

OPEN HEAVEN 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL

TOPIC: DON'T DISCRIMINATE

MEMORISE:

Judge not according to the appearance, but judge righteous judgment. John 7:24

READ: 1 Timothy 2:1-4:

- 1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men;
- 2 For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.
- 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour;
- 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 TODAY MESSAGE

God loves believers, and He loves unbelievers too. In today's Bible reading, we see that He wants all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. Just as God can send angels and other people to you, He also wants to be able to send you as He sent Phillip to the Ethiopian eunuch. He wants you to be the answer to someone's questions and the solution to people's problems. He is looking for people to send like Peter, whom He sent to Cornelius' house to extend the good news to the Gentiles (Acts 10).

When He sends you, I hope you won't refuse the assignment, especially if the person He's sending you to is considered to be a chronic sinner.

Nobody is too rotten to be saved. I have always said it; if I were God, I wouldn't have saved Adeboye. I was really rotten and had blasphemed God several times before I gave my life to Christ.

However, look at me now; God's grace is enabling me to lead millions of people to Himself.

Paul was a terrorist who persecuted Christians. I'm sure that if God had sent some people to preach to him, they would have refused because he could have had them arrested immediately. It took a visitation from Jesus to bring him to his knees, but after that, he needed Christians to guide him. First, the Lord told Ananias about him (Acts 9:1-17). I am sure that if God had told some other Christians about Saul at that time, they would have shut down His voice, thinking it was satan trying to push them into trouble. However, Ananias was a true disciple who knew God's voice and was ready to obey Him. He didn't discriminate against Paul despite his sinful past.

Barnabas also didn't discriminate against Paul. While other believers were scared of associating with Paul, Barnabas went to Tarsus to find him and bring him to Antioch, where they taught other people (Acts 11:25-26). The man who had formerly thrown believers in prison began to win souls for Christ.

Beloved, God can save anyone; no one is too far gone to be saved. He seeks believers like Ananias, whom He can send to those who have lived rough and reckless lives. He seeks disciples like Barnabas, who will look for such people and guide them in doing God's assignment for their lives. Don't discriminate against anyone; rather, help them get to know Christ more.

KEY POINT

No one is too far gone to be saved by Christ.

BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Zechariah 11-14

HYMN 59: I WANT TO BE LIKE JESUS

OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 COMMENTARY

MEMORISE: 1 Timothy 2:3-4 (KJV) (Implied from the text)

"For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth."

This verse, though not explicitly stated as the MEMORISE, is the foundational truth of the devotional. It declares God's universal heart of love and His desire for every single person, regardless of their past or present state, to experience salvation and the liberating truth of the gospel.

BIBLE READING: Acts 9:1-17; Acts 10:1-48; Acts 11:25-26 (Synthesized from the text) These passages collectively paint a picture of God's relentless pursuit of sinners and His use of obedient believers as His messengers. They show:

- Acts 9: God's direct intervention in the life of Saul (Paul), the chief persecutor.
- Acts 10: God sending Peter to Cornelius, a Gentile considered unclean by Jewish standards.
- Acts 11: Barnabas seeking out Paul and integrating him into the work of ministry, showcasing post-salvation discipleship.

The Expansive Love of God

The devotional begins by establishing the boundless nature of God's love. It is not exclusive to believers but extends to all humanity. This love is not passive; it is active and seeking, desiring that "all men be saved." This foundational truth dismantles any notion of spiritual elitism and calls every believer to participate in God's redemptive mission.

The Believer as God's Delivery System

A key interpretation is that God most often chooses to work through people. Just as He sent an angel to Cornelius and Philip to the Ethiopian eunuch, He wants to send *you*. The believer is positioned to be "the answer to someone's questions and the solution to people's problems." This reframes evangelism from a duty to a privilege—being the chosen courier of God's grace to a specific person at a specific time.

The Challenge of the "Chronic Sinner"

The message tackles a common obstacle to evangelism: our prejudice. We often pre-qualify who is "ready" or "worthy" of the gospel. The devotional sharply rebukes this attitude by pointing to the transformation of two "rotten" individuals: Daddy Adeboye himself and the Apostle Paul. Their

testimonies prove that "**Nobody is too rotten to be saved.**" The grace that saved us is the same grace that can save anyone, no matter how far gone they may seem.

The Anatomy of Effective Witness: The Ananias and Barnabas Model

The devotional provides a two-part model for bringing the "untouchable" to Christ:

- 1. **The Ananias Model (Immediate Obedience):** Ananias represents the believer who hears God's voice clearly and obeys immediately, even when the instruction is frightening and illogical. He overcame his fear and prejudice because his obedience to God was greater than his fear of man. He was the first to welcome Paul into the family of God.
- 2. **The Barnabas Model (Post-Salvation Discipleship):** Barnabas represents the believer who comes alongside new converts, especially those with a difficult past. He believed in Paul when others were afraid and actively sought him out to mentor him and give him a platform for ministry. He fought against the discrimination within the church.

The Call to Non-Discriminatory Love

The core application is a call to eradicate discrimination from our hearts and our ministries. We are not called to be judges of who is salvageable; we are called to be conduits of salvation to all. Our role is not to analyze the sin but to introduce the Savior.

Pray this:

"Heavenly Father, thank You for Your incredible love that sought and saved me, even in my sin. Forgive me for the times I have judged others as 'too far gone' for Your grace. Break my heart for what breaks Yours. Give me the courageous obedience of Ananias to go to whoever You send me to, and the encouraging spirit of Barnabas to disciple those whom others might reject. Lord, use me as an answer and a solution to someone searching for truth. Help me to see every person through Your eyes of love and redemption. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Action Steps:

- 1. **Identify Your Prejudice:** Honestly ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any person or group of people you have unconsciously written off as beyond reach.
- 2. **Pray for the "Pauls":** Begin to pray specifically for the "chief sinners" in your sphere of influence—those who are openly hostile or deeply entangled in sin.
- 3. **Be Ready for Divine Appointments:** Live with the expectancy that God will send you to someone. Be quick to obey when you feel that nudge to speak to someone, call someone, or share your testimony.
- 4. **Embrace a "Barnabas" Role:** Look for new believers or struggling Christians in your church. intentionally encourage them and help them find their place in the body of Christ.
- 5. **Share Your Testimony:** Never underestimate the power of your story. Like Daddy Adeboye, be open about how "rotten" you were so that others can see the transformative power of Christ.

Remember: The church is not a museum for saints; it is a hospital for sinners. You are not the judge at the door; you are a fellow patient pointing others to the Great Physician. God's specialty is taking the most broken vessels and making them into His most powerful instruments. Your next divine

assignment might be to reach the very person you think least deserves it.

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