Open Heaven 22 June 2025 Today Devotional & Commentary

## Description

The Open Heaven 22 June 2025 devotional for today is AN EXCELLENT SPIRIT.

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# **OPEN HEAVEN 22 JUNE 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL**

## **TOPIC: AN EXCELLENT SPIRIT**

#### **MEMORISE:**

Then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm. Daniel 6:3

#### **READ: Romans 12:10-21**

- 10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;
- 11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;
- 12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;
- 13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.
- 14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.
- 15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord.

20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

# **RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 22 JUNE 2025 TODAY MESSAGE**

Daniel had an excellent spirit upon him. The Spirit of God made him so excellent that the king wanted to put him in charge of the affairs of the entire kingdom (Daniel 6:1-3). Nobody in the whole kingdom could be compared to Daniel. He left the mark of God's presence and wisdom everywhere he went.

While it is good to register for courses and get certifications, what makes you excel is the Holy Spirit. When the Spirit of the Lord comes upon you and overshadows you, you will become sought after by many. Instead of turning you down, many people and organisations will seek to be associated with you, and you will have to choose between them.

When we built the first RCCG auditorium near the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, it was considered the biggest auditorium in Africa at that time. Some of my children came to tell me that we didn't need to worry anymore about space, and I laughed. Two years later, we had to expand it. A year later, we had to double the size of the auditorium, and in the year after that, we had to expand it further. We keep expanding because I can't settle for less than what God has in store for us.

A fellow with an excellent spirit never settles for mediocrity, and I know what God has shown me. People who have an excellent spirit always want more of God. They are not satisfied with yesterday's fellowship because God's mercies are new every morning (Lamentations 3:22-23).

Daniel's excellence didn't only show in his work and responsibilities; it also showed in his relationship with God. When the king decreed that nobody should pray to any other being apart from him, Daniel was too intimate and dedicated to God to obey that command.

Some other fellows might have said, "The command is only for thirty days; after that, I can resume my prayers," but not Daniel. He didn't want less of God, and this fervent pursuit made him excellent in all aspects of life.

Beloved, you can't claim to be excellent in your work or studies if you are slothful in your service to God and your relationship with Him.

I pray that the spirit of excellence will distinguish you in every area of life, in Jesus' name

## **OPEN HEAVEN 22 JUNE 2025 KEY POINT**

A man with an excellent spirit is exceptional in all areas of life.

## **BIBLE IN ONE YEAR**

Psalms 95-103

## HYMN 23: TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

# **OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 22 JUNE 2025 COMMENTARY**

## **Understanding the Excellent Spirit**

#### The Nature of Divine Excellence

The devotional reveals that true excellence originates from God's Spirit, not human achievement. Daniel's example shows us that:

- His excellence was recognizable (v.3 "was preferred")
- It was comparative ("none like him")
- It was comprehensive (affected all areas of life)

This excellence wasn't mere talent or education but **the manifest presence of God** upon a submitted life.

#### **Biblical Examples of Excellence**

- 1. Joseph Excellence in prison administration (Genesis 39:22-23)
- 2. Bezalel Divine skill in craftsmanship (Exodus 31:3)
- 3. Paul Excellence in ministry (1 Corinthians 15:10)

## **Cultivating the Excellent Spirit**

#### **Through Relentless Pursuit of God**

Daniel's refusal to compromise prayer (Daniel 6:10) demonstrates:

- Consistency in devotion
- Courage in crisis
- Commitment beyond convenience

#### **Through Rejecting Mediocrity**

The RCCG auditorium expansions illustrate:

- Divine vision exceeds human planning
- Growth mindset rejects stagnation
- Faithfulness begets increase

#### Through Daily Renewal

Lamentations 3:22-23 teaches us:

- God's mercies are **new every morning**
- Yesterday's anointing won't suffice today
- Excellence requires fresh encounters

## **Manifestations of Excellence**

In Professional Life

- Supernatural wisdom (Daniel 1:20)
- Favor with leadership (Daniel 6:3)
- Problem-solving ability (Daniel 2:24)

In Spiritual Life

- Prayer consistency (Daniel 6:10)
- Scriptural depth (Daniel 9:2)
- Prophetic insight (Daniel 2:19)

#### **In Personal Character**

- Integrity (Daniel 6:4)
- Humility (Daniel 2:30)
- Compassion (Daniel 4:27)

## The Cost of Excellence

**Requires Sacrifice** 

- Daniel risked his life to maintain prayer habits
- Demands saying no to shortcuts
- Involves pressing beyond comfort zones

#### **Attracts Opposition**

- Colleagues conspired against Daniel (6:4-5)
- Excellence exposes mediocrity in others
- Spiritual warfare intensifies

## **Prayer for Excellence**

"Father, pour upon me the spirit of excellence that rested upon Daniel. Make me a solution-provider in my generation. Let Your glory be seen in every area of my life. Destroy every spirit of complacency and ignite fresh passion for Your presence daily. May my life attract divine favor and opportunities to glorify You, in Jesus' name. Amen."

## **Conclusion: Your Excellence Assignment**

- 1. Assess Your Current Level
  - Where do you need divine excellence?
- 2. Commit to Growth
  - Reject "good enough" mentality
- 3. Pursue God First
  - $\circ\,$  Excellence flows from intimacy
- 4. Expect Opposition
  - Prepare for spiritual warfare
- 5. Anticipate Promotion
  - Divine excellence attracts divine elevation

## Key Takeaways:

True excellence originates from God's Spirit Requires daily spiritual discipline Manifests in all life areas Attracts both favor and opposition

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