

Description

The Open Heaven 13 July 2025 devotional for today is HELPMEET INDEED I.

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OPEN HEAVEN 13 JULY 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: HELPMEET INDEED I

MEMORISE

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READ: Proverbs 31:10-31

- 10 Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies.
- 11 The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil.
- 12 She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life.
- 13 She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands.
- 14 She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar.
- 15 She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens.
- 16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it: with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
- 17 She girdeth her loins with strength, and strengtheneth her arms.

- 18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is good: her candle goeth not out by night.
- 19 She layeth her hands to the spindle, and her hands hold the distaff.
- 20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy.
- 21 She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet.
- 22 She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple.
- 23 Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among the elders of the land.
- 24 She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant.
- 25 Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come.
- 26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness.
- 27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness.
- 28 Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.
- 29 Many daughters have done virtuously, but thou excellest them all.
- 30 Favour is deceitful, and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised.
- 31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; and let her own works praise her in the gates.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 13 JULY 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

A helpmeet is a wife who complements and supports her husband to fulfil God's purpose for their lives even when it is not convenient.

God ordained marriage as an institution where a wife helps her husband instead of competing with him, as the world paints it today. Just as the individuals in a team cannot compete against their teammates and expect to win, couples who compete against each other should not expect a successful marriage. A house divided against itself cannot stand (Mark 3:25). A husband and his wife are one and should work together as a team to achieve success in their marriage and in life (Mark 10:7-8).

Some highly successful women have allowed pride into their hearts such that they stop submitting to their husbands. Up until today, my wife cooks my meals. When the situation permits, she irons my clothes, and I iron hers too. When I was a teacher, and we were living in a remote location, she used to cut my hair.

Just like the virtuous woman's husband in today's Bible reading, my heart safely trusts in her. She is never too busy to help me, and she upholds anything I uphold.

I remember when we were building the Mount Carmel Prayer Village. It was a massive project, but I went there only thrice – the day the foundation laying ceremony was done, the day I decided to take my grandchildren there, and the day the completed project was dedicated. Throughout the duration of the construction, my wife supervised the project diligently – that is a helpmeet indeed!

She is always willing to go through the necessary rigours to see that I achieve my goal. She has stood by me through thick and thin, which is why she has full access to everything God blesses me with. When a responsible man has a true helpmeet as a wife, he'll go the extra mile to protect her and make her comfortable and happy. I often say that a fellow can slap me, and I'll turn the other cheek, but if

anyone touches my wife, such a fellow will have my God, the Consuming Fire, to contend with.

As a wife, can your husband rely on you? You must be able to make up for his weaknesses, celebrate his successes, and be his number one cheerleader. If you are a man that has a helpmeet indeed by his side, you must nourish and cherish her. She is a priceless gem and must be treated as one.

OPEN HEAVEN 13 JULY 2025 PRAYER POINT

Today is my wife's birthday, please join me to pray that the Lord will continue to strengthen and uphold her.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Song of Solomon 1-4

HYMN 59: I WANT TO BE LIKE JESUS

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 13 JULY 2025 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: Proverbs 31:11

"The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil."

This verse encapsulates the essence of a godly wife—a woman whose character and commitment make her husband's life **secure**, **prosperous**, **and peaceful**. Her support is so complete that he lacks nothing of value.

BIBLE READING: Proverbs 31:10-31

This passage paints a portrait of the "virtuous woman"—not a perfect woman, but one whose fear of God (v. 30) fuels her strength, wisdom, and sacrificial love for her family.

The Biblical Blueprint for Marriage: Partnership, Not Competition

The devotional, using Pastor E.A. Adeboye's personal testimony, highlights **God's design for marriage as a sacred alliance**. Here's a breakdown of its key lessons:

1. A Helpmeet's Role: Strength in Submission

- **Genesis 2:18** God created the wife as an "help meet" (Hebrew: ezer kenegdo—a "strong helper corresponding to him").
 - o This is not inferiority but strategic partnership (like a left hand working with the right).
- Modern Distortion vs. God's Design:
 - The world frames marriage as a power struggle, but Scripture calls it a divine team (Mark 10:7-8).
 - Example:
 - Pastor Adeboye's wife didn't see cooking or ironing as "beneath her"—she served as Christ served (John 13:14-15).

2. The Power of Trust (Proverbs 31:11)

- A husband's "safe trust" in his wife means:
 - 1. Reliability She follows through (like supervising the Mount Carmel project).
 - 2. Loyalty She stands "through thick and thin."
 - 3. **Discretion** She guards his heart and reputation.
- Result: The home becomes a haven, not a battleground.

3. Mutual Responsibilities

- For Wives:
 - Complement, don't compete (Ephesians 5:22-24).
 - Strengthen his weaknesses (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12).
- For Husbands:
 - Cherish and nourish your wife (Ephesians 5:28-29).
 - Protect her fiercely (as Pastor Adeboye noted—God defends those who harm her).

4. Pride vs. Partnership

- The devotional warns against **pride in successful women** that breeds disrespect.
 - 1 Peter 3:1-6 A wife's gentle and quiet spirit wins influence.
 - Example:
 - Sarah called Abraham "lord" (1 Peter 3:6), yet her legacy shaped nations.

Practical Steps to Build a Proverbs 31 Marriage

- 1. Wives:
 - Ask: "How can I ease my husband's burdens today?"
 - Study his love language and speak it daily.
- 2. Husbands:
 - o Verbally affirm your wife's value (Proverbs 31:28).

- Share domestic responsibilities (e.g., Pastor Adeboye ironing clothes).
- 3. **Both:**
 - Pray together—a couple that prays together stays united against storms.
 - Reject worldly models of marriage; cling to God's design.

Conclusion: Marriage as a Ministry

Ask yourself:

- "Does my spouse safely trust me? Why or why not?"
- "Am I building up or tearing down our God-given partnership?"

Action Step:

• This week, perform one act of service for your spouse without expecting acknowledgment.

A Christ-centered marriage isn't about **roles** but **love in action**. When both partners **serve as Jesus did**, their union becomes a **testimony of God's wisdom to the world**.

"Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord." (Proverbs 18:22).

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