

# OPEN HEAVEN 27 JANUARY 2020

## MONDAY: THE WORD OR THE WORLD?

**MEMORISE:** Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord. – (Colossians 3:16a)

**READ: 1 JOHN 2:14-17 (KJV)**

This is why we must always remember that though we are in this world, we are not of it (John 15:19). Our major influence should be the word of God. **Romans 12:2** states:

“And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”

The above passage warns us against being influenced by the world. It counsels that our minds must be constantly renewed so that we can do the will of God which is clearly written in His word. How often do you read your Bible? If you don't read your Bible at least in the morning and evening, it is likely that you are already being influenced by the world. This is because something you don't interact with regularly cannot have more influence on you than that which you relate with frequently. You must read your Bible daily. You must also ensure that you memorize and meditate on a scripture daily. Many Christians today live like the world around them: They hardly pray before making decisions, even though Proverbs 3:5-6 says you should not lean on your understanding, but acknowledge Him in ALL your ways.

They ignore the poor and hungry even though Matthew 25:45 says that not showing care for the hungry and destitute translates to not showing care for Christ.

They walk around with high shoulders because of their leadership position or wealth, whereas our Master washed the feet of His disciples and even said whoever will lead amongst us must be the servant of everyone else.

What really influences you – is it the word of God or the world? If the word of God has any influence on you, it would show in your lifestyle.

You wouldn't need to tell people that you are a Christian before they know that indeed, you are a child of God.

## **PRAYER POINTS**

Holy Spirit rain down into my being fill me like never before and take preeminence of my existence in Jesus name

Spirit of the living God I need you like never before guide and guard me in all that I do and let your glory shine in and around me

Father you said when I call on you, you will answer over (mention) give me answers that will bring glory to you

My Father, do not let me copy the behavior and customs of this world, because this PLACE is not my home. Transform me into a new person by changing the way I think, in Jesus' Name

Father, Help me to think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise so your peace will guard my mind every day of my life, in Jesus' Name

(Philippians 4:6)

In Jesus' name I pray.

(John 14:13-14; 15:16)

Thank you Father for answered prayers.

(1 Thessalonians 5:18).