the “Pre-Prayer” Habit:** Before you go to work, school, or a social event, pray a general prayer for divine appointments and for the Holy Spirit to go before you.
- **Share Your Testimony:** Your personal story of meeting Christ is a powerful tool. Write it down and practice sharing it in 3 minutes, relying on the Holy Spirit to give it impact.

Remember: You are not a salesperson trying to close a deal; you are a delivery person announcing a victory already won. The Holy Spirit is the one who ensures the message is received and believed.

“Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts.” (Zechariah 4:6). This is the secret to all effective ministry.

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