

Open Heaven 13 June 2026 Today Devotional & Commentary

Description

The Open Heaven 13 June 2026 devotional for today is POVERTY â? GODLINESS.

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TOPIC: POVERTY â? GODLINESS

MEMORISE:

Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 John 2

READ: 2 Kings 4:1-7

1 Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear the Lord: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two sons to be bondmen.
2 And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thine handmaid hath not any thing in the house, save a pot of oil.
3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbours, even empty vessels; borrow not a few.
4 And when thou art come in, thou shalt shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and shalt pour out

into all those vessels, and thou shalt set aside that which is full.

5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons, who brought the vessels to her; and she poured out.
6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed.
7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy children of the rest.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 13 JUNE 2026 TODAY MESSAGE

In the 70s, when I became born again, it was widely believed among Christians that poverty is one of the criteria for being a true child of God.

This belief was so strong that when someone gifted me a Mercedes-Benz, I parked it in my garage unused for months until the Lord told me I was hindering the blessings of the person who gave me the car by not using it. I was afraid that people would think I had backslidden if they saw me in such an expensive car.

Because of what the Lord had said to me, I decided to drive the car just once, and l recall that I felt so ashamed that day. After that day, I said, â??Lord, I have driven the car, can I sell it now?â?• He agreed, and I sold it.

Not long after that, someone gave me a limousine with six doors. When I saw it, I said, â??Lord, you know that even if they put my dead body in this car, it will jump out of it.â?•

That is how much we thought that poverty was directly proportional to godliness in those days, and because of that, the devil cheated us. He raised people to take over companies and industries until Christians were at the mercy of evil people running different economies around the world.

There is nothing godly about poverty; it has sent many people to hell, just as riches have done.

Poverty has made many youths decide never to follow the path of their Christian parents because of how badly they suffered while growing up. It has made the people of the world mock the Almighty God because they thought that Christians were dumb as a result of their devotion to God.

In todayâ??s Bible reading, one of Elishaâ??s proteges died in poverty and left an inheritance of debt for his family. If his wife had not run to Elisha and received the word of the Lord that turned their poverty to wealth, his two sons, who were facing a lifetime of slavery, could have grown up hating God even though their father was a godly man.

God is not poor (Haggai 2:8), so poverty is not godliness. God gives his children power to make wealth (Deuteronomy 8:18), and it is His desire to prosper them even as their soul prospers (3 John 1:2). Beloved, reject poverty! It is not the will of God for your life.

KEY POINT

There is nothing godly about poverty.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Psalms 43-49

Open Heavens HYMN 52: THERE SHALL BE SHOWERS OF BLESSINGS

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 13 JUNE 2026 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: 3 John 2

> *â??Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.â?•*

This verse is the Apostle Johnâ??s prayer for Gaius, and Daddy Adeboye anchors todayâ??s devotional on it because it reveals Godâ??s heart for His children. The phrase â??above all thingsâ?• indicates priorityâ??prosperity and health are not secondary or optional blessings; they are Godâ??s revealed desire for believers. However, the verse contains a crucial condition: *â??even as thy soul prospereth.â?•* Prosperity is not detached from spiritual health. When your soul prospers (in knowledge of God, obedience, and character), the material prosperity that follows will not destroy you. But poverty, Daddy Adeboye argues, is not a mark of holinessâ??it is a thief that has robbed Christians of their inheritance.

BIBLE READING: 2 Kings 4:1-7

This is the story of the widow of a son of the prophets. Her husband died, leaving behind massive debt. The creditor was coming to take her two sons as slaves. She had nothing but a pot of oil. Elisha instructed her to borrow empty vessels from her neighbors, shut the door, and pour the oil. The oil flowed until every vessel was full. She sold the oil, paid the debt, and lived on the remainder. This miracle is Daddy Adeboyeâ??s central text: a godly man (one of Elishaâ??s proteges) died in poverty, leaving his family destitute. If God had not intervened, his sons would have grown up hating God because of the suffering they endured.

The Lie of Poverty as Godliness

1. The Theological Error of Daddy Adeboyeâ??s Generation

Daddy Adeboye shares a startling personal testimony:

> *â??In the 70s, when I became born again, it was widely believed among Christians that poverty is one of the criteria for being a true child of God.â?•*

This belief was not limited to a fringe groupâ??it was widespread. Christians genuinely thought that being poor made them more holy, more humble, more like Jesus.

The False Belief	The Scriptural Reality
Poverty equals piety	â??The earth is the Lordâ??s, and the fullness thereofâ?• (Psalm 24:1)
Riches are inherently sinful	Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, David, Solomon, and Job were all wealthy
Jesus was poor, so we must be poor	Jesus had a treasurer (Judas) and was anointed with expensive perfume
God wants His children struggling	â??I wish above all things that thou mayest prosperâ?• (3 John 2)

> *â??That is how much we thought that poverty was directly proportional to godliness in those days, and because of that, the devil cheated us. He raised people to take over companies and industries until Christians were at the mercy of evil people running different economies around the world.â?•*

This is a profound historical insight. While Christians were avoiding wealth as â??unholy,â?• unbelievers seized economic power. By the time Christians realized their error, they had become dependent on the very systems run by those who did not fear God.

2. Daddy Adeboyeâ??s Mercedes-Benz Testimony

The personal story is both humorous and convicting:

> *â??When someone gifted me a Mercedes-Benz, I parked it in my garage unused for months until the Lord told me I was hindering the blessings of the person who gave me the car by not using it. I was afraid that people would think I had backslidden if they saw me in such an expensive car.â?•*

Notice the layers:

- **The gift:** A Mercedes-Benz (luxury, expensive, prestigious)
- **The reaction:** Parked it unused for months (fear of manâ??s opinion)
- **Godâ??s correction:** â??You are hindering the blessing of the giverâ?•
- **The reluctant obedience:** Drove it once, felt ashamed
- **The compromise:** â??Lord, can I sell it now?â?• (God agreed)

Then came the limousine:

> *â??Not long after that, someone gave me a limousine with six doors. When I saw it, I said, â??Lord, you know that even if they put my dead body in this car, it will jump out of it.'â?•*

Daddy Adeboyeâ??s honesty is refreshing. He admits that even after God corrected him, his internal programming against wealth was so strong that he reacted with shock at the next gift. This shows how deeply the poverty-godliness lie had penetrated Christian consciousness.

Why Poverty Is Not Godly: The Consequences

1. Poverty Has Sent Many People to Hell

Daddy Adeboye makes a shocking statement:

> *â??There is nothing godly about poverty; it has sent many people to hell, just as riches have done.â?•*

How does poverty send people to hell?

Way Poverty Leads to Hell	Explanation
Desperation leads to sin	Stealing, fraud, prostitution, corruptionâ??done out of lack, not greed
Bitterness against God	â??If God loves me, why am I suffering?â?• becomes a root of unbelief
Abandonment of faith	Youths decide never to follow their Christian parents because of childhood suffering
Mockery of God by the world	Unbelievers see poor Christians and conclude God is powerless

> *â??Poverty has made many youths decide never to follow the path of their Christian parents because of how badly they suffered while growing up.â?•*

This is a devastating indictment. Children who watch their godly parents struggle to pay school fees, afford medical care, or put food on the table often conclude: *â??If this is what serving God leads to, I want no part of it.â?•* Poverty becomes a barrier to the gospel.

2. The Widow in 2 Kings 4: A Case Study

Daddy Adeboye highlights the tragedy:

> *â??One of Elishaâ??s proteges died in poverty and left an inheritance of debt for his family. If his wife had not run to Elisha and received the word of the Lord that turned their poverty to wealth, his two sons, who were facing a lifetime of slavery, could have grown up hating God even though their father was a godly man.â?•*

Consider the trajectory:

Without Divine Intervention	With Divine Intervention
Widow loses two sons to slavery	Sons are freed
Debt consumes the family	Debt is paid in full
The godly manâ??s legacy is shame	The godly manâ??s legacy is miraculous provision
Sons grow up resenting God	Sons grow up testifying of Godâ??s faithfulness

The man was godly. He served Elisha. He was a son of the prophets. But he died in debt. His godliness did not prevent poverty. And if God had not acted, his own children would have cursed the God their father served.

> *â??God is not poor (Haggai 2:8), so poverty is not godliness.â?•*

Haggai 2:8 â?? *â??The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.â?•* God owns everything. He is not impoverished. His children should not be impoverished when they walk in His will.

The Biblical Balance: Wealth Is a Tool, Not a God

Daddy Adeboye is not preaching a â??name it and claim itâ?• prosperity gospel without conditions. Notice the balance:

1. Prosperity Comes with Soul Prosperity (3 John 2)

> *â??God gives his children power to make wealth (Deuteronomy 8:8), and it is His desire to prosper them even as their soul prospers.â?•*

If Your Soul Prospers	If Your Soul Does Not Prosper
Wealth becomes a tool for kingdom purposes	Wealth becomes a snare and a trap
You remain humble in abundance	You become proud and forget God (Deuteronomy 8:14)
You give generously	You hoard selfishly
You are trusted with more	You lose what you have

The condition matters. A prosperous soul (full of the knowledge of God, obedient to His word, sensitive to the Spirit) can handle material prosperity. A barren soul will be destroyed by the very wealth it

craves.

2. Riches Can Send People to Hell

Daddy Adeboye is careful to say: *â??poverty has sent many people to hell, just as riches have done.â?•*

Riches Send People to Hell Whenâ?¦
They trust in wealth rather than God (1 Timothy 6:17)
They refuse to share with the needy (James 5:1-6)
Wealth becomes their idol (Matthew 6:24)
They gain the world but lose their soul (Mark 8:36)

The issue is not money. The issue is the heartâ??s posture toward money. Poverty is not a virtue; wealth is not a vice. Both can be used for good or evil, for Godâ??s glory or for sin.

How the Devil Used the Poverty Doctrine

Daddy Adeboye provides a historical and spiritual analysis:

> *â??He raised people to take over companies and industries until Christians were at the mercy of evil people running different economies around the world.â?•*

The Devilâ??s Strategy	The Result
Convince Christians that wealth is unholy	Christians abandon economic influence
Unbelievers seize businesses, industries, governance	The worldâ??s systems are run by those who hate God
Christians become dependent on ungodly systems	Believers beg for jobs, loans, and opportunities from those who mock their faith
The gospel is hindered	â??How can you save us when your own people are poor?â?•

This is not a conspiracy theory; it is historical reality. When Christians withdrew from wealth creation, they withdrew from influence. And when they withdrew from influence, they lost the ability to shape society for righteousness.

Rejecting Poverty: A Command, Not a Suggestion

Daddy Adeboye concludes with a direct command:

> *â??Beloved, reject poverty! It is not the will of God for your life.â?•*

To â??rejectâ?• something means to refuse it, to push it away, to declare it illegitimate for your life. This is not arrogance; it is alignment with Godâ??s revealed will.

What Rejecting Poverty Means	What Rejecting Poverty Does NOT Mean
Believing God wants you to prosper	Becoming obsessed with money
Working diligently and developing skills	Being greedy or covetous
Seeking opportunities for wealth creation	Exploiting others or cutting corners
Using wealth for kingdom purposes	Hoarding wealth for selfish luxury
Praying for financial breakthroughs	Abandoning faith if wealth does not come immediately

How to Walk in Godâ??s Prosperity (Practical Steps)

Based on Daddy Adeboyeâ??s teaching and Scripture, here is how to reject poverty and embrace Godâ??s will for prosperity:

1. **Renew Your Mind (Romans 12:2):** Stop believing that poverty is godly. Read Scripture that affirms Godâ??s desire to prosper you. Confess aloud: *â??God is not poor, and I am His child. Poverty is not my inheritance.â?•*
2. **Develop a Wealth-Making Skill (Deuteronomy 8:18):** *â??It is He that giveth thee power to get wealth.â?•* That â??powerâ?• includes creativity, intelligence, skill, and opportunity. Do not wait for manna to fall; work diligently, learn, innovate, and produce value.
3. **Settle the Issue of Stewardship:** Before wealth comes, decide: *â??This wealth is not for my destruction. I will tithe, give offerings, bless the poor, and fund the gospel.â?•* If you cannot be trusted with little, you will not be given much.
4. **Pray for Prosperity Without Shame:** The widow ran to Elisha. She did not sit in poverty and call it humility. She cried out for help. Pray boldly: *â??Lord, give me the oil that pays debts, frees my children, and leaves me with abundance.â?•*
5. **Reject the Spirit of Poverty:** Poverty is not just economic; it is a mindset. Reject thoughts that say: *â??I will always struggle. My family is poor. God must want me this way.â?•* Replace them with: *â??The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not wantâ?•* (Psalm 23:1).

Warning: Do Not Let the Devil Cheat You

Daddy Adeboyeâ??s final warning is clear: the devil used the poverty doctrine to cheat Christians out of their inheritance. Do not let him continue.

The Old Lie	The Truth
â??Christians should be poor to be holyâ?•	â??God desires you to prosper as your soul prospersâ?•
â??Wealth is worldlyâ?•	â??Wealth is a tool for the gospelâ?•
â??God keeps His people poor to humble themâ?•	â??God gives power to get wealth to establish His covenantâ?•

The Old Lie	The Truth
â??Itâ??s spiritual to struggle financiallyâ?•	â??Poverty has sent many to hell and made others abandon the faithâ?•

Conclusion: Your Prayer for Prosperity

Daddy Adeboye closes with a declaration of Godâ??s desire for your prosperity. Do not settle for lack. Do not call poverty humility. Embrace Godâ??s will for your financial well-beingâ??for your sake, for your childrenâ??s sake, and for the sake of the gospel.

Pray this:

> *â??Father, I thank You that You are not poor. Silver and gold belong to You. You have given me power to get wealth, not for my own selfish consumption, but to establish Your covenant on the earth. Forgive me for believing the lie that poverty is godly. Forgive me for rejecting blessings because I feared the opinion of men. Today, I reject poverty. It is not my inheritance. I embrace Your will for my life: prosperity even as my soul prospers. Give me wealth without sorrow. Give me resources to pay every debt, to free my children from financial slavery, and to fund the spread of the gospel. Make me a channel of blessing, not a reservoir of lack. In Jesusâ?? mighty name.â?•*

Action Steps:

1. **The Belief Audit:** Write down what you truly believe about money and godliness. Do you secretly think poor Christians are more spiritual? Confess that lie. Replace it with 3 John 2.
2. **The Skill Development Plan:** Identify one skill you can develop over the next six months that increases your capacity to create wealth. Enroll in a course, find a mentor, or dedicate time daily to practice.
3. **The Generosity Test:** If God gave you unexpected wealth today, what would you do with it? Write out a plan: tithe, offerings, debts, savings, kingdom projects. If your plan is selfish, your heart is not ready for prosperity. Ask God to make you a faithful steward.

> *â??Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.â?•* (3 John 2)
> **Reject poverty. Embrace prosperityâ??for your good, your familyâ??s future, and Godâ??s glory. The devil has cheated Christians long enough. Today, the cheating stops.**

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