

## Open Heaven 24 August 2025 Today Devotional & Commentary

### Description

The Open Heaven 24 August 2025 devotional for today is DON'T BE EMPTY.

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# **OPEN HEAVEN 24 AUGUST 2025 TODAY DEVOTIONAL**

**TOPIC: DON'T BE EMPTY**

**MEMORISE:**

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;  
Ephesians 5:18

**READ: Acts 19:12-16**

12 So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them.

13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

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## **RCCG OPEN HEAVEN 24 AUGUST 2025 TODAY MESSAGE**

A few weeks ago, I mentioned in this devotional that if it is possible to be filled with the Holy Spirit, it is also possible to be empty.

The Lord, however, does not want His children to be empty. In 1 Samuel 16:1, God told Samuel, “Arise, fill thy horn with oil,” meaning that the horn was empty and needed to be filled.

In 1 Samuel 16:14, after David had been anointed as king, the Spirit of God departed from Saul, and because nature abhors a vacuum, an evil spirit took over. Being empty of the Holy Spirit is a dangerous state; therefore, you must avoid anything that can lead to that. I pray that you will never be empty of the Holy Spirit, in Jesus’ name.

Years ago, something happened at Ijebu-Ode, a town in Ogun State, Nigeria. There was a little misunderstanding between our parish members over there and some occultic people, and the latter decided to put shigidi (a crude figurine used by the occult to invoke an evil spirit to cause havoc on their targets) in front of the parish. When it was discovered, one of my spiritual sons destroyed it with a cutlass. If he had been empty spiritually, he might have died immediately. The occultic people then decided to come to the church for a physical confrontation. When one of them entered the church, he took a step forward and staggered. On taking another step, he fell.

Beloved, the devil is roaming about, looking for whom to devour (1 Peter 5:8). So as not to be his victim, you must always be full of the Holy Spirit. No matter how hard he tries, you will always win against him if you’re always filled with the Holy Spirit.

The seven sons of Sceva in today’s Bible reading were empty fellows. They wanted to cast out a demon and thought they would succeed just by commanding it to leave in the name of Jesus, whom Paul preached. They went before the demon-possessed man empty and were disgraced. People who think they can replicate good results without paying the necessary price always get themselves into trouble. Being empty of God’s power and presence is a dangerous state to be in because evil spirits are always looking for empty places to dwell (Matthew 12:43-45).

Don’t give place to the devil (Ephesians 4:27); don’t allow evil spirits to take over your vessel.

Ensure you always remain filled with the Holy Spirit so you can always walk in victory.

### **OPEN HEAVEN 24 AUGUST KEY POINT**

You must always be filled with the Holy Spirit. It is dangerous to be empty.

### **BIBLE IN ONE YEAR**

Ezekiel 1-4

## HYMN 8: I Need Thee Every Hour

# OPEN HEAVEN DEVOTIONAL 24 AUGUST 2025 COMMENTARY

## MEMORISE: Ephesians 5:18

*“And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.”*

This verse presents **Spirit-fullness** as God’s **command**, not suggestion—a continuous state of divine intoxication that leaves no room for evil infiltration.

## BIBLE READING: Acts 19:12-16

This passage exposes **three dangers of spiritual emptiness**:

1. **v.13-14: Counterfeit power** (Sceva’s sons’ failed exorcism)
  2. **v.15: Demonic discernment** (“Jesus I know...but who are you?”)
  3. **v.16: Humiliating defeat** (naked and wounded)
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## The Perils of Empty Vessels

Daddy Adeboye’s teaching reveals **four critical truths about spiritual fullness**:

### 1. The Samuel Principle (1 Samuel 16:1, 14)

- **Horn of Oil:**
  - **Empty horn** = No anointing for kingship
  - **Filled horn** = David’s divine empowerment
- **Saul’s Tragedy:**
  - Spirit departed ? Evil spirit entered
  - **Spiritual Law: Vacuum invites invasion** (Matthew 12:43-45)

### 2. The Ijebu-Ode Deliverance

- **Occult Attack:** Shigidi figurine placed at church
- **Victorious Response:**
  - **Fullness of Spirit ? Authority to destroy** (Luke 10:19)

- **Divine Backfire:** Occultist collapsed upon entry
- **Modern Parallel:**
  - Social media curses ? Neutralized by prayer-filled saints

### 3. The Sceva Syndrome (Acts 19:13-16)

<b>Full Believers</b>	<b>Empty Professors</b>
Cast out demons (Mark 16:17)	Get cast out by demons
Demons tremble (James 2:19)	Tremble before demons
Walk in power	Walk in shame

### 4. Daily Maintenance Required

- **Like Cell Phones:**
  - Morning charge ? Full day's power
  - Skip charging ? Dead by afternoon
- **Spiritual Parallel:**
  - Daily prayer/tongues ? Sustained authority
  - Neglect ? Vulnerability to attacks

## How to Stay Continually Filled

### 1. The 3-Fill Daily Strategy

- Morning Infilling:**
  - 15 mins worship + tongues (Acts 2:4)
- Midday Check:**
  - 5 mins "Spirit top-up" (Psalm 23:5)
- Night Seal:**
  - Repentance + fresh anointing (Psalm 51:10-12)

### 2. Recognize Drainage Points

- **Sinful Leaks:** Unconfessed sin (Isaiah 59:2)
- **Emotional Siphons:** Unforgiveness (Mark 11:25)
- **Negligent Drain:** Prayerlessness (Matthew 26:41)

### 3. Create "No Vacancy" Signs

- **Home:** Anoint doors/windows with oil (Exodus 30:29)
- **Body:** Daily declaration: *"I'm filled with the Spirit—no room for demons!"*
- **Devices:** Pray over phones/laptops (they're spiritual gateways)

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## Prayer for Permanent Fullness

*“Father, make me a **Spirit-saturated** believer! Where I’ve leaked power, seal me anew. Let my life scream ‘NO VACANCY’ to demons, just like the Ijebu-Ode victory. Keep me drunk on You until my shadow heals and my presence terrifies hell, in Jesus’ name!”*

### Action Steps

1. **Conduct a “Horn Check”:**
  - Rate your current Spirit-level (1-10)
  - Identify 1 drainage source to fix today
2. **Start a “Fill Log”:**
  - Record daily:
    - Time spent in Spirit-filled prayer
    - Spiritual victories/attacks
3. **Emergency Refill Protocol:**
  - When feeling drained:
    1. 5 mins tongues
    2. Psalm 23 aloud
    3. Anoint forehead with oil

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### Conclusion: Stay Too Full to Fail

Daddy Adeboye’s life proves: **Spiritual fullness isn’t luxury—it’s survival.**

*“Empty believers beg demons for mercy; Spirit-drunk believers command storms to hush. Which will you be?”*

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