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FORWARD

The book, “The Network of Faith” unveils the ethical conduct of the youths in the use of the Internet and social media in this Information Age. The author tries to use general cases (and yet personal experiences) to emphasize the need for a decent revolution in communications.

It is recommended for young adults in education, science and technology, who might be encountering some ambiguities in defining the true essence of networking in their career. The scope of the book spans across family, faith, business, politics and nation-building. The language of the writer is presented in plain English with adequate vocabulary. The instances used in describing spiritual matters were guided by Christian doctrines.

Because of the unwholesome use of the Internet by a large group of people, there is need for government to setup some legal framework within which users from all walks of life would have to operate. People who operate outside this framework would have to be sanctioned as determined by the law. This is the advocacy of the author and of concern in financial transactions on the Internet.

This is an elegant work, spiced with poetry and dotted with some elements of autobiography. Throughout the length and breadth of this work, the author admonishes leaders to uphold ethical principles, fair play and justice because to do otherwise would bring calamity to the society, such as underdevelopment, internal squabbles etc.

Several current issues had been raised: issues of ethnic and cultural diversity were also addressed and the plea for mutual respect between cultural groups was made. The book cautioned agitators for a separate State on the basis of perceived marginalization to thread with reason as we are stronger as a united nation than in separation.

I strongly recommend The Network of Faith to everyone, young or old; in particular, for the young adults in any field of endeavor.

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PREFACE

The Living Truth is what makes some men ponder on what to do with their lives. I know of a man who once in history was penalized for not being up-to-date with his knowledge but rather went ahead to pronounce others the imitators of his folklore. You mean I shouldn't use the possessive pronoun in my publications to avoid selfish ends.

What makes bread to matter is that it gives the hope that a laborer in the tropics has the strength in his might not to stagger.

Open doors are the reasons why the people leave the hopeless boundaries of the creeks and dark places to the heights of ministerial service. But you need a little Easter present to make your spouse see you as not just showing up some sobriety filled up with scorn. What a need in Africa to sit up early to watch a launching not seen on the streets but in the Hall of Fame. Tell me, does founding a Christian Network imply being on the internet for a promotion of gainsayers.

When you catch a vision, you have to muster the gifts and the talents not just to pursue success but be in the list of winners. Even when you don't make it to Forbes' list or Guinness Records, you end up not being satisfied but bringing up an idea that lacks the phobia of forming your own ranks. When you support a ranking institution or promote one that does it seems like a fix; put punctuation on it so it doesn't lack the flavor of life. Not a jot or title of the written Truth shall go unfulfilled on the streets; that notwithstanding may hold on earth even if you project further, you wouldn't note any changes.

Men are not reliable, like shadows they wane often making one consider their race as insignificant to their attitude.

The ability to think does not make one lazy and indolent, it gives the power to face challenges with tact and not fight your dreams. A living genius once admired for his guts to save lives inspired youths to 'Think Big' – a motivation to become the best in your chosen field of endeavor. Motivate me to see yonder, for light to permeate to the nooks and crannies of the unreached.

Africa is not in darkness. She is having several unborn generations. Some are dark in complexion; their activities are seen as bridled appetite to be unique. When you discriminate a black person, you are saying to him/her that s/he does not have all it takes to compete amongst the best breeds because the winning genes are deficient in the very bloodstream.

When the network becomes social that it lacks spiritual edification, give it Christian phenomena with the Word to liven up the morale of her audience.

Oftentimes traditions within the African Diaspora are seen by the unbelievers as being born afresh of a heavenly chromosome. You check whether it is born of the flesh: an eager desire to boast or a cheap way of amassing affluence. Even the pathway to hell becomes difficult for those that want to make it - for in making Heaven you may go through hell. "She is green" says the passport of a people who imbibe agriculture as a sustainable culture for future generations. According to hymn-writer "It pays to serve Jesus"; as such, leaders set the pace, so consider if it also pays to lead men to the Kingdom of Heaven. Although huts are not cages; the mind of a hurt breed is always hot with the fury of forgiveness. Of course, before you can relate with canons, you need to be refined as though through a furnace. Brethren, we can wait even if malignity seems to be a cheap resource in a carnal run-off for mischief.

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INTRODUCTION

A network often links up terminals permitting the flow of useful information and life. For one to partake in a network, you need to abide by a set of rules that make you to positively promote the essence of building the bridges. If I choose to observe all due established protocols visible in a given system then I must not inhibit the need that has surfaced to that end. When you observe that a network is growing without a core vision to accomplish the total well-being of not just utilizing resources then you rescue the service by an interrupt.

Oftentimes when a smith sharpens arrows to remain in his quiver in order to bring forth fruits, one begins to imagine if an obstacle can just subdue it all in one attempt.

Saving a generation is not just in living a life worth emulating but also in making evident contributions to the subjects as not to abandon them. You may see an evil in disguise shooting up unobtrusively to gain massive acceptance amongst the young literate populace. Nevertheless, the truth remains that all who seeks to be recognized for being Christians and not mediocre of faith must earn it by making spiritual edification by all possible godly means.

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CHAPTER ONE: VISIONARY LEADERSHIP

PREAMBLE: When some teenagers are supposed to face their studies the rat-race for public recognition and social fanfare make many to desert worthy courses. Nature abhors vacuum; that's the more reason why mediocrity never ceases to fade off in the face of competition. The cry for vibrant generation of God-seekers who never permit media or networks, to turn to a resource for funding iniquity into their hearts becomes necessary. This is the reason why eagle-eyed vision bearers arise to subdue the Kingdoms that overthrow meekness to mimic doom. I don't foretell negative ends but do inform that deceivers must not cajole the very elect but rather refine them for greater heights. You catch the vision when international networks work to the good of nation building and not to bring calamity to the doorsteps of the agents of CHANGE.

When the clergy pronounces the Gospel according to Mark, one may think of an old time disciple facing bonds in the hands of Jewish Fundamentalists. This of course, is a Christian name not to be ridiculed in any heathen dark land. Sometimes in summer, I used to wish that my skin color were lighter so I could feature in the cast of advanced scenery. Three makes a trio; that should make one to believe that three ladies might not sustain a trinity; nevertheless, three men or perhaps two and a lady can be fathomed as beings without the human nature. The Holy Family cannot be but three in a row and is similar to the great Trinity. The flesh of course encloses all, as it appears as if they all exist in the world of forms.

Mark as a friend has not just enlisted amongst the most powerful but can endorse philanthropy for some lands notably in need of change. Advanced nations promote fame on networks built to advocate the social media. For instance, you come into the place of worship with self-made manuscripts and it becomes an offence to read aloud. Nowadays, a tablet of electronic gadget can quote the Holy Writ more than a Rabbi. Does this connote that man is losing his dominance in spiritual relevance? I wouldn't know if it implies neutrality for it takes us further into the very future the elders of the faith wished and prayed not to come.

Even if coca cola gains a name as far spreading as the supernatural, a page on the internet cannot replace the weight of deep issues in the heart of true Africans. A little folding of the hands may cause a nation to lose her treasury to millennium goal-setters with the ambition to reach the skies in a day. Party-freaks may seem to be enjoying the moment, even though it is obvious that they've lost the very values that give life to a people. The rights of the populace of a nation are seen in the unqualified masses that seem to refute the chances of getting oppressed with some malicious bias. Pictures and illustrations at times, could betray a man who dwells on imagination. Never see age as a barrier to achievement says a laudable achiever on the streets.

He simply knows it only lasts for a while; if he relents, a young chap will replace his past records as files of dumped achievements.

Permit me to say that all that matters is not gold, for economies that were built on such treasuries fade away like the wind. Life on earth even as the heavenly is beautiful, and brings safety; even as men perceive that true labors must edify to be classified as beneficial. The projects you use to embezzle the power of a people may not diminish, but the strength of the youths wane for lack of good-willed leaders. The enemy will at a time cease to threaten an embassy of soldiers with the weak amongst them, defenseless as they may seem but a force is not but in the unity of strength. A leader when seeking for successors amidst diverse contending interests should ask “Are you willing to serve?” For one reason at least, the willing at heart can become a success, for willingness pays more than much discipline can afford, no doubts, you conquer fear by believing in God. Stories that touch can make men to abandon diligent studies to delve into personal pursuits of vain glory. One way to pursue the true course of life is to appreciate the very tenets of living in our civilized society. But when one chooses to crown himself, it takes only a council of the crown-bearers to withhold suicide. Of a truth, no one goes to a battle empty-handed. Rhythms of life are not seen on the streets of Silicon Valley but on the tablets of the heart of men. Green vegetables alone cannot salvage the appetite of the hungry over food; one can say that he is poor for not relating with his maker aright while He yet lives. Today only a privileged few can bring forth praises to the altar of Him who all things know. To be carnally-minded does not permit weaklings to abort the futility of gainsaying; in order to liven up their days. Once upon a time, a man named Forbes called his kinsfolk to form a rank for delving into the rubrics of fame. Some soared in the dogma that it takes foreign records to beat the true tones of music.

What if Mark had told the stories of the Risen Lord to redeem his name in history? Perhaps, it appears that being a drop-out helps some to make their mark in this powerful era of entrepreneurship. Nobody is meant to tell a believer that it is time to pray; not even the leaders that motivate a privileged few in the Ivy League to cease from self-acclamation. Not just in time would one salvage the state of a public figure in a baseless argument of reaching the peaks of heights best known to the pioneers of the far-spreading innovations. Remind someone that nothing is new under the sun; for Information and Communication Technology has never been hindered by the forces of nature. Perhaps the twenty-first century boasts of making inventions that have never been seen in history and I am blessed to be a witness of this revolution. Of a truth, no one can tell a precise story of his predecessors without living off their days. When I left analysis of data to defend a true course of life – the need to lay hold of eternity and be at the corridors of the gate of Heaven – the latter became paramount in order to make it in life. To whom I give much, I expect not the less. For more than rubies, it cost fervent leaders who would reach out to a thousand to redeem their tradition. To God be the glory! We’ve not all fallen asleep; else doom will engulf. Mark must be a believer for he has given diverse Christian youths the room for expression. Make a bomb and powerful men would ask “Don’t you conceive

terminating the world as well?” Yeah! Martyrs live to pronounce the only Begotten Son of God. Would you build canopies or retreat to waste lives? “I am a harvester in the Lord’s vineyard”, as some claim, I wouldn’t mind to lift my gaze to see what supplies the monarchs cultivate. You are gods. Alas! Open Heavens we plead not just for a vain course. The effervescence of a soft drink may be too strong for a damsel. Even if you get married to a lady not begotten of the Lord, the loaves should still be on the table because He often fed five thousand. Our cities flourish with gold, some dwell on the aloes but accursed is any lose generation for their whoredom has gotten up to the heavens. When would you marry, o you sterile basements; call her to order for she sits on the pot of gold. Mothers would call them wild flowers for out of wild liberty and independent spirit; they have been deflowered! Not for ease or for silver, time is money- not for a generation that has left the footpaths of the ancients. Some of them profess but lack the true ethics of them that believe. They might claim her blessings but forsake her laws. Their brethren are always in the throes of the bitter pills they often release. For God’s sake we call them believers!

A Christian sister while making her commentary on the parable of the wheat and tare, interpreted the tare as anything that God did not plant or put in the life of a man; it could be anything according to her that is not in the program of God for a man that is eventually changing or redirecting a man from God’s plan; perhaps an unbelieving friend that causes a drawback. The notion of ‘while men slept’ is inferred, hence, on such class of people that permit any product of an ingenious genius to sway them from the course of destiny. A man shouldn’t just allow an amateur to pull him off from keeping track with good records. “An enemy must have done this”, says the master who by experience must have witnessed several generations with attacks from the Evil One. As a Christian, one must not at any time sleep spiritually so that the devil will not come and plant an evil seed into our dear lives; we have to be at alert always constantly praying so that the enemy will not creep in. The word this season is to present every believer planted in the kingdom of God ripe and not choked up by several forces prone to weakening the convictions of many and throwing them off the true balance they ought to have. As for me, I wish and pray to become a general in the army of God not just a puerile youth just dosing off at night.

Telling stories have never been a hobby to me. It is in relation to this fact that the obscurity of making waves have caught up with many. A popular Nigerian author once taught that Becoming like Jesus is the hallmark of leadership. Well, it is not corrupt to lean entirely on discipleship but I seem to be a strong adherent of the faith that admonishes her children to ring the bell with a belt of Truth. Puritans have taught doctrines that are not much liberal on the freewill of man. In short, you cannot just believe the immeasurable love that God promotes without seeing into the future that life promises. Having eternity in view and the ideology of heaven on earth, you have to live a life that is worthy of a saint in order not to advocate unrighteousness. In a bid to light up the dark places, you may have to step upon the toes of anyone that fails to acknowledge that the light has come to eliminate malicious darkness. Wonders shall never end; Mary Slessor visited countries in Western Africa as a youth with the burning zeal to quench the fiery wickedness in

the heart of the ignorant. Having made diverse sacrifices, the only sacrifice that matters to her benefactors was that of marriage and the killing of twins in Calabar. She has gone far to achieve much and the Lord Jesus paid even greater sacrifice not to stop the brutish massacre of death but to save mankind.

Such traditions as abolished by her are what a black man in South-East Nigeria will call 'Omenala' – a custom that has been established in the land. For two thousand years now, it has become a ritual for many Christian groups to attend Sunday worship with hope of salvation. Permit me to say that paying tributes to Caesar is not the only evil that faces mankind; but that several schools of thought have now made some witty inventions as a way of authenticating their manhood and stamping their relevance. When one makes an invention it is assumed he belongs to a society that uphold such contributions and not just sitting to eat fried eggs. Nevertheless, not all that glitters is gold. For, to belong to one group and see the rest a mere cajole, is to dogmatically accept that forbearance is a virtue only to the saints. The vision was borne of a prophecy of one that is yet to be born. Israel has always believed in the Messiah; India in gurus; America in entrepreneurs; Nigeria in *Ndi Eze* (Kings). The rationale behind telling the Gospel again is to be nice and tell of the love of God that does not want any to perish but to have everlasting life. Even in strange lands our duty is to tell and keep foretelling of the end – His return to take the redeemed. For what sake we ask – Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? It is corrupt anyway to be washed and yet possess elements of fear and doubt which make one to wallow in the miry clay of unbelief. For the world composes of diverse lusts and affections that only leave man behind in a dismal void. To ere is man; must we not forgive our brethren of their offences and embrace unity with meekness? To be in the world does not comprise of being of the world for its perishing things of clay must not abide in the heart of man that will see His face. For if you read the Word of God and end up not assimilating the content with sobriety of heart, then your pursuits must be rubbish to the sky and immaterial to the moon. The vicinity you dwell must increase in sanctity as an evidence of the life that you've drawn from the source of all things. When an elder seeks for drink as cola to cool his temper, it is condoned but when he goes beyond human interpretation, wisdom is left for grey hairs. Tell this story not on streets of a dark nation for poverty is not divine; it's the machination of lazy fists.

Foreign phonetic accents cannot make a Negro white in race. Oftentimes, when I survey the tales of the goodness of a man that would bear the iniquity of all – only to be slandered and persecuted to an unfair judgment by the rulers of his day, the reality dawns on me the more that many may not believe it because he seemed to have achieved greatness in all ramifications unlike most of his peers. For now, my lips are sealed with the gratitude of not being found alone in a world of forms. One could be literate on the things of the world and yet lag behind in every other aspect of his fortunes beyond the visible. Permit me to say that it is sane to abide by the beauty of holiness even though many seem to have deserted goodness into an ever increasing romance of carnal festivities. My Savior still remains the best choice, though carnal minds may not see it in that

guise. One day, I should be more privileged to behold Him face to face, for the world knows him not; but believe me I still exercise my faith by spending long hours at his feet – meditating and experiencing the greatness of His awesome presence that created all things. Not to dwell on existing protocols of earthly chores, I choose to know the very deep mysteries of the abode of the Almighty for He chose us even before we chose Him.

You don't tell the Scriptures like Lamb Tales for it pierces to the dividing asunder of the bone and marrow. No jury has yet been able to decide on the cost of forsaking the cross for it is an offence that we will all be guilty of, if found cheating on the Kingdom of Heaven. One day at a wedding feast, a lady so gorgeously blessed with a glorious marriage and children felt the need for her home to know the truth of her famous beauty, choose to serve all her guests with a bowl of chicken soup each. Tolerance was out of her dictionary; some men still laugh out loud of the lateness of her maiden attitude towards winning their heart. But the comeliness of a beloved mother could only be ruled out by the younger ones if it lacked chastity as the government of the day demands. Once when I saw the tender approach of the maidens that served, my heart was taught to know that beauty even of holiness without any form of physical appeal can only achieve a kind of obscene obsession for material gain; even as wealth consume the heart of some folks just flying and plying routes with Toyota Hilux. It is acceptable of virtues that wives should obey their husband with all submissiveness of spirit.

Today in Africa, the basest way of teaching this approach to a woman at wedding ceremonies is to let the maiden get on a kneel and serve her husband wine to the mouth in the public and yet dance to the joy of the celebration as though it is pleasurable. Perhaps, even a sower in the field could get the best of treatment from a lady at most for a day – the wedding day. No wonder Jesus Christ at the wedding of Cana in Galilee could not afford as the Prince of Peace to be in a wedding without sufficient drinks. Rather, he supplied the Master of Ceremony (MC) with as much as was needed even on credits. Today, a supply of wine in a ceremony without Life would only mean a supply of water that is yet to be changed, even though it appears to be as a costly grocery in the store. Of course, as one pursuing the Presence of God with utmost diligence, you have to always permit the Peace of God to rule in the hearts of men around you lest the safe harbors of righteousness become an abode for untold sin. What then is the picture of the facts contained therein? That man ought to love and not cast out every hope for achieving his ends on the earth. The world, to sinners, is a market; and a palace of godly riches for the saints of the cross. An unequalled excellence comes forth from a yoking of two unabridged cultures.

Even in these times of turbulence the profits of knowing the truth that makes men free remains a capital element of every wonder in Heaven. God forbid poverty: it is the very reason why the doctrine of prosperity in the modern day church has been seen as a calamity that has befallen humanity. Poor as Paul the apostle sounded in his epistles, he always re-affirmed the role of freewill in the place of making choices that reflect in ones life. For instance, In the Acts of the Apostles which bore much detail of his missionary journey, the place of disciple-making was

what he did without raising fortunes but tent-making. What are those tents every believer ought to make to avoid being caught up in the throes of lack? A man that has learnt to be abased and abound must have spent some time fasting in order to save for the days of need. For you to be in plenty, you must strive to eliminate elements of fear, doubt, idle hands and drawback towards pursuing and imbibing what Heaven says about your life; in order not to allow untold forces to keep you alive in the world of forms.

However, the vision to keep abreast of updated sermon in a world of research-making does not lie in the hands of the poor literate few who have chosen clergy as a profession. I want to make it plain on this platform that reaching out to those on the streets and dark places, where the Word of Life liberates men from the shackles of death and from the pangs of mundane knowledge, arrogance and merry-making is not only for a season of the Santa-Claus. In season and out of season, we renounce the foreigners at the gates of the church, who make the public altar a podium for launching and loud donations. Of a reality, it is cheerful giving and not fearful embezzlement in the government that has left us with gigantic structures of worship; 'I pray there is life in them'; for the cathedrals of the European Christian civilization are turning to debris of cheap entertainment. The throngs of the crowd who wait and watch not for the master's return but for sports on the media is perpetuating with a sting of sin. Fat calves have been slaughtered at seasons of festivals even when they are meant to be for remorseful thinking over the years of agony and waste. Spare me much tales of those kingdoms to whom the living Word have become a casting of pearls before swine. What a wonder in Heaven for a country with so many billionaires that attends church with customized plate-numbered convoys. It is evident that some are entrepreneurs running group of companies; offshoot of multi-national establishments. If the church is going ultra-modern, it is because business tycoons have taken the burden of running building projects in the Christian centers. It is a recent development, although nothing is new under the sun. Even during the times of foreign missionaries their edifice is considered contemporary with respect to the structures in their days. We can't attack this blessing in disguise with horror for it has given fame to the very hands that fashioned them. The wombs that bore them are celebrated not as tombs but even in material splendor they are revered as mothers of great virtue. Sunday worship in ancient religion is seen as a deviation from the due course of established authorities. Hence, we travail as we wait upon God not for a reversal of what we met but for a divine pronouncement of the very voices that ought to be heard in our days: the elites in Leadership. The principles of godliness etched on our very conscience cannot permit us to revert from the sequence of goodness to promiscuous living.

The one true story we should never forget is that celibates made their way through persecutions to the hill of sacrifice. A Christian virtue and fruit is evident upon a life endued of the Holy Ghost and power. Notwithstanding, the true gift of God's grace, if it has not first of all been seen upon each person; it is the hope that the salvation of mankind cannot without it be seen for every minute detail made manifest. A child undergoing deliverance from the power of mammon cannot

behold the universal omnipotent love and mercy of the Great One if your alms are hindered by a stingy faith. Give your time, strength, might, and all possible resources to quench every fiery dart of the enemy. The power to start a godly community in the very midst of the brethren far surpasses the oracles in the shrine of a deity. Nothing is hidden under the sun, for even the swift feet shall be caught by the glancing eyes. In the name of prayers, some men would slanderously raise points that sound like a killer's and not a brothers' keeper. Fortified with the might to do exploits, we discomfit the enemy by the very presence we carry. To every Christian youth, I say you must earn your social integrity by the steps you take, not as a conference-attending good brother; rather evicting the very stench of worldliness around you, for this is your time and season to arise and shine. What am I trying to say? 'Love has to reign over lust!' You can preach on the fruit and gifts of the Holy Spirit but if there is no love, you deviate in your heart. You can practice love even if don't believe in the Trinity but trust in the very blood of Jesus Christ to make you free. Betrayal and mistrust can constitute nuisance when you don't tell the truth to your brother.

Alas! Some disciples just want to forbid the atmosphere of children because they don't play; they are so immersed in business. How do you know them? They are too austere: not just that they don't marry but even forbid others to marry. The very euphoria of Christian joy deserts them because the use of strings and harps for the praise and worship of God is an atrocity to them. What a sadistic attitude! Minds filled with scorn and disdain for family virtues. True family love comes from having the completeness of parents and children such as do the Holy Family. Food for the belly, belly for food: that's their slogan. The pleasure of nature is not accepted, life then is incomplete because even if you have a missing rib you die with the hollow in your heart. This is not a true belief in the Word of God. Fervency has to burn with oneness in the spirit of love. When a candidate of glory begins to overlabor his spiritual wealth with emotional burden, downfall based on bias is bound to occur. Even if a congress is mixed with diverse backgrounds, one needs to know who is truly involved in order not to be nonchalant with open heavens. O Lord! Give us rain for the pasture, also a roof over the head of the children of our generation so that they will not blame the seeds of Abraham for not catching the same vision we had in strange lands. Power from above is what might deliver the shackled unbelievers in darkness from this uproar of a tormented generation. Similarly, I wish the corruption in the system does not deter us from reaching out to many blessed souls in the world at large. At noon day in the tropics the sun is seen to be directly over our heads but at eclipse only with clear water can one behold the glory. Top scenes are caught even with the pin-hole of a camera but the overall image may be blurred if the fingertips are rough. Trips and falls are some hazards encountered by an unconscious fool in a bid to cross to another level in haste. Watch! The river you think is afar is just lying next door, speed boats at least could make you ferry the creeks with a little wonder.

According to A. W. Tozer, "We are often hindered from giving up our treasures to the Lord out of fear for their safety: this is especially true when those treasures are loved relatives and

friends.” A street boy by the corner will exclaim when he is totally exasperated “Please! Free me some Naira notes”. The edge of a cotton bud may be too sharp to cut a lady’s ear drum especially when she is in the mood of gossip. When my mother would tell me to go bed on time so that I can read during the day, the better part of me preferred solo burning of midnight candles as in the days of college. “Candle wax may burn your table” she’ll say because my neighborhood has not yet adapted to the use of generator power supply at night. Today, most workers are always snubbing their colleagues because “I pass my neighbor” the little plant has elevated the poverty in many middle-class homes. The upsurge in my spirit to abandon my studies to join house chores makes the taste of food too easy to resist. The weight of the anointing in the oil that many people use as relics, seem to surpass the value. But unction is what we all need to pray away slumber from the heart of the weak. A man on the street believes his strength is from above although he sleeps.

Back in the days of famine, the government used to support the literate masses to invent machines. Today men of valor would discard their past achievements to lay hold of greater heights. On the platform of gold there is a deep mine that would support one not to steal but to commune with God. In modern day churches candles are no longer seen as objects of worship but as a sign of diesel scarcity. Please take that celebration a little further from the doorsteps so that the rain drops will not conquer the little papers in the room. In a short time, the world would discover men that are rich in knowledge and certification but not in spiritual gifts. It does no real good to serve mammon but to be fervent in spirit serving the Lord.

A popular celebrity in Nigeria, Tuface when caught up with infidelity said “Just like rain drops falling from my eyes, just like tear drops falling from the skies: it is like a blessing in disguise”. Even as the Word of God uttered in Psalms 127 that the children are a blessing and the fruit of the womb a heritage. The psalmist and artist once have relayed costly information through a hub of creativity. So one can see the psalmist coming alive again in the voice of this popular musician that make babies by several wombs. The weather-for-two promoted his thirst for promiscuity; even as blackberry devices allowed the use of instant messages to chat away a larger portion of one’s lifetime. All things work together for good to them that love God; not all things are good for God-lovers. When a child of God becomes an instrument of drawback in ensuring that his neighbor does not possess his possession, the god-fathers must be given notice. Already the story of Cain and Abel has taught us that God hears the cry of the poor. In African tradition, the first-born Son of the first Lady owns the father’s house as inheritance. Wonders shall never end glory to God because the Lord Jesus Christ has paid the price of our sins on the cross and no accuser of the brethren can deprive us of our blessings.

During our younger days with the Gideon’s Bibles, the children will flock under the trees for block Rosary crusade and I, Leonard do recite the New Testament verses while the younger ladies meditate with songs of litany in order not to chant away their youthful age with melodious hip-hop music. Thanks to God every Sunday is not for mass; some are occupied with activities

that give Praises and Joy to the Almighty for Monday could be Math's. Yes! The labor of our youths shall never be in vain. For Nigerian Youths Serving Christ for a whole year deserves a better treatment for their qualification for not being of mediocre spirit in their twenties. The sun will always rise from the East full and bright not yellow and set in a golden fashion in the West. God answers prayers. Why revival tarries is because some people have not learnt to spend their all in the secret place to gain the favor from above. Today is the day of Salvation, O! Let me hear the footsteps of the one to lead me to the throne of Grace. Miami may have thunderous Tsunamis but the heritage of the Negro children will not like cancer decay it away for it fades gradually like the dust of the deserts. Of course, fellows in the same ship need to surrender their capital all to the oil that flows from the head of Aaron down the skirts of his garment. When the disciples were in the same ship as Jesus, he slept but not all doses will sink a ship with the Master. While the world wiles away several hours in busy pursuit of legendary records, the chosen ones whose steps are ordered of the Lord possess the land. When Jonathan gave up the crown for David it was a friendly gaze that yielded sacrificial ends. Not as some speakers that motivates; at times without giving up their own rights for the brethren to profit. My Lord shall supply all my needs, even as he was faithful during my appointment as a Presiding Officer, a reservation that honored the Almighty in the Federal Republic of Nigeria. When I was a child, I thought as a child; but history knows why May 29 is a mark in the calendar of our African vision.

Laboring under the sun cannot make one poor, though the appearance may deceive one to make the wrong inference. The parties that crop up by sudden choice of leadership may mean that the truth of the states may become blunt. The enemies for instance can reap where they did not sow; in a circle of impostors, notwithstanding with brutish force. The calculation of the ends of a matter makes one to see the pursuit of unity as a way of casting out unbelief. Though the days seem busy and fasting has become rather a way of making savings by default spiritual warfare; it is simpler to avoid carnal minds. Thomas doubted the Lord when he appeared after dead to show His victory over death. But on the contrary he seemed to be curious; just like one on the effect of burning away youthful time in the exuberance of watching moving pictures. For in these contemporary times one could make a vision appear like seeing ghosts, rather than a faith in the risen Lord. The triune God will not permit the enemy to make us a people of wounded transgressions.

Poor as my rich Dad could be, he seemed to possess all the required virtues and gifts that an African could dwell on. Solomon the wise king in all his tarrying in the palace would not dwell on much but the taxes of the country. Taxes that popular chiefs collect to build empires are an evidence of the nature of society that humanity inherits. Furthermore, mangoes may fall by the drizzles of the rainy wind and children playing under the rain find vitamins for their system. The use of complete cutleries has deserted many children as ethics that predecessors would not adopt. Correct brethren will wait upon the Lord for evident mercy drops to gather in their chambers. With blisters on rough fingers the children of the day work so hard not to remain in the vanity

fair of first degree achievements. Wonderful, even with the tides of everyday suffering, boys and girls will play away the riddles that elders have filled their brain with. College mates will recall how we saved to purchase a sound literature for philosophical and academic understanding.

On a basis one asks, “Does God Exist?”-A question to ponder and meditate upon to guide ones understanding. If X is used to mark a variable that holds the goodness of God Almighty and Y the content of man’s earnest yearning, then all XY will instruct every being in the set U that there is a Supernatural being waiting to declare the fate of every y e Y. Yelling out loud “It is appointed unto men once to die and after that the judgment”, the State Evangelist on the street will spell out the fear that every man possesses according to the Epistle to the Hebrews. Therefore, Dan e Y and Leo e Y will receive infinite blessings from every name Emmanuel e X mentioned. It is written; at the mention of the name of Jesus every knee shall bow and tongue confess that He is Lord to the glory of God the Father. The territories that the children of the Light ought to dominate, the world have rather threaded in a bid to dominate. For flesh and blood cannot cease to earnestly desire the coming of the Lord, to liberate them from every yoke of Satan that impoverish the chosen ones. The curry, thyme and spices that ladies cherish to make relevance cannot be compared with the milk that proves rich in child rearing. Open to us Lord! - The door to endless joy and myriads of prosperity to live to your expectation for our younger ones. To err is man; frivolous leaders cannot see beyond making easy the quiet achievement of others: an avenue for exploitation. This seems corrupt and indolent in our institutions; depending on the single warmth of the joy of Heaven. Although it takes two to tango, in such an evil society two may tangle a cord and even strangle a tender lad to make street credibility. Workers of iniquity may only implement projects initiated by others in a bid to make some lawyers prosecute the innocent. I pray that laziness does not take the better part of a generation that chooses to make an unfulfilled end.

For the tributes that Aquila and Priscilla make daily on the goodness and the welfare of the missionary brethren, the people of NCCF will never cease to acknowledge. Wonders shall never cease to amaze the willing souls who wish to make the pursuit of God their heartfelt burden. Simultaneous solving of the world’s problem, in addition to the gift of correct understanding surely will make one wise. Today, several beautiful scenes have been used to adorn the vicinity of the quality service in order to wake up the spirit of joy. Running from sin could drive a man to run into error in a bid to satisfy the conscience that you will not make a shipwreck of the heavenly race. O Lord, help us to do your will; never to cease to abide by the protocols of the heavenly network. In the physical, there could be some minute elements of fear and doubts. Surely the influence of the Holy Ghost will preserve the atmosphere of serenity, tranquility and guided thoughts. Holy eyes have seen the Prince of Peace standing between the Holy Place and the altar making sacrifices for the sins of the world. I receive Grace to trample upon any worker of iniquity writing under the influence of an unholy utterance in a bid to win the hearts of cheap fellows with mischief.

The tortoise with cracked ribs and broken shells will always hide with a cunning motive to conspire against his subject. In its innocence, it seems not to have a neither food nor an altar of defecations. The subjects of failing marriage and divorce are making hearts bleed over the injustice done to the children of the rich who suffer lack from broken homes. Terrible mists have arisen to cast long shadows at the corners of what ought to be a miscarriage of the Gospel from hinterlands to their right destinations. Once upon a time, the children of Jacob sold off their brother for summoning the wits to share a deep dream in his heart. Today he remains one of the heroes who through the travail of prison yards made it right to the top of the affairs of his nation. The beautiful roses of an African American location at the South-East of the Niger could entice a bird to seek greener pastures in fields where safety is a major issue in the procurement of Travel VISA. The journey that men do take at times is to overcome the quiet longings of the flesh. Call it sobriety of fun-filled carousing with unwanted virgins for the delight in freedom from elderly chastisement. The songs of poems committed to fellows are the likely reasons why today, some mistresses in the leadership of teams look too decent but despise a brother like a friend. It shouldn't be a wishful thinking to marry; for celibacy is not the original genesis of life.

Just as Daniel will not defile himself with a portion of the king's meat; the children of the Lion of the tribe of Judah in our nation Nigeria today will not sell their heritage for a morsel of the bread from strange women. Not as Esau or as Achan who for a transient pleasure forfeited the glory that is eternal. O help us Lord to reach out on a network of faith to the global village. The social life of your children is under the threat of mundane corruption. Childish talks and puerile arguments shall not mislead us to think too great of our little achievements.

In a bid to chat away idle moments several youths have also missed it; having not a priority rule, they have watched obscene scenery. Some have played the harlot on an altar of courtship and internet dating. Some portals have been outlined with erotic pictures of those that lure the weak into betrayal of the living way. Our ways O Lord are not the way of the heathen neither do we possess a holier-than-thou attitude towards the brethren. Oftentimes, we run and plead that the fate of few fathers who slept without minding the reality of eternal judgment shall not be our plight. Wholly and entirely we surrender all to your feet to forsake ungodly wisdom and follow a right understanding. O great Lord of the Heaven and earth, may our right of access into the Holy of Holies not bring condemnation instead of life. Woe to the families at ease in Zion; whose young ones are spendthrifts of their daily Grace, on pornography instead of imbibing the culture of education. Wrong knowledge it is, yeah! Great mischief it is to them that will not hear the truth of the living evidence of the existence of the Lords of Lords. The purpose of the creation of man is to live with joy in the very presence of God. Shallow and empty bowels they are which drag the elect out of the Throne of Grace.

To liven up ones days on the earth is not just counting the calendars but also creating an impact that will endure on the recipients of good services. It is a costly adventure to permit the use of technology to lure one away from the original spirit of worship that defies godly atmosphere –

the lines have fallen for us in pleasant places. My heritage is godly, even though the procedures of living up my days are seemingly failing because of man's frail nature. A thousand may fall at your right hand and tens of thousands at your left but not a single calamity shall befall you. This is the heritage of the blessed; the chosen ones of Israel. The network of the believers is not such as has network failure but has a global connectivity to all heavenly minded believing youths. The totality of our zeal, O Lord is not sufficient to quantify your love towards your children. Even if the world power shall supply us with bricks and mortar to erect structures that are not wasteful, except God be in it, we shall not be enticed thereby. For the glory of the latter disciples shall be greater than the former. The vision for this network was caught in a fellowship of Christian leaders in West Africa.

Nevertheless, some have the view that the bid for there to be a connection to the contemporaries abroad has pushed the zealots to partner with a domain on the World Wide Web. Not a network with seven OSI layers but with the seven Spirits of God. According to a songwriter, our hope is found in Christ alone; every other foundation that men lay is but sinking sand. The righteousness of God is what is found in us who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit. If you see Yahweh anywhere tell him that the youths are saying "Nobody can love like He does, nobody can die for his children like He did". For flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of heaven, only the few elect who possess life-giving breathe in the soul; a seed undefiled and body not possessed of evil genius as we find on earth. Of course, we are confident that God is able to do all He has ensured us in His word, he will surely fulfill every promise he has made to us. THE LORD shall supply all our needs according to his riches in glory by Jesus Christ.

Courage brothers! We are closer to the dawn than you think. You need the most glorious Lord everyday to have peace in you; not as the world has to offer. When do you say a man is matured enough to bear His yoke if not in the days of his youth. The tabernacle of the righteous will not be pulled down even by heavy storms that threaten to overcome lives. In order not to pioneer the course of the downfall of many, some sons of Belial need to be careful not to usher followers in a different direction with utmost indifference. You could outnumber friends in the amount of people that like you and follow your guidance; everyday decisions are being made, therefore take a deliberate step to separate yourself from among the quick brown foxes only trying only to jump over lazy dogs. It is written, "Out of the idleness of hands the roof leaks". Being dark in complexion does not connote laziness and naivety. Several folks perceive a generation that does not produce technology as one with values that lack ingenuity in culture.

Accordingly, a popular artist in the Nigeria, Wizkid, said "I have fought through defeat; now I am living a better life". There is a higher calling, a better life; not just being a celebrity but being celebrated anywhere so that mortality is swallowed up by life. African men possess a level of decency that wouldn't have been dotted if not for cultural migrations with foreign women. Some have the testimony of having dined with oil workers, clergy and government officials. Today we boast not in the work of our hands but on the measure of the stature of the aroma of the good life

within us. Sincerely, many a times we give a true talk of what we believe our lives to be; but the biography of our lives will be written by others who have kept an eye on us, even long after we've gone. That is why you ought not to glory in the flesh; or of your achievements but seek the vision that has been written down over the ages concerning you. In the initial days of academic pursuit, several indolent folks in examination halls may seek compliance, nevertheless; to what ends is an ungodly substitution of the word malpractice. Co-operation in that sense, is only a language spoken by the semi-literate, for informality sake per se. Surely, you must possess some conviction; a brother once told me that slow fading of virtues is a backsliding of the elect to iniquity, and it occurs gradually. When opposition parties begin to summon for compromise, simply ask the person, "Where are you driving at?" A neighbor could be a stranger to your godly kindred, at the end the fire in your bones will consume his thought – that reminds us that some Africans in the south of the Niger still dwell in huts muddled with diverse slothful restiveness. It sucks because there ought to have been an opening of the eyes by the Gospel Light. Although, clinging to some earthly customs will deprive one of a Heavenly glory, never to bow to idols.

There is a generation of them that seek the Lord. For every opportunity given to man on the surface of the earth, both on moral grounds or on the contrary, there is usually a hope to achieve with much audacity remarkable success. Winners give up their lusts to lay hold of a higher calling; that's when you boldly say that your case is different. The future of the current church is vested in a people who dwell on what edifies the spiritual life and not on carnal pleasure. Such a church of the course of light and daytime worshippers, of a Bride without spot that anticipates the ultimate judgment of the Savior as recorded in the Word. Great brethren not only show love to one another but being baptized of the Holy Ghost have to express the aroma spontaneously without struggles. We know that suffering could precede the molding process every child of God must overcome to come forth as gold. If one rejects the fire that purifies to be a spotless bride without wrinkles, he would become 'undone'. Of what use is it to be a believer by tithe and fellowship offerings, without the total well-being of the man. Forty-days and nights Jesus Christ did fast to prepare for the ministry so that He will not be given to the lust of worldly and carnally-minded civilians. Old time prophets such as Elijah and Moses passed through much rigor of self-denial before launching into the depth of this divine calling.

Rodents could abide in their natural habitat, but the moment a serpent creeps into their dwelling place, then the next alternative is to flee for safety. Captains, when the sailing gets stormy, scream 'abandon ship' in order to save souls on voyage. Possibly weaklings drown diving in phobia off board without life jackets. The harm done to the people who ignorantly chatter on accidental conditions become graver. It takes a passionate heart to cry out 'I give myself away, so you can use me.' – A heart full of hunger and thirst for the things of the Way of Life. Perhaps road maintenance and engineering workers do forsake much to follow organizational structures that will achieve development. Truly, with a valid syllogism, true leadership is the one that never fails to abide by the right path. Just as in courtship, 'two parties in a ministry of youth and sports

make progress for change towards the altar'; so do disciples stick to their Master. Disciples can gain freedom from apprenticeship if the master settles them. In trade and business meeting as is obtainable in some traditions, learned men do adopt apprentices and sales personnel who serve for a definite duration in order to gain independence, although, by much fasting and prayers.

This has become a major business idea to glue partners even in family settings for a few years, after which the master will establish the third-party with some money, valuable in the economy, which can be a capital for setting up newer foundations. It is only a tyrant that keeps raising malicious threats without doing proper settlement and redemption of pledge, as an excuse for the profits amassed by the support of the apprentices. The essence of such training is to sustain the tradition of raising able hands that can sustain their own shops even after gaining independence. This effort is very much tedious: to some people it could yet be an alternative to formal education since it pays off with apparent luxury. It is known and well understood that the Lord does not cajole His own faithful stewards who gather much results. So to the faithful stewards diligence is the solution to give service a direction in the market. Even when it has to do with the importation of goods where one must know how to process, interpret and present documents; there is a need to not only be conscious but be cautious about forgery. This of course takes much time setting things up at the feet of the Most High, observing the flow of transactions and bringing to book enemies at the master's feet. The essential part of diligence pertains to the Word, being wary of false brethren. Fake customers and weak clerical office-marshals try to even dupe the government of the capital that developers use to make stock exchange, in order to render people empty-handed on the streets with poor marketing strategy and management. To learn is not with sluggishness; nevertheless, still learning has to be a continuum in order to sustain the vision – the duty of the youth leaders with strength and willingness to serve have to be without murmuring and grudges.

Apart from the diligence in business markets, there is yet a deeper dimension of training for some skills involving tools, equipments and machinery. The purpose of sitting at the feet of the Master is to avoid the violent measures of fund raising as used by diverse professionals. An electrician, for instance, that does complete his incubation procedures will omit much hazards in the field putting lives to the risk of his incompetence. Poor trainees who play truancy may never achieve success; the result of consistent effort is to concentrate and mature in legal practice and materialize into a solid professional. The burden of raising many disciples, who create heavenly-minded indigenous accounts with ingenious systems, is most of the times left on the Master's shoulders as a task to call more laborers into the Great Commission to harvest what must be reaped of willing hearts. Men will always abide as arrows in the quiver waiting to be properly shaped and sharpened before launching against the enemies' fiery darts.

However, a giant enemy will catch and break a blunt arrow even before it gains access to his heart. Why then must critics not admire the wits of the souls in the Ministry of Youth and Sports who tarry and are set ablaze, on course for missions? Servers are invariably not greater than their

clients in an environment made to accommodate various classes of people. Yeah! Although one has to graduate from the hands of a Teacher, the ultimate goal of enrolling into the institutions of learning has to be accomplished after the duration. Some schools of thought by Heraclitus say “Change is constant”. Evaluating certification with worth and awards; nevertheless, the trainee should gain independence at the latter stage, based on his agreement with the master.

One has to be alert to know when the Heavens open over his life in order not to make waste of the showers of blessings that pours forth from above. A true shepherd of the flock will guide apprentices till they learn his own voice and are able to follow suite in the pace that he sets. Hence, leaders are pace-setters – others emulate the pattern of governorship from them in order to make good success not just in ministry or profession but also in character and attitude. No matter the altitude of a citizen’s height in learning, the attitude must be trusted for certitude to be granted to his knowledge.

Poor expressions can mar good understanding – that is why instructions alone may not be sufficient, for there ought to be a flow of divine unction. The terms and conditions need to be reached for one to overcome the fear of the unknown; which often make men to abandon fair grounds wherein they have bestowed much labor. As for me, I would say a believer should not be perturbed about the pestilence that strikes those who do not believe the Word of God. He’s faithful who has promised to give us all things that pertain unto life and godliness. Our labor as such has to preclude faith in His divine ability to rescue many in times of need. This is therefore the plea of the faithful soldiers that will silence the mouth of the jeering wolves in these days of battle.

In such a country above the Gulf of Biafra, promotion might not come from South or West; it could yet be from a larger expanse of an African society. The East becomes a territory notable for diverse civil histories of both wars and victories of heroes. The time of youthfulness is a time of sun-rising. How many of this energetic brands can sustain the greatness of their off-shoot to the western digital settings of the era. Of course, the earth has to rotate to revisit the cardinal points of the globe. Nevertheless, the Sun has chosen the place of glowing in the East as a full bright Golden bulb, only to descend towards the West at Twilight for yet a new dawn. The entire Universe usually trusts in the Lord that the cycle he has ordained will forever maintain its course. Trying to succeed without a goal is like playing a match without a post in either Champions or Ivy League.

You have to therefore strive to fasten your belts via the narrow Way of Life. After setting these goals, modalities have to be in place to make both ends meet. Discipline becomes an essential ingredient towards ever making the times count. The reason why the language of a believer ought to be Biblical is because doctrinally, he is born of the Holy Ghost and water. These are not optional in the race of successful lives; you have to retain the grace within in order not to drain

the weight of the glory. Only perforated vessels leak away the divine content of the blessings of God.

These blessings I believe by Christian faith must not pass me by because of the promises that today belongs to every repentant soul on earth. The major constraint is that you have to be properly located in order to trap the trappings of waiting upon the Lord of Hosts. For every assignment, there is a consignment; for every project location, there is an allocation. So why must men travail in hardship when they can fight for the kingdom of Heaven with the Anointing from above – because you bear the Presence of the King who is anointed with the Power to deal with enemies, you have to do good everywhere you go. Recently Sen. Fashola Tinubu realized that toll gates can be effective equipment in the structural engineering of major Roads, especially for fund-raising. You have to be a leader endowed with blessings to your generation since the Word from on high has deposited a measure of dexterity to perform His goodwill on the earth. One should be able to skillfully divide the Truth and cleverly produce sound products that will enhance Life around the environment. Then, even subordinates will respond with the ability to think and act right and fast. That is when you will possess the capacity to make decisions that could be profitable to the life of others. Today, even the Ministry of Youth and Sports salvage unstable situations in the country in order to produce results. Therefore, the important factor is not just that the community produces fruits of Harvest but that the laborers at the same time are faithful in carrying out responsibilities. Whether as an artisan, medical, legal or software practitioner, winners are optimistic to bring about change.

Youths with the vitality of Life have to acquire skills to make them independent and industrious. For it is established that this age group comprises people whose pursuit is their independence from every authority oppressing liberty. Once upon a time in the fellowship Family House of corps embers in the year 2014, there included a young lady who would sit on the sewing machine every day and night making dresses and mending clothes for both male and female ‘corpers’. When you walk up to her and say “Sister Mercy, I want you to mend this dress, can you assist me?” Perhaps it’s a new dress, she’ll say “Don’t worry you can drop it, I already can guess your height and the type of fitting suitable for you” – as though she possess a database of the measurements. You may wonder why the seamstress doesn’t mean to use her tape to take measurements so often; at the end the clothes will appear in perfect shape. The industry works to such an extent that people know that whenever a ‘Jesus’ Corper’ drops garments for amendment; you only need to be alert for safety and dry-cleaning. Above all, before Passing-Out-Parade for Batch ‘C’, she emerged the most industrious worker in the House. The silent not-for-profit labors have earned the lady a merit social dinner award amongst many.

Silent labors bring a man out of the place of obscurity to wealth. The health that students gather secretly by divine grace in the House of Prayer and altar of Praise far surpasses any wealth you can amass by ill means. While the poor keeps complaining of lack of profit and jobs to engage their hands, the wealthy keeps searching for opportunities to exploit. Loop holes in any economy

serves best as open doors for the elites to embark on great investment. While many waste away their precious time on the street avoiding evangelism, the well-informed amongst them try to fish out idle moments to invest their time upon. It is a great virtue to know what to do and do it to the profit of the society without so much consultancy, or waiting to be consulted. When the fire of revival comes, even the coldest of hearts must become ignited. The younger generation begins to grow inquisitive when you make them see beyond the present to understand that they are the leaders of tomorrow. Life is not a bed of roses; that's the more reason why a young man should not spend the larger percentage of his days dating and conspiring against the opposite sex. Courtship nevertheless, is essential to a successful marriage since both parties have to come to unity over diverse issues emanating from their backgrounds. This period isn't necessarily sitting together for long hours to chat away your time. It is a moment and period when both parties agree to work hard towards the future as to be able to make a home. Even when one is so popular that his pictures are online, he has to lower his image to condone the temperament of his/her party. Irrespective of the paginations of one's records, he has to relate with some third parties with much meticulousness as not to err or bring further emotional bondage. Even in today's global economy when one can obtain online education from Africa, America, Asia, Australia or Europe – the need to avoid scam on the internet becomes paramount. Many have forfeited their salvation on the platter of abstract online dating. Political emancipation will not overrule the use of campaigns at the right time to cover social and gender inequalities. Even when one chooses to study in the Ivy League class of institutions, the role of carrying your partner along in every procedure cannot be ruled out. Abiding by Discipline for Change such as personal curfew is not sufficient; one still has to learn to love, cherish and protect the interest of others. Crisis are bound to occur since even an entrepreneur owns up to risks in order to attain a measure of fulfillment, which is not a feeling of having won one's heart but being sincere and truthful.

“It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, and to eat the bread of sorrows; for so He gives his beloved sleep.” – Ps. 127:2. There could yet be blessedness in possessing nothing but a sound health in mind and body. Once I uttered some fair speeches in a bid to convince the multitude that there is a profitable philosophy in theism, the life that works in me and you can as much convince some people that there is no need to worry. By faith and peace, the Full Gospel also admonishes us not to worry or be at Ease in Zion. A thousand candles may burn for a night to give light to the faint of spirit. When one receives good tidings of better things to come, perhaps of prosperity, he is moved to glorify the Lord above and constituted authority. Today the social media has provided much leisure that its patrons begin to fight for the ranks of the virtual world. Even in the military where soldiers vow to fight to the death, one also begins to admire social class. Foreigners to the technology being proffered by the modern day entertainment soon begin to fade unto a sadistic approach to life. Nobody can actually heal wounds with love than the Almighty God who inhabits the Praises of the sheep of His pasture. Even lawyers would not deny the realities of the dangers encountered by nursing parents while raising their offspring in a violent world. This has beaten the faith of many who dwell on fear in the comfort zone of some

weird arguments of abortion, gay marriage and divorce. But then, what rights does an aging parent has in criticizing the social media with progressives, if one is yet to provide an alternative means of ethical leisure.

Although many have several claims on the use of such networks to improve on human affairs amongst dating youths; there is no end to such excuses for nature abhors vacuum. Even before the advent of computers, man has enjoyed natural duties of courtship amidst every foreign opposition. The snares of social power entice some elites who fail to admit the abuses on platforms of internet-based websites such as Wikipedia, Forbes, Google, Biography, Topuniversities, Facebook etc. The chances of pursuing a decent career could eventually be marred by such forces as render the earth non-habitable for sin-repellant folks.

Barack Obama said in the Audacity of Hope: “And perhaps it was out of this intimate knowledge of hardship, the grounding of faith in struggle, that the historically black church offered me a second insight: that faith doesn’t mean that you don’t have doubts or that you relinquish your hold on this world”.

Once I missed the target in addressing a fellowship leader as ‘Papa’ in place of the official name of President. The error might not just be in the appraisal of spiritual arrogance but social ignorance. For during Praise and Worship sessions some may flare into tongues as a frenzy of the Spirit. We often do not see these avenues as sacred for the anointed but may soon chat in diverse languages on the media. Holidays are being more or less a season for promoting one’s profile on the unending file of the internet pages. Yet at occasions of unity we chatter in tongues for the sake of godly profile with fellows in the ship. Today, binary operations still holds 1+1 to 10 in a register for the simplicity of communicating in codes. Computerized environments don’t bother about such approaches of men who seem to develop a robotic world built around their intelligence.

Two cannot walk together except they have agreed. Even so, the population density of the demography of man in Africa which was once simple becomes complex on the basis of diverse number bases. Also in the study of genetics where chromosomes are considered essential elements of life, the category of X and Y becomes a realistic set notation to satisfactorily predict the gender of a child during pregnancy. Love comes softly: this does not raise the height of Faith other than curiosity. To tell the future based on astrology or use of symbols does not make one wiser than the Omniscient. If you possess a conscience, you should be able to decipher the boundary of knowledge and Truth in an existing project.

Some facts are established by the fingers that put nature in place – doubting Thomas in every scenario would claim a theory to assert his hand-made fables and fictions. With a clear vision, the dawn rises differently from the twilight. Every day is not for choruses rubbing off the glory

of sonorous voices on the listeners of choir music. It is written that ‘... the just shall live by faith’ – guardian angels grant assistance at moments of dreadful delusion.

There is no room for exploits in the life of an unbeliever who has given up the knowledge of the Omnipotent; for out of the corruption that he dwells on, he gathers so much flatteries to excuse the evil ways. Some people take pride in knowledge, others in wisdom but if it is sensuous the destination is uncertain. Many have ended up in prison yards from the machinations of their own mischief. Of such a disobedient generation who meddle with stirring bad influences, their lot is on the evil shore. The dangers in this modern world have left many on the quivers of the terrors of other men. When two elephants fight, the pangs of their fangs are on the grasses they trample. Would you cower away in a bid to avoid quarrels, then you become a subject of other men’s malice. This is why the sons of Issachar would not give a dose to the eyelids until her children are sanctified, justified and purified with hyssop; since they have a sound knowledge of the times and seasons. You ought to grasp that whenever a brother goes ambitious on the heavenly shore, the landing is towards safety. Perhaps the passions run for some trivial pursuits and the whole labor flows down the drain. One may say “ambitions whether optimistic or pessimistic cannot end with a harmless effect, so must joy be mellowed with contentment”. On the happier shore, the meritorious victors shall get a befitting crown after the pestilent turbulence they have undergone.

The planet might not always inhabit a peaceful home for the elect. A son ought to learn to know his father’s presence even at odd hours – even so must the sheep learn the voice of its shepherd. Foreign accents in the lips of an indigent man are only an indication of robbery of the thought of godly talents. The exact replica of the aroma of Heaven is not what a virtual environment can simulate. Thus, great love will win over the lusts that surface to pose a distraction. The tenth of a man’s savings cannot even secure him an accommodation in a Heavenly Estate but is meager enough for a church to fund her projects. Today, the rest of the job of spiritual circumcision is left for the indwelling fear of the Spirit – we all come to a point where we acknowledge that untamed appetite can be as dangerous as an undetonated bomb awaiting explosion. The offshoot of a rocket may appear catastrophic; however, it gives momentum to the space craft. O Lord! Make a way for your own where there seems to be no way. The enemies have besieged the lands meant for your own children to possess and not for demolition. We hallow your name in earnest expectation for the deliverance from the yokes and shackles of bondage. You alone will provide our yoke fellow on our paths to divine calling – this reminds me of the moments of church catechism and morning masses.

Our efforts to keep up-to-date the fulfillment of God’s promises through our lives are not evident until every bit of evil in the vicinity honor the Spirit at work in the lives we bear. Our toil for earthly cares and worry is not what will scale us through the utmost height of the divine gifts we wish to receive. Daily we get imparted with so many riches which come from the evidence and experience of God’s grace. A naïve person may ask: to whom does all these labor pertain? Is it of

a godly chatter or social media? It is not in the abundance of the things we possess – it could still be for the audacity of the hope we persist on. While many may still carry a cross of personal afflictions against a world of rudimentary belief and meager standards of living, the universe in opposition suppose a greater effect to amount to her efficiency. Think it not robbery to prosper in health but grace – the oil and gas we derive from natural resources is first of all for mankind before any alien machine. Irrespective of the quantity of the merit we assume, our justification cannot be earned except from above. Satan has indeed deceived many to embrace lies. Before now, the whole world trembled in fear of one virus or the other – the faith we share in the Lord have delivered us like an experts system. Some talk of the HIV- AIDS and others like the Ebola River disease. None of these things move a standing faithful because the Lamb of God has borne our grief and died for our sins. Even if the whole world were rolled away by a sudden epidemic from the North-East wind, yet we would celebrate because of the joy unspeakable that is our heritage in eternal life.

Everyday several souls are massacred by the actions of some notorious terrorists in the Northern borders or some heathen nations, but the elect are not to tremble because they have a larger host of Light surrounding them. Supposing the Bride of Christ were not chastised and purged from all filthiness of heart and Spirit to remain in oneness and unity, would it have been a sufficient basis for her to be eroded by a sudden pestilence? When an unbeliever sustains fear even for moral justification, the blood that makes men whole and white as wool can make him sanctified with brokenness. The day you give up all the carnal lusts to embrace the one free salvation, you admit to liven up your days in total submission and freedom from all deceit.

Once, our Lord Jesus Christ taught that at the end time several false teachers shall arise. Even in an era where church politics is accommodated as an aspect of theological understanding, one might have to base teachings on why several institutions zone her leaders according to tribe. Also, the Epistles in the written Word recommended that after lusts some fellows heap to themselves teachers with itching ears. To an extent, teachings of diverse backgrounds have arisen without roots in the Word of the Lord; to propose secular and scientific explanations based on empirical judgment. To the glory of God, we acknowledge several wonderful discoveries and inventions which seek to promote the total well-being of man. Some of the innovations may not put in place the welfare of the soul of man as a spiritual entity. To curb the forthcoming accidents, youths and sportsmen adopt several skills acquisition schemes. The essence and goal of working to become self-dependent is to gear up an entrepreneurial effort to protect other areas of human endeavor. Reliance in obsolete mechanisms for survival may not suffice in achieving the ultimate pursuit of man – the powerful glory of the presence of the King.

This could result in being termed ‘obstinate’ by guardians who feel overlabored, yet choose to bear the responsibility. The end of man is not the mere demise of his physical body. At least, by the use of empirical evidence, an elder will decipher between sound doctrine and perfect bias that a novice otherwise would not. It is believed that no one has beheld the Almighty One and

survived. Hence, the reason why the logic of the modern day Christianity is on prosperity and not sanctification is vivid and more lucid amongst protestant Pentecostals. A day however, in the presence of the learned faculty members surpasses the fleeting pleasure one can gain by being a street jerk flaunting gadgets.

The sermons and presentations on tongue speaking which has filled the present day charismatic services on the EasyWorship have been brought to the doorsteps of several church attendants. Yeah! Not the sufferings of course, but to mimic the prayer pattern of the long gone persecuted saints. History lines have punctuated the inquisition of those who swore to hold fast their profession until they saw to the dawn of a bright new day. Comfort has admitted to be a friend to the worshipper who has neither been through the Mountains of Aso nor the banks of Niger in Africa. Air conditioners in the Houses of Redemption can at least be a substitute for the man who has not the privilege of driving fast and furious cars. This brings competition – not only in the labor market but in the hybrid of the Christian dormitories.

Party spirit of some Progressives will not permit some pretty sum of congressmen to participate in the most delightful of debates in the neighborhood peacefully without lynchings and drugs. Once in 2014, as a member of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), as a permanent secretary to NCCF, during the tenure of President Goodluck J. Azikiwe; life was spiritual and yet political in the Bayelsan Family House. The devotions were daily; Community Development Services and clearance were done joyfully with a Toyota Hiace bus; and we celebrated the commissioning of a completed two-storey expansion project as in the Prophecy of Ezekiel 40. The atmosphere was always heralded by the arrival and departure of one great fellow or the other. What could offend others about their colleagues by my observations is the personality and pet names by which many are addressed in the house, though without titles. Diverse nomenclatures have overtaken the true name of several jaunty folks and brethren.

Being frequently called “rugged” for short of rural rugged evangelist, left many of the core vision bearers with no choice other than the delivery of sound lectures in the halls and street sermons with megaphones or the public address system (PAS). The reason is shortly for the fact that several graduates, during the season of posting to the camps of service year, consider it a year of restitution for the ills of campus days; so as not to take glory in the youthfulness of the past. Leading the community of young future leaders to several Local governments in the State on evangelism and conferences granted council members the capacity to bear with the hardship of several people across minority cultural settings.

Six (6) years in the South-south geo-political zone has never been undermined for mediocrity even as a Final year project student to Prof. Zsolt Lipscey and State Evangelist under Engr. Dika Moses, the Minister of Works and Power(Bayelsa State). Joining the large mass of Western Yoruba brethren and few African foreigners to visit the oil-rich regions on medical outreaches and crusade was quite philanthropic – but lacks the very humor of the majority Catholic Eastern

regions I hailed from. To be accorded the core vision of the structured organization left me seeking the foundations of a novel Christian network.

CENCO for Central Council as it is termed even in regular publications could caption an all-night weekly meeting held in the house with strict business meeting rules and financial reports for the thirteen-man (13) executive committee that finalized the completion of the building termed 'Zion House'. Choosing a career in the faith could mean full-time ministry, even though some family structure may not grant such a support. Nevertheless, publishing text and web pages on the www platform of Tim Berners-Lee could mean a pathway to foreign education. Leaders are not meant to be as weak as to compromise standards especially as it deals with the scrolls upon which a fellowship is established even in achieving networks up to the nooks and cranny. As such, wider network is formed to further enrich the youths in Colleges and Fellowships on the need to spend their times and season wisely on the Master's feet and not on social media entirely. Today, commentaries could span not just Africa but also the confines of the European campuses and some North-American borders; it's an effort of men's labor which should be a continuum today.

To render a brief testimony that money can't purchase – gone as the past may seem, my family have witnessed bedfast members a few times in my life. In thanksgiving for some resounding awards, the aim of a rich network is not in making further sites of tall masts that inhabits all manner of nocturnal flying animals, for vision and coverage. We can re-use natural green vegetation and ecosystem for the spread of information to avoid darkness and alienation. The voice of Bishop Oyedepo will many times ring out through the media with pronounced punctuations of energetic critique of some contemporaries, whenever some Lagos brothers played his sermons. Back when the youths will raise their voices in an uproar of excited praise to show their profound gratitude for the success they have attained, some opponents would rise to make a show of their bellicosity.

Correct brethren will abide by their denominations irrespective of the persecutions and differences even in inter-denominational bodies. One who does not own the legacy of the clergy cannot vow to be of sound goodwill even in establishing the economy of a giant nation. Perhaps, for the glory of being named amongst founders of successful moves, one deviates from accepted authorities to question doctrines for the sake of hooking up with the affluent. There are several platforms upon which you can become of much impact to your generation if that is your heartbeat; especially by standing on grounded commissions with solid foundation. Poisoned democracy could fall into the hands of mediocre managers who take cheap deals to rise to fame. Every nook and cranny becomes littered with bills of some rather fanatical folks. The Gospel will regard some bigots as white-washed sepulchers who rot away the fabrics of religion for cheap merchandise. Beaming through the rays of the full Gospel Light is an evidence of disciples who refused to partner with the original pattern of hypocritical worship they met in their days. Has this become the basis for every young vibrant Preacher with the privilege of grabbing a

microphone to also found a denomination? This has resulted in many entrepreneurs with religious goodwill formulating theories based on their judgment of doctrine, even with belligerent approaches.

Times without number, you listen to rabble-rousers who make jest of others to win favor from men as being approved and widely acclaimed mouthpiece of the masses even in the mess. So, many have migrated to a rather unbelieving minority, in order to pacify their fleshly groan for worldly recognition. At least, the rankings on the World Wide Web for universities have made some faculty members to use titles for a bogus introduction at the perception of a new publication from competing authors. Such sentiments are usually based on the sincere premises of the historic dates of the public naming of some institutions. Conspicuous as that heart desire may appear, you see a man shouting “the first five people to touch the hem of my garments will not leave without eternal blessings to the account of their generation”. Some do this with the arrogance of the reputation of their alma mater.

How does this help the government of our nation in fighting corruption in our society even as Fmr. Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom tried to make a comparison of Nigerian and Afghanistan society? Men of understanding waste not the very rubrics of the pulpit; for wonders shall never end. The same mouth that condemns a fornicator on the podium will embrace her on the street in the guise of a close neighbor. The pot does not call kettle black even for the slightest moment of a racist slander: and as such, you will not attempt curing a disease you have not overcome in yourself. The misappropriation of public speaking for ministry has made some fundamentalists to wallow in deceit. Up till this moment, the memory of diverse study groups and fellowship tutorials uplift the image of formal education, with a hope for the labor market. My dear, who has made you to believe a lie? Near Misses who cannot fend for themselves get cajoled over the utterance of a sympathetic deliverance minstrel. Able-bodied men stagger losing their initial swagger and tumble like three-legged kettle in the name of demon-possessed manifestation. The fact is that parasites will feed on the stream of unhealthy species and worse is a class that feeds on the ignorance of illiterates.

The volume of a book is not just in the thickness of its paper quality but in the pagination and content. When an author demonstrates on stage and never loses the flavor of his prose he is right; even though he may be posing a drama that is staged in the night, he might miss a chance to tell the world the healing truth that becomes a blessing in disguise. Courage brothers and comrades, the dawn is faster approaching than you fathom. Though the night is dark, the day will bring forth good fortunes even in tempestuous seasons. The crescent moon will yet bring us a brighter sun for the Harvest. The audacity of hope that we believe on shall bring us to the end of the matter: to forever sing on the happier shore. With glamorous and thunderous applauds, we shall receive our trophies for the labors we have bestowed on earth. Our pilgrimage is not for a morsel of bread that fades away but for treasures that is far hidden in the banks without moth and thieves. Not for ease or for earthly gains that the world still clamors; we shall rejoice at the

Master's feet for the joy that emanates from the habitations of praises. The progress of the ministry on this side of the shore is measured not in the obstacles and pitfalls we face on this journey towards eternity. No matter the issues on the Vanity Fair that surrounds the spirit of the fasting believer with an understanding of the pilgrim's progress, the true sons of this African American computer age comprehends the eminence of the indwelling presence.

Total submission to the will of the Almighty is not an exemption from the list of the must-do for a child of God. Who are you, O wild of the forest! That you shall commit fallacy on the podium in a bid to free from shackles those that are held bound? It is not graceful for a professing Bishop of the West to violently slap a member in the congregation in a bid to deliver the subject from demonic possession. The fact that it happens today is only an indication of falsehood. No matter the extent of provocation in the spirit of a Preacher, purity has to be maintained in not flaunting vexation as a virtue with a point of contact on the body of another – these are ethics and codes of conduct. Nevertheless, this is condoned so long as boasting has been admitted as a pattern of faith. Love itself has to be in action not in loud bogus words that would rather sting the ears of the hearers instead of edifying them. This is not to admit being part of a generation of people whose heart is poisoned with fear and not for the true decency of mimicking righteousness. Love has been slandered and her children murdered to the vain glory of ambitious celibates.

The title of one's hard labor has become the gloating of some eager waiting mongers. The book of Malachi Chapter Three on tithing has become a heavier back-up for godly extortion rather than the early teachings on divorce. Simple hearts get more confused on the conscience of so-called founders with mammon-sickened pursuit of wealth. If the Words-in-red meant boasting to some religious leaders, the neutrality in the face of errors would have been a cheaper compromise. Some attempt to rule with a rod of iron, others with a staff but the learned shall rule as elites from the ball-point to the light emitting diode (LED). Castigation and criticism does not make one great; avoid the cheap popularity it offers so you can prolong your days by knowing the rightful place to abide in the society. Plagiarism and photocopying kills the zeal of the writer who does his art for the purpose of soul-winning.

Candlesticks stand to represent some era when lighting may connote flames of fire. In the modern day context where electricity provides the source with power in Watts to do work in Joules, one may say that rubbing off on the glory of the latter with the former will promote a complete blend. We bring thanks to our leaders for the diverse sense of fulfillment provided by these sources of white light and power. Go ahead and tell the faint-hearted maidens, today is not for destruction. If only the palaces were tiled in a royal revival of ancient splendor then the wealth of kings will not be abated. Courtship most times creates that impression in the mind of novices that all is well. Frowning will not prolong the length of the days of men that has not found a reason to be happy. Seeing visions in a programmer's perspective, the visual basics of the story seems to appeal to the mind. Dreams may serve the elders right but the true taste of

youthful vigor lies in your ability to envision the future in an appeal of what you are yet to achieve for man.

Some days may always bring good fortunes under the sun. The might of the rich is not to dwell on published articles. So why must a man hustle all the days of his life to make gains. Sometimes business does not end in profit but may fall to another man's joy. You have to admit this in good faith to prevent men who want to violently play down on your alertness by force. Forfeit the fear of the unknown whether the weather is fair or unfavorable. When you are not guided, the journey becomes farther; in other words, there are fathers to use the staff for leadership and rod for correction. The rod is for chastisement and the staff for disciplined guidance with love. Many have left the course of witnessing for the resurrection of the Lord – which gives man a hope of also rising in victory over death as opposed to sinful unbelief. Faint hearts has grown cold and the moment breath seizes, death is bound to occur – perhaps in reaction to suppressed democracy.

A young man in his thirties seeking sustenance in hinterlands promised to wed in order to avoid promiscuous living. The day he purposefully achieved the feat of having three offspring, his handwork under the sun goes half-done. It sounds great; however, abandoning a damsel with three children to head for further studies abroad is not entirely a fair play. The end they say justifies the means. To win the battle is to gain mastery of a course and return with foreign degrees to still kiss your family with welcome note. Many darts there are that breaks the heart – you see, masking the term 'slavery' to the substitute – 'scholarship', could be a revived form of mediocrity. One could lay hold of this reason to make pursuit of several ambitions. The greatest commandment in the New Testament is to love one another and your creator with all your heart.

Sending applications to foreign nations and universities makes much reason writing for a wider audience. To expose these virtues is to fall apart in your thinking without making a fair treatment on others. If it favors to stay in Africa with global vision – to imagine beautiful sceneries to come – then the story of blacks wouldn't be of much tales. We pray that all things may work together for good to the youths out there seeking fulfillment in a world that is filled with scorn. Diligence prior to handiwork is the might of the Intelligent: nowadays, spiritual knowledge not artificial intelligence wins the race. That is why you have to value the supper with kings and princes. Oftentimes, it appears to be a privilege to mingle with other races in order to make Forbes-recognized fortune. The cry for the creation of gainful employment is similar to the fight for zonal creation in a large organization.

Why would one partner with a telecommunication network like MTN, if people keep sowing their credits with visible offices of gainfully employed feminist graduates and customer care? Are they not qualified enough, hands who battle with poverty to make good degrees in relevant fields to get mobilized for service to humanity? One could destroy the real network, searching for it is not enough reasons to have numerous masts and properties without sufficient personnel

to manage them. These could create hazards and unsafe working conditions for users who get their services from modern gadgets controlled from central switches in remote locations. You can't co-operate with third parties if there is no legal binding. Commercial banks have come to a state when they install communications equipments in assets where people physically relate with staff to do transactions. At least, they know who is making the profit and whom to sue in the case of fraud. But several explanations have been given by profit-oriented multinationals with poor customer care services and tangible goods in the stock market, but lots of services.

Today, the local users stink before young decent minds who know the ethics of private Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). The government bodies involved are not so asleep for the enemies to sow tares especially as concerning business logos directly opposing the flag of the nation as from green to yellow. You ought to recall that red+green+blue = white light; and the road traffic signals says red for 'stop', yellow for 'slow', and green for 'go'. It could be very artistic and yet archaic to dwell on the painter's primary colors of red, yellow and blue, especially when it fails to pronounce national integrity. The private sector should not also become moribund and reactive as the proactive accuse it to crumble to the injustice of corruption in the commission. Furthermore, our tradition to save the young and protect the rich from falling into the traps of the wicked must not fall to deaf ears which see equity as calamity. The rule of the day is to avoid reaching the height of one's ambition even if it is to the detriment of the community. That's why the rich only seek for opportunity to get richer and the poor keep seeking open doors to express their might. Church planting has now become the backbone of the success of the traditional economists who oftentimes embezzle the resources of the society to reach their desired goals.

The proper way to address an elder in native Igbo language could differ from most other parts of the country. In a society where majority convey their goods on automobiles to the 'developed' areas of the city, one has to be cautious not to create more accident scenes for the populace. To issue quit notice to a tenant on poor occupancy has become popular for investors who dwell on assets as a major source of income. The whereabouts of students in the campus can best be disclosed when they are on rampage for improper management of community infrastructure. In building, the more you invest time and resources, your hope rises that the edifice is appreciating, if not physically then materially. For a society that dwell on the knowledge of God and not in fine railways and beautiful scenes, the ill culture and traditions of gay sex and fornication will not hold water. Those that watch and pray in order to do exploit for future generations may end up not surviving the least of the triumph of the merciless. Nowadays, we can glaringly lament over the populace that forsake the way of Truth to romance with pleasure. Calculated risks will end up in a huge success. You shall not die except you first admit the fear of the unknown and wait on the awful horror to hurry your dispatch. Come now Lord and Save us.

The details of the vision make it plain on parchment. Power supply does not grow good gardens; neither do white florescent bulbs make the seeds to germinate: rather the solar energy does best. What can revive the spirit of man to be up all night working with the euphoria of electrical

paradise? Light! Nevertheless, to stand up in Africa with the position to quit medicine for ancestral genealogy is not in might. Tall trees make the vegetation dense and green with nourishment for life. For the fear of degradation, several High Commissions have made it costly to secure the approval for entry into their estates. For one good reason it is vain to believe that another's territory is cheap merchandise. Note the reality in it all, you can grow tall buildings in a short civilization but that of oil-beans preserves its course without human interruption. Forsake not these biological interventions for continuity of life which has made competition vast amongst habitats. One can easily saw a tree down but would not despise its specie that reproduces itself again to retain balance and eliminate vacuum. Several State governments especially the likes of Nassarawa close to the Federal Capital Territory have almost gotten their palm plantation extinct with the baby boom agenda. Our creator has made its reproduction safe and void of unwanted forces in the Word by the Psalmist saying '...the righteous shall flourish like the palm tree...'. Reckless men irrespective of their glory and endowments wander all the surface of the earth and even get lost in the face of hazards. No one sees the blue sky except he is free from the prison of self-degradation. You will not be denounced of men if you have not in the first place made yourself of no reputation.

Once when I visited my family house in a low estate in a community close to Igboekwu, there was a little lament over how strangers has turned it to a dunghill of the tropics, my spirit wept over the choice of some brothers who embrace strangers even in unsafe harbors. Oftentimes, you see how so unpatriotic we have become in our pursuit of essence. You can't show much love to a younger generation if you have not given them the privilege of dwelling for a day under your roof. What a people will marry and forget that children are a heritage. Total injustice, mischief of another height: to overlabor undergraduates in a search for quiet home in an environment known for violent disasters. Several pilgrims would pray on the mountain and even in Cathedrals during the festive close of the year. True citizens believe that neither in the mountain nor hill dwell the best location for worship. Every day we go about chanting praises with a blessed heart to edify mankind. Poor heroes get roasted like chicken over the carelessness of untrained hands pedaling goods in the traffic of busy places. Prayer is the key! Every effort to save the world from unbelief will still leave some at the mercy of unbridled tongue. A nagging wife could have enkindled the flames in a man's heart to go sober all day and put to risk innocent souls.

The titanic could have been a warning for some young souls lusting for the merry in Sodom. Pure thoughts should bother men of chaste minds, pure breeds of sound judgment, rooted in correct understanding. Those who waste not their day's on public social snobbery may be enlisted in the race for victors. Candle wax melts slowly especially when the heat is moist enough to carry the fluid down on the lamp stand as a waste that makes time fly. Gentle breeze can as well cause the eradication of the flames from the source even though the heat erodes the top like a cup. So much confusion dwells in the practice of a religion without basis. You ought to be trained for any art that will reach the corridors of the audience. Selah! How can one pray with

the Holy Book of his Faith on one hand and bitter cola nuts on the other? It takes a trained professional eye to differentiate the spots of the leopard from that of the cheetah. Though they both fly fast, one is unique for its speed while the other retains a Biblical and Astrological record. The Leo could yet possess some generic code for the Lion King. Only suppose not that all can be interchangeable in substitution. That assumption is too dangerous especially for novices on the playground of fate. Termites might eat the corpse at last; only hasten not the decay in wickedness.

Men at the gates watch and wait for open doors, showers of blessings; what will they do with it after tarrying in bonds for their emancipation from bondage. Be focused giants! There is might in you. The height you cannot attain today because of enemies spread abroad you will reach eventually when the yoke is broken. Jesus made whip of cords to bring out the valiant perpetrators from the Temple. Do you really own a house built by your father? If yes, then you should be able to conceive the weight of an invasion by untrained hands. Rain drops that smell fresh on the hard soil could yet be another shower on the birds which take not baths but in a season. Why do some people still echo hard times and lament of things that fall apart while there is an audacity of hope? Turbulent fame of men who through much fume in vehicles were conveyed out of poverty to be heard from house tops. Palm oil in white house estates has become cash crops here in the East; where are the giants to climb and harvest the ripe seeds for the needy to milk her oil for delight? Taste the ribbons of a plant that gives not its roots for waste neither its leaves for flowers. It could be the home town of Chief Emeka Ojukwu that has become so deserted that foreign investors are coming again to install their scaffolds; unlike the belligerent tales of war. If you choose not the way of the cross, then fight for the course that will survive through the ages of times and eternity else doom may occur. You try to convince the people of the underdeveloped locations but so long as it is the Bible in your hands, then you didn't listen to the priests that still prefer bulletin booklets after seminary training.

Jesus Christ told his disciples in Luke 9:23 "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow me." The hope of studying at times could be to make a presentation in a meeting. Salvation might not be certified on papers, one has to labor and watch daily with productivity to lay hold on eternal treasures etched on the tablets of his heart. The pitfalls of the anointed must not suffice one to lose his coat in the middle of the winter. No! Not for the master's sake will you end in mischief. The pursuit of wealth and success is not sufficient to make a man lose consciousness of righteous life. The truth about a mediocre is that he ponders long and waits much for what is already given to him. Break camp! Reach out and lay hold of these treasures, for the heaven that was once hard as brass has now opened up to you. One may look at it critically to discern that holy living is not in church attendance but a one-day-at-a-time approach to making heaven. The challenges you are not able to beat today, you'll definitely face tomorrow until you conquer. Heroes of the faith are the ones who go after the Living Truth with a concerted effort until they catch a glimpse of the glory beyond. Self-denial as an essential

component of the Christian life has to be embraced by those who have been called to be a part of this network of believers. The path to follow has been ordained even from the beginning of times, even now. The duty of man is to fear the Most High and keep his commandments. On a network that covers verses of the scripture one must be able to wake up daily with devotions of a heavenly note. The students' campus as a major target must be filled with spirit-filled believers who are conscious of their race to maintain every form of sanity on the use of the media. The internet has for once regained integrity over the nature of works posted on its walls for the consumers of the services there on. As such, developers will need to abide by the forth-coming standards and modus operandi of the foundations. The works that are thereby rooted in the WORD will have to possess a search method for laying hands on the content of the Holy Book. The pages there on displayed are not to be altered but protected not just by a security system of the mark-up language but also by the precious blood of our Lord. Nobody has seen the Living God, only the chosen sons know the Father in the kingdom of Light. Therefore, when you are in doubt of the Truth of the Gospel simply make a confession of faith as contained in the Epistle of Paul to the Romans 10 vs. 9 and 10. The word we confess has life in it; they are not vain terms. Since we have to all stand fast before the judgment seat to give a defense of our earthly toil, no one is held in charge of the alterations made thereby on the database of the network. The body of believers would trust the Lord for the Salvation of their soul.

The reliance of the network on diverse non-proprietary servers for the rendering of its services will be short-lived as we keep hoping for divine provisions that will open every course of the labors. The revival meant for the youths who spend dozens of hours on several social platforms in the media now will take a turn for golden godly guidance. This is not meant to plant a religious bias on the network as some claim; it has for once checkmated the various field of practice that relies on the doctrine of Christianity and catechism for their endeavor. No single person has the total right to edit the contents of the publications on the platform; nevertheless individuals on these portals are issued rights due to them after proper authentication. Once a wing member asked, "Leonard, How do we use this Christian e-portal for follow-up of new converts after missionary outreaches?" The aim is not to teach every Dick, Tom and Harry the opportunity of sending short messages across the media. The often biased congregation may take that as a beginning of another confused episode of chatting with godly sense and language.

The manner and approach of the sending and receiving parties should be determined before approving the contents of the messages and mails being granted passage. That's not by any existing protocols but as guided by the Word. May the Lord Help us! In a bid to foster the course of the Gospel Light, the ethics of the use of this system has to be established before complete coverage. Missions also entail education, health and worship for the unreached dark places of the universe. The totality of this coverage is not for aliens but mankind for whom the Lord has given himself a ransom for the atonement of sins. We address the use of various platforms on the international network.

Subjects like courtship, priesthood; the Person of the Holy Spirit etc. has to be freely shared on the platform with major contributions from sources known to be authorities in order to edify the body of users. For once the aim of expanding the network could entail making conversions based on a guided legislature laid out for the ministers who choose to do this. The content therewith, has to be transparent to avoid counter-conversions by intruders who could have a false intention to hack into others' affairs for selfish aims. Hence, every work of the flesh has to be mortified to hinder transactions and file-sharing which could mean a total corruption of the original business of the system. Would anyone desire to make contributions to the development of the work, then it has to be freely granted by the use of mails to communicate their intentions. The government of Nigeria, China and United Kingdom and United States that partner with some Non-Governmental Organization of course relieve developers of the burden of putting all codes to memory. Also commit yourself to the patronizing and proper correspondence to our publications and articles. Third party bodies like the Wikipedia by Jimmy Clarence; Google.com by Sergey Brin and Larry Page; Facebook.com by Mc. Zuckerberg; Livingseed.org by Gbile Akanni and Lanre Adeboye, theAudacityOfHope.com by Barrack Obama; Forbes.com, theBibleGateway.com etc. which have been in operation before the advent of other networks ought to believe in good faith that to marginalize is not the vision in fair competition.

The vision is with every good intention to build up the church even in Africa and abroad for the rapture-able saints waiting for the groom. The copy of works made available to giant networks wishing to know the intention of the general public in meeting with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) is to be treated with integrity for the protection of intellectual property. Take it or leave it, the foundation of this educational service stands sure; not new under the sun. Whoever is not in compliance with the vision of reaching to the nooks and crannies will of course have to believe the One Love of Salvation.

The purity of faith lies in the preservation of the aspect of life that pertains to godliness. Several people may see your success as what will remain unattainable by chance. Even after a great opportunity, the foundations have to be rightly laid so that victorious souls will not be taken over by chance. Contracts on the basis of charity can be run for a good length of time. The keepers of the law have for one reason looked foolish and wicked to the masses that prefer the clergy to do the work. The plan of a building must be according to pattern. Freedom has to be achieved by earnestness of purpose and not mediocrity to make the Long Walk meaningful towards freedom, according to President Nelson Mandela. The forces of the air may operate even in darkness but the Lord of Hosts can subdue them all. Forgo the causes of division and seek after unity to cure the sources of malice. To the blessed, of course there is a purpose for doing the righteous work of maintaining and managing a good atmosphere of relief from the stress of continuous labor. The responsibility of a man lies not in the choice of his ability. Though he may initiate certain courses to satisfy his goals the remainder of the nemesis falls on his generation. Nonetheless,

there comes a time when a deliverer will rise to liberate the slaves of circumstances from carnal ambitions.

The problem of the society is not in the abundance of children that cultivate the stubbornness they develop from a poor environment. The poor dwellings that ancient minds cultivate in the villages make the works of their hands to differ from that of the towns and cities. To read a sentence from the analysis of data may look insane yet it takes two to tango. Copying the religion of man from mere data can be of no relief to the hands that has cultivated the ships of Tarshish. Jonah left, not to depart entirely from the calling of God for his life. Today, our ferry at the Onitsha marines are going metallic, we ought to reinforce for ultramodern bases to avoid the sinking sand. Nay! You can't just make a sharp replacement of divine agenda with the sense of incorrect living. The cross we bear is for the true picture of the one who bore the bloody face from the crown of thorns. Picture the life of Moses who dealt humbly with the seat of Power to show forth the signs and wonders given to him from the wilderness. To prove the true source and essence of shepherding is to leave off arguments for the gods of the earth. Today we live in the scenes of a dirty outcast to put down the proceedings of the revelations from above. So to tarry for the course of redemption is to pray for the future of the yet unborn; for the beautiful ones are not yet born in literature.

Saturday is too far to unload the burdens of some Catholics and believers who seek to labor with willing hearts to make profits. A poor meat-eater has no option but to run in jeopardy of the harm that befell the authorities he accepted to rule over him. Particularly, for the offence of remaining a slave of mammon, would we not correct the gaps in our dentition? Mankind will forever be submissive to the whole and total counsel of the Word of the Lord for the benefits of being bound in love. The book of Daniel reasons of the excellent spirit of a youth that is above other presidents preferred before the king. It takes pain to make gain. Loving the chastity and rubrics of the one true faith will not make us lose the battle of the mind to inhumane worship. Insult to injury as such will cause more pain for the whole course of life and make men to huddle in fear. The molecules of matter that cannot dissolve to love, is as hard as any element of rock ever known. Sorry for the afflictions of today, the Egyptians you see, you may not see them again, no more. Your car will not face theirs for an overhauling of a brutish damage. Summon the deliverance of the ones held in the disposition of a foreigner to the life of aesthetics. Several ills that men do under the sun may mar the future. The warmth of the embrace of the children of God makes one to take more delight in the presence of God and the fellowship of the brothers and sisters, than in worldly festivities.

Launch out into the deep as the whole sea of fruitfulness is before you. You don't have to trust in your might. It could harm not to believe in the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. Any tree that is not planted of the Lord in Heaven shall be uprooted. The untoward attempts of a generation of hypocrites who pursue basketful of crumbs meant for dogs and fowls of the air must not rob us of the beauty that

surpass kings. Poverty has stricken the ignorant but once more let the Lord's name be extolled. The fields are green, yet the pagans think it is ripe for harvest. The harvest is not over until it is white and youths rise in their early strength to make a choice of positive thinking. The effect of dryness in agriculture is that it hinders the success of cultivation. The lord will position you from a dry land to a land filled with milk and honey. The effect of wrong foundation laying in an organization is in business failure. It is a matter of serious concern that a minister cannot succeed in a land because of diverse courses that make men not to stand out. The Lord has done great things for us that we ought to bless His name and forget our sorrows in the land of the living.

The wind shall blow and the air shall expose the hidden secrets even of birds. You have to leave the old country to enter into the inheritance of the sons of God. It is the foundations of the church that stand sure to erect other buildings. Faulty information that cannot bring reformation has to depart for a constant change from old bricks to a real estate of scaffold-made white glass castles. It seems compulsory to be a success in your generation; the hidden works of dishonesty have to be revealed via evangelism. Wolves oftentimes go amongst sheep to defile the white garments of the ones who look up above for divine allocation. Resources of course have to be managed for memory checks. Deliver us, O Lord from the fangs of every oppressor that despises our youth to ensnare the chosen ones with a light joy of premature release of youthful strength. Fear is the enemy of man; hence, manifestation has to ensue after the tarrying in the secret place, over the choice of the partners we bind our lives to unto eternity. You have to shine bright as a Living Soul not a wood glowing out of fire. The delight of a momentary satisfaction even of favorite meals will only for a moment suffice the quench of thirst in the chosen ones. Simple arithmetic cannot conquer fear and logic even of the devil for love and sound mind will bind together the very rubrics of our faith. The canopies of unbelief cannot deter a heart that has been named for glory and till we all seek out such tents and tenets of hymn-loving ethos, then nothing is bound to make us the elect in life.

According to A. W. Tozer, "With the five senses, man engages this real world. All things necessary to his physical existence he apprehends by the faculties with which he has been equipped by the God who created him and placed him in such a world as this." Do away with the choices of healing; without any thought of divine judgment, in the heart of the testifier. There is a time for everything under the sun. Does it connote that we do not pray sufficiently? Nay! Only that some pedigree of Christian workers has complicated deliverance from sin to demonic oppression and manifestation.

In one of those marathon vigil meetings I attended with family members near the Innoson Vehicle Manufacturing (IVM) Plant in Anambra State, I tapped a minister over discipline to remind him, it is almost time for workers to rest and prepare for yonder days. He bellowed that the 'spirit of dog' is wrong in that statement and that he'll need to anoint someone with oil to be strong. Today, indiscipline even with time and Public Address System (PAS) has sent many people packing from the calls of ministry. It seems some elites have found it funny to play with

putting others on a Lock-out Tag-out procedure for the impounding of goods and services. It pays to serve in leadership and not to gratify self. The physical energy could be sufficient to perform gymnastics till dawn but the Power and Presence of the Gospel Light has long departed; it all becomes a carnal celebration like the church in the wilderness under Aaron's party.

During the time of Samuel and King Saul, it was recorded that the dynasty lasted for forty years; yet some ingredients of leadership was lacking in making prophets honor the position. The kingdom of Heaven needs a man of understanding. If the Lord reveals all things to you then it implies inequality with Him else men would rebel. The man that the Lord uses has to abide in the secret place over the years, even to avoid ferocious beasts with Pharaoh-like oppression.

The threefold ministry of Samuel namely: kingship, prophecy and priesthood rested on him for divine ordination of David, the young leader that brought transformation to Israel.

It is not right to make an utterance of what the Lord is not saying, because the judgment of the Almighty is not according to the wisdom of the flesh. You need divine instruction for all-round excellence in every area of your life – both in spiritual and political; economic and social welfare. The power to will and to do in order to resist a force for the warfare that will enable you to bring triumph to your nation will be endowed from above. The Spirit of the Lord will take over every aspect of the economy to reach out to nations. When a man is chosen in his generation for genuine authority, you ought to give him dignity and respect for the function of the Holy Ghost transforms the man to a level closer to the king; by so doing you could even receive a British VISA for exploits.

The country Nigeria has a President elected in 2015 for democracy and change. Out of resilience came forth a leader who tried severally and won at the fourth attempt of tenures of four years on the platform of the All Progressives Congress (APC). Countdown, the arm of the clock is just a little faster than you think. The pay for jobs in a country like Nigeria is alarming. It connotes that a government worker could earn eight thousand Naira; for the polls job. We thank the Lord anyways! For if the job were outsourced to foreign third parties then the truth of the matter is that they may might to grievances or place high demands. Why would your treasures be hidden in several waste lands and you as a citizen suffer lack?

The priority you choose today will determine your destination tomorrow; so ask God for open Heavens in every area of your life so that you'll succeed. The causes of barrenness in a land could be insanity in the minds of men whom, sin has become a barrier to their progress. The reproach of bitterness is that you do not only hinder the peace and unity of the economy around you, rather you freeze the genesis of your own power. The excellence of the dignity of your manhood is that you cannot waste riches and make heaven. The land of promise is before you, make not haste, pass through the wilderness and have a safe landing at last. Sin is a foundation to spiritual and social barrenness. Curses cause lack of fruitfulness in the course of a nation; a

pronouncement backed by the authorities of oppressing forces. Idols in the family bring about opposition parties. You may see and prove your innocence only if you can prove wrong the place in Rom 3:23 that says that “All have sinned and come short of the glory of God”. Evil foundations that transpire even before upbringing could bring forth bad effects on a person’s life. Stagnation and contrary foundations limiting our progression despite our academic qualification shall all be broken down by faith. For an institution that withholds the progress of her citizens, based on a faulty foundation and a motive to lure her members to corruption; may the apathy that commanders bring reign over such evil doers as in cybercrimes. The sun rises from the East; it doesn’t however abide there forever; for even the earth rotates via North till setting. The Ten Commandments even in NCCF will not usurp authority on the pros and cons of the NACC while the true desire of the least of them is to be convicted. Fundamentalism will not bring forth the faith that showers grace on the masses. The message of the Gospel, however, cannot be compromised in today’s world; especially when the so-called believers dine at the shade after serious labors under the sun, and in the rain.

Forbes has enlisted the popular American IT giants as billionaires in net worth. Party-wise the glory of the latter generation will be greater than the former. Wait a minute! The calamity of an unjust creation in the wealth of nations even Adams Smith’s shall not economize. Capitalists have eaten deep into our finances and overlabored our youths. Their subjects often raise alarm over such non-philanthropic courses that seem to be a blessing in disguise. Pluto could be a planet with aliens that wish to dwell on earth for her warmth. Why then should we clamor for the oil in Rivers State when the air is filled with forces that can subdue the Gulf of Biafra. Even before the civil wars, the ancients and sages used to hunt with guns, nevertheless, the essence of warfare is not to kill but to protect the interest of the weak by the might of great warriors by folks of history. Even kings are called to book the day they leave royalty to meddle in the oppression of orphans with valiant soldiers. Can you propose for a farmer, even in his poverty to sue his grandchildren for not taking responsibility for his meals at seventy? A word is enough for the wise. There still exist monks in the monastery who choose to carry the ministry away from the tents of the public gaze. Opportunities are offered to such sages; otherwise, their calling could be wasted on celibate abodes. Fine and good! You don’t need to be afraid for victory is on the way.

According to Pa G. S. Elton, a missionary to the West Africans, the mandate of penetrating into the nooks and crannies of the unreached dark places is for the vibrant youths of Nigeria. However, the sponsorship has to be by the government. Some cities are not yet caught, we need arrows sharpened and preserved in the quiver to speak with the enemies in the gates. The kingdom is willing to bless hearts that are willing to handle responsibilities. A man has a role to play in handling the mantle of leadership. You ought not to sacrifice unto idols that which is meant for the sons of the land to avoid the wrath of the Law. You may not be able to run with a vision you did not wish to suffer for. The labor of mitigating poverty and sending relief to the least reached places can be done with a Gospel charity approach of evangelism. The

humanitarian bodies involved should at a time contribute their quota after proper solicitation by the non-governmental organization involved. Involvement is part of safety. There is not a mere Christian crusade by preachers who do not partner with the work. Somebody had wanted to know why all things are done by faith and not as the world would, by laying down business principles. Not as though there are no laid down business guidelines to follow; the word of the Lord is a lamp to our feet and opens our eyes of understanding to behold and grasp opportunities in our immediate environment, irrespective of our welfare. The spiritual and economic welfare of the volunteers has to be covered by the church and her leadership so as not to make a shipwreck. Today, Christian Fellowships from all walks of life assemble in their numbers to hold programs and meetings that will impede the efforts of the kingdom of darkness in reaching out to their members. Simply being diligent over the commission that we have received is what will keep us from the domination that befalls the sons of perdition. What a dismay it will be when we cease to pray and fast but rather dwell in comfort zones.

The body of believers today has chosen the Sunday as the major day of worship; not as though other days are entirely exempted from service. The work of the kingdom of Heaven continues to the end of times. Life is too short for one to sit at ease and hinder the progress of the unborn generation. Somebody who tramples upon the religious views that are generally accepted by the entire nation and its legislation, especially the Bible Society does not have to hinder the spread of the Gospel. You should not however, cease to take on the mandate of reaching out with the Word when the world is in darkness. The dark places with vast unbelievers in the North and South has to be a major priority in the agenda. The pen is writing, the ink is running down, so I need to draw my conclusion by saying that Heaven has given this vision to the body of faithful and result-achieving leaders by virtue of the commendation in Acts 1:8 saying “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” The power to will and to do is not given to flesh for the flesh. The might with which we bear witness of his death and resurrection must come from the power; not now of a mighty rushing wind but of power endued from above with grace from the inner chambers of His presence. The dove may not be sufficient to describe the gentility of such a person who endues His children with a measure of gifts and fruit to edify the congregation. The boldness with which we utter and not stutter is divine; it is not a cheer bold face or rugged approach of riotous living but divine courage. The jurisdiction of witnessing is not restricted to the safe harbors of truth where worship is generally accepted as a way of life. It ought to proceed further and forth to heathen nations around who need the Light to come out of several bondages and slavery upon which the enemy has laid a yoke on them to huddle in fear.

After diverse peer pressure in campus – to play the harlot, one may ask where the grace to be an effective witness comes from. No one who goes to the Lord with brokenness and an act of contrition shall be forsaken to his own way. Though damages have been incurred over the years

but with due restitution and confession, the soul is restored with peace and fervency from above to labor in his vineyard. The capital error that the people peddle is that “it does not matter! Yet it is a serious matter.” How many times have you fallen? How many times have you denied Him in your actions and word to throw people to work without personal protective equipments like the head hard hat? It is important to take note that even after several challenging years of pitfalls and romance with the world, the solace we find by running to the Lord in penitence and repentance cannot be quantified. This is not to provide a comfort zone for ignorance and self-deceit, but let’s consider it a wonderful work under the sun not to labor for the food that perishes but for one that edifies the body of Christ unto eternal life. There might have been several moments of drunkenness and wantonness even in our own lives for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. The joy we have, in other words, the buoyancy you see around us is that we have given up all that matters to the world to follow Jesus. Don’t quote me as a leader, the punctuations are for men who have the fear of the Lord and will not sell their birthright for a morsel of bread that will not last long. New York and Rome were not built in a day, even the very rubrics of our faith is as a testimony of men that die for the course and still die daily for the unsaved.

What is your lot and contributions to the work of the Kingdom? One has given his life a ransom and severally men have taken the toll to let go of their own and not shun the cross. It is a weighty matter; believers must rise up to pray, give charity works and go out to the very corridors and doorsteps of the places where this message is needed the most. Leave baseless arguments of carnal men who see the podium as a platform to satisfy their own business targets at perilous times. It is a warning from above to leave the course of the true laborers and draw committees of endless contracts to promote mammon on the altar. Not just like children watching cartoon network; it would have been better not to have been a believer than to believe and yet remain unsaved. So much crime and death tolls is on the media over men that will not patiently seek the face of God; but will rather run after the errors in money without plans. The Lord has conquered Satan with a deathblow. Glory to the Lord! To be a son of the soil, to be born-again is not in the external ceremony of attire or speech but a godly divine inner life that the Spirit of God alone gives to her children to cherish.

Plenty of Dollars and Naira have been deployed in an economy with several unfaithful stewards. The room for carnal injustice has become pronounced today because of foreign addicts who will reap the fruits of their labors. Skillfully, one may begin to wonder why most people seem not to represent their jurisdiction with precision and accuracy in all faithfulness. Several commissions run and are ran by commissioners with a dense spirit of disloyalty probably because of distractions emanating from immediate family and business connections.

Foreigners may abound in the secret place even when you expect them to tremble like treble clef before the Almighty. When a man does not follow due process of abiding and learning in total submission and discipline, the end-point could be failure. Nevertheless, the foundation of the

Lord stands sure; no one can imagine the damage done by propounding false theorems that hold no water in political realities. Education could be the bedrock of any development, though, several civilizations has risen from the diligence employed by many valiant warriors that tarried in the place of discipline. When you fathom that several pillars are falling in the economy and you fold your hands to watch, even the Kingdom of Heaven might not intervene; for out of the idleness of hands the roof leaks. Poverty has been used to describe several ill conditions that have been found around man. To build is to lay down a plan that will last till the accomplishment of the structure. Men that feel as though they have arrived may lay several curses on the growing generations if and only if there is no Redeemer to deliver their people from the snare of the fowler. Today anyone that does not understand how the Federal Government operates could make a cheap boast that he has been drawn from the miry clay to salvage the state of the South-East from further demolition and bring forth more glory to come. Wonderful lies have been told that migration is what brings untold hardship on the offspring of a needy clan.

The Local Governments around the banks of the River Niger in a bid to develop out of advancing infrastructure have created good road networks to make history; although, the dusty winds often get muddled with clay during the rainy season. Of a Truth, the contractors need godly plan to fear the wrath of the hand that can chastise. Often times you see a public agency like the ASUDEB writing “SUBMIT PLAN” at the doorsteps of intending builders with red marks serving as scare crow to the entire community of architects. Of course, some ladies need to submit to their man in order to avoid lawlessness. Some write “STOP WORK” for developers who need to stop cajoling and do healthy work. Warnings have been issued to parties in labor who participate in this act with a jealous attitude of not being able to erect their own houses by culture. Come on comrades and brothers in the risen Lord! Rise up to your feet for military service and walk up to your foe and tell him that the Lord has risen, and you are not a slave to anybody’s creative ambition to outsmart the world with one cheap technology. Senior Prefects and college presidents will say “Rubbish to the skies; Immaterial to the moon!” This is just in a bid to announce the duty they have to ensure that labor goes on continually without indolence or delay; especially at the lecture room not labor room of feminist baby boom. Several heroes have risen and fallen in the great days of ancient and modern genealogies.

Even at contemporary times, philosophers still assume that for one to lay down his life in the youthful days is only what warfare could bring upon a people. If there were Roman oppressors today, some men might have also fallen victim of the brute force approach to discipleship. Since we have records of Muslim Fundamentalism and Christian elements in the World Power today, we don’t dwell at ease even for a moment. Notwithstanding, Abacus could bring up an arithmetic and mechanical machine but Babbage is acclaimed for his Analytical and Difference Engine – the advent of modern computers. Reverence has gone amiss in a city without goats. Tell that story to the ants for mankind will not concede to that excuse. How many of our laborious youths have become irresistibly responsible due to poor guidance in the economy. Figure out the true

nature of man which was given a death blow on the cross of Calvary over ages of serious travail. No doctrine has really given a serious explanation for many who are sick and bound by the fetters of the wicked one. Folklore has taken a replacement of true story. One nation is given attention over another for preference not due to lack of equity in the system. Has it entirely gone out of point that some toil while others makes the profit? God forbid that I glory on the streets for any achievement other than the evidence of the goodness of God upon mankind.

In a State with twenty-one local government areas like Anambra, only a few people have the benefit of running ultra-modern markets for the Eastern navy in the South for neatness, technology and power. To what ends then would I labor and travail in vain to make a living out of another man's sorrows? Can it be indeed for a dire course and call of nature? It may not be borne of a divine motive. It could actually be an effort done in haste before project time to win the favor of the crowd. It is a street mentality not borne of true understanding and credibility. In all your getting, brother, get ripe understanding. A virus in a generation is worse than an epidemic for it can wipe out the mother of all ambitions. Courage brothers! It is not worthwhile but for a while we will endure the grief and chastisement of our own ignorance and laziness. What indeed is the essence of all these earthly toils and care? Finally, don't call me to complain of the malice you see at the pinnacle of your ambitions in becoming a billionaire with powerful rank in the helm of worldly recognition. Simply make a good confession to say "Jesus, I am sorry Lord, I accept you as my Lord and Personal Savior; I believe you died for my sins and resurrected on the third day to pay a ransom for my misdeeds. Give me Peace again and admit me into your heavenly altar. So help me God. Amen". Today is yet a time of tribulation, not a moment of trivial celebrations. So think not upon a maid, to elope with and hold secret weddings in the courts of London.

The great pioneer missionaries all had 'inverted homesickness'; this passion to call that country their home which is the most in need of the Gospel. In this passion, all other passions died, before the vision all other visions faded, this call drowned all other voices. They were the pioneer of the kingdom, the fore-loppers of God, eager to cross the border-marches and discover new lands or in new empires – Samuel Zwener.

Furthermore, relating with great kings will teach us not to follow in the crew that seeks to hinder every developing episode to live in unbelief. Poor as it sounds, life has to be lived to the fullness of any matchless feat to benefit from the call to reach out to lands. In these last days, the Holy Spirit still speaks to men in silent tones to warn them never to deviate from the sure word that will bring many lives to the feet of the cross in total salvation. Love has a tone that speaks to the mind that is ready to lie all on the altar of sacrifice. Once a believer begins to make a cheap compromise with sin, nothing else matters other than leaving the punctuations of a decent life to bargain with righteousness. Call it ambitions or eagerness to achieve great heights and marks in life; today is always offering us another opportunity to make amends and live up to expectation

of the variable. It is pretty wise to leave being a non-entity to settle down on time for Christ not to reap on strange grounds. God forbid the idleness of hands that tend to poverty.

Irrespective of how many people seem to be engrossed with the money of unrighteousness, there comes a time when the only things that matter is relative to how far we can see the Kingdom of Heaven. The devotions of a disciple is so important and urgent a matter that ought not to be meddled with; for ignorance and excuses could gradually tend to social and spiritual degradation. Some seem to wait for signs and wonders while many will rather condone the circumstances in a bid to exercise their youthfulness. When you admonish a saint on Puritanism, you should not fail to admire the moral and disciplined attitude with which he uses his efforts to edify the church. Sermons are for the church not the world; although some audience has gone worldly. But I wouldn't know – even if the world has gone churchy, we still need to sensitize the living through every possible media to get to the nooks and crannies.

Once, Peter the apostle preached to five thousand without records of using a public address system. Today we present even on the internet through the web portals like facebook.com and the youtube.com, Wikipedia.com etc. in a bid to secure a future in the heavenly realm for accessing the hearts of men that may fail to listen on air. The youths do clamor for employment and vacancy where there seems to be none in the favorable labor market.

When you fail to study at the right time to show yourself approved, and then you might end up making a shipwreck with the open doors that would have brought much showers of blessing.

Wait I say upon the Lord for several foreigners have invaded the Northern gates to besiege the entrance of the sons that would reap with the sickle. Some say “It doesn't matter – you just need to believe.” I say to you, it matters much to the brethren and also to God how you cultivate a life of integrity amidst several pitfalls that seem to threaten men at various times of trial. Carnal boys on the streets will dance till dawn to express their gratitude for making a fortune in several harbors. Several advancements have been made in technology to aid the work of ministry with a hope for a better life. Fear alone can inhibit the fast pace at which this opportunity ought to be in order to reach to all the corners of the nations with the Good News before the end of times. The enemy may threaten, doubts and worry may face the children of God; nevertheless the foundation of God stands sure. When you enlarge your heart, the light of the total counsel of the Almighty will penetrate to enable you see him face to face even in the days of unseasoned grace. Toil and labors on the earth may not permit men to lay hold of the fullness of the glory of the blessed one. The capital you need to invest your entire life in a worthwhile course is embedded in you. The faith you desire to be sufficient for great miracles is inherent in your very heart, only despair not in times of trouble, as it serves as a firewall against all manner of viruses.

When this vision begins to run as a passion the hearts of commissioned youths to seek first the Kingdom of God; the very rudiments of this world have been shaken over the troubles that have

rendered many sterile. Boundless measures of a dominating priesthood have humbled many who out of unhealthy conditions have confessed contradictory courses for the ongoing circumstances. You can say “Peace; be still!” to that very condition that has rendered your home a habitation of calamity. Several proud hearts have been brought low at the mercy of medical personnel on sick leave. Today, the only word of advice you can hear from a believer when all seem to be shattered is ‘Take Heart!’ Indeed, you may not have to build the bridges the moment they appear to be broken. All you can do is avoiding it in the first place so as not to live in regrets. Today is sufficient a time to live a life full of hope in laying hold of eternal treasures. For one to contract fame in his endeavor is not enough, the travail of the soul is to lay down personal ego to embrace the future with hope. There is an audacity in living a life full of vitality; one day at a time. Strengthen the feeble knee, seek the very loop holes from which the oil drain fast, for the man you deny today could be the Savior that will hold the rhapsody of the vision. The ball point can roll without ceasing only to pause for the one who will cherish its ink with moments of brief thoughts and talk. The true worth of a believer is not in his fancy and appearance; it lies in the content of the life and worth of the character he possesses. Courtship is not a pre-institution for babies who get a satisfaction of their appetite for a momentary period ahead of honeymoon. You have to tarry even to get prepared in courtship before launching into the basis and foundation of your journey into an enduring love life. Thanks to God! It is worthless to live without a hope of fulfilling divine destiny capable of sustaining the climax of achievements. It is a training to grasp the rudiments of a course before taking the certificates. Once you aim at a height, you begin to throw and make various attempts to be respected with your ability to impart and make others gain knowledge. Pure thoughts could arise from a mind that has not chosen oppression as a wicked force to gamble with.

When revival comes even in the media solutions, there have to be willing hearts: vessels of gold and silver. These vessels should be able to carry the weight of the glory that God reveals. A thousand may appear at the venue of assessment but only a few qualify for the treat. Solid rocks often get crested on soft layers, as such; the era of civilization that will survive much corrosion will start with a parable that is yet to be fulfilled. No one has seen God, although, there could be visions of rapture. The mission of the end-time army must not be tossed off by virtue of instruments that will get prepared for the work. Nobody in his right senses will dare curse the Lord even as Job refused in his search for a job that will sustain his life in eternity. When he lacked a means of survival sufficient to lay bread on his table for his wife and children, the next move was for the enemy to haunt the poor soul with thoughts of unbelief. What an aroma of life to endure such a chastisement on the basis of fresh French leave to an abode of three loyal friends that kept raining abusive words of comfort. The marriage indeed even in the spirit of sanctification of the contemporary church becomes a feat for the faithful. Nevertheless, having been punished for the early stage of his life, he could escape hell afterwards.

When men who secretly abide in the secret place a rule in the East and West; their subjects tremble for lack of enough wits to beat the tides in rebellion. Insubordination has never been condoned in any economy. As such, none of the good promises of the Lord to the nation of Nigeria ever failed. Relief for carnal and poor hearts could be a way of warning men that sin tends to ruin.

Knowing this that sin dwells in the secret place you have to allow the finger of the Lord to manifest upon you at the right time in order not to fade off. The exit of a giant is always noticed due to the particular role he has to play in life. The speech and modest attitude of a believer is far more important than the way other people evaluate it. Sometimes indeed, the last thing to do even along great lanes is to watch every point in the tangent of deviation of larger networks to perceive where they might be heading in order to draw an inference. Global research-makers have found by statistics that not less than ten sources are needed to put up a comprehensive publication capable of beating the corruption in the market. The trouble in the days of Hezekiah the king was much: the reason why he fathomed that revealing the secrets of his kingdom to distant nations could help him recover lost glory. That seemed to prolong his days, not without the detrimental loss of the wealth they possessed. Count the cost, brother, cheap compromises with fake documents and endless fables will not proffer any solution. Only gamble not into the kingdom with such an ability to deceive rulers. The spirit of soul-winning must not be compromised for great projects. Mighty as some works seem in nature, they pose a distraction to the true course that is intended to bring change. Not even in a semester can stubbornness provide the rent needed to procure accommodation for diligent wards in academic field. So even the academia is a field of harvest, and the reapers have to try their possible best to reach the optimal best required of them to be faithful stewards. Wonders shall never end! Let's develop our nation and cease from making faithful lies on a podium of errors. The arrows that fly by day could kill even princes. It is not enough reason to live in the hiding place in isolation. You can find solace in fortresses meant for the allies of none but the pure in heart. You may not suffer a witch to live; at the end of the day you leave the remote places for them to fly planes to the city.

Fear not! You ought to reach out to those rural places some day with the intention of making true converts and not just saving a healing touch for Gilead. Works do compliment faith upon the platter of an ever increasing chance to maneuver away from poverty to the abode of heavenly treasures. The darts that strike through the hearts of gentle doves could emanate from a reckless romance on the streets. The payment for the attitude possessed by arrogant pageant role models could be enticing to a populace of filthy minds. Building has to be done in love even with plans of vision from above. Radical and charismatic leaders who must place a defeat on the lids of lips that only curse must not deter the chosen ones from reaping the benefits of the labors bestowed in ages past. The triumph of dating a model for a culture that preserves the values of the subjects will not inhibit the fortunes of real minds.

According to the Word of the Lord, I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me. Poor Joe could not afford enough milk for the babies so he began to rear cattle in a bid to improvise. When you seek registration of patent rights for an innovative product, it is essential to consider that oil that lacks cholesterol is safer for consumption. While you delay your salvation, the eyes grow dim. The governors might dwell in luxury while some people perish in ignorance. No week passes by without the sons of the inheritance considering the path to take in visiting Lebanon-like lands to make great woods of cedar sufficient to erect edifice worthy of their dwelling place. The solution lies not in securing registration numbers without designated products. Kings face many things in the hands of diverse renegade soldiers. My earnest regards goes to the brothers in the creeks and jungle, who labor, day and night to complete the assignment they've sworn to their nation to complete as a service to humanity in humility. We are not grasshoppers; we deserve the liberty to reap the benefits of our labors not just being pestered to show up for one assignment or the other. We pray that the Almighty will grant His children miracles to save us from the hands of oppressors in the East and in the West who might still wish to see us prosper.

CHAPTER TWO: VALUES FOR DEVELOPMENT

Preamble: The basis of a foundation has to be laid with a solid rock far reaching the depths of even rocks. Systems or structures built on the basis of indolent eye-service cannot stand the test of time. The copyright to possessing the gates of the enemy has to come from a power endowed from above. Resolving of issues arising from depths of the mysterious keys to success in any nation must be patterned in a plan originating from firm tall edifices. Bamboo could be tall, though it swings along the direction of the wind, it can only improvise scaffolds for mansions. Even the automobiles that convey resources from source to destination ought to be equipped with the power to subdue mountains. These tools have to be purchased for a price with heavenly finances even as the blood of Jesus has purchased for us Salvation. The technology that is derived from the modern day gadgets is accountable for the information contained in the system. The keys gotten at the altar of inheritance is the freedom that we receive for the faith we have in the Lord. Oftentimes, I preview the secrets of the washing of the water by the blood and rejoice in the duration for which the discovery of wealth has regained our sanity. Shalom!

1. CORNERSTONES FOR DEEP FOUNDATION LAYING

The evidence of labor has to be seen when physical wealth begin to gather around brothers in the church. Once you see a building whose foundation was haphazardly laid on sand and not on a solid rock, any tempestuous wind of change can wreck it. The havoc caused by idle hands with an excuse of lack of tools to gather the bricks cannot be over-emphasized. Even when tools are available for ripping the rocks to stones of different sizes, the safety personnel have to ensure the working conditions are not hazardous. Human resources as such have to be gathered patiently not tyrannously; even as Nelson Mandela had to endure in prison in the hands of task masters. Ages have gone past the era of brutish colonialism that renders her subjects working machines. There is the tendency to gather amidst obstacles that tend to scatter the results of the work. The question is: How do I locate these cornerstones to erect with? The location, of course is important pending when you see the access to the land. Your motives have to be for good and not for evil. Today, there is a tendency to be confused over such locations as home – a palace; office – an industry for human development; ministry – an event center for edifying worship; and business – the public place with secular relationship. All these could find their feet at different corners of the globe: east, west, south, and north.

Fostering peace has led to a brotherly love not just of kindness but of meekness and power. Lower yourselves if you are in the south; for the north has taken again the power it once had over

his comrades. You seek not violence now for you know it not all: The Lord is in charge! Remote locations have been used to pioneer diverse forces for miracles not just a mirage of myriads of mounds of locusts. Mercy is what we seek before building, for a quarry site needs to be properly prepared before seeking tools and laborers to till the ground. If the lord of Hosts is not involved in hosting a site, the captives of the Mighty could be held hostage. Forsake not the ways of deliberations as an entity in the front of a seemingly worldly and puerile nature. These foundations we install with much caution are to avoid embezzlement and collapse of toil of several hands and time of labor. Take off your gaze from the pains of today so as not to lose the evidence of the work we have bestowed in every inch. The pursuit of the truth that scares off the living daylights out of cheerful hearts could amaze only a thoughtful of minds. In Jesus Name, every barrier to the widespread of the Gospel of Light has to be thrown down. We cannot afford to dwell at ease in the corridors of a society filled with bad attitude to the affairs of the Kingdom of Heaven. The liberty to produce is not for fools who dwell in the fortitude of riches.

Don't risk being idle nor waste good days in the social moments of people that take studies for leisure. When an idea is adored and adopted; the only choice to consider then is to prove it by passing it through the steps of scrutiny. The origin of the force can then be proven even in the dark corners of the deeps. When the elders commend the elites that acknowledge that life is not a bed of roses; the kisses you desire becomes lost to mean attitude. Silver and gold can purchase lands but can't conquer the hearts that toil in them. Wounded and bruised laborers can fortify a city with bricks and not love to cheer the hearts of the offspring that carve it around. The warranty of notifying giants with true ego could rip apart the heart that reaches the depths of solo equity for righteousness. Poor you! The trucebreakers could only walk in the abundance of the resources available to them; not forgetting that perfect network of beloved people could only be achieved with a decent atmosphere of worship. Little boss! Don't think any man is seeking to victimize you. Back then on campus, some weak ladies and gentlemen often whine that one campus Don or lecturer is pursuing after them to victimize them. Even as indigenes and correct citizens, they couldn't believe God for better things to come.

Rip apart your heart for the injustice that cluster and muddle up every choice land in the economy of the world. For a change of dollar a northerner will stand under the sun and in the rain to make gain. It sounds sane as that reinforces towards much bread on the table and power of affluence in the pockets. Wave it off as hard currency notes and intruders will behave as more blessed than abandoned jerks on the streets. Wake-keeping looms at the corner, as youths fan themselves in unbelief for a mustard of relevance in their hearts: nevertheless, there is peace. Jealous folks fan themselves for empty show. Stand fast brethren; not in any direction that come flowing with money and ease. Whores could lie at every corner of the heart of thieves lingering in deep defeat. Don't challenge the words of a man whose choice is in the hand of a leader with little or no vision. A vision is alive as it gets resources from the Source of all things. You can't

pull down a storm for not reaching your tents. Lose not the banks of the flow of finances for heavenly riches must be gotten in the right hands and willing hearts must put in their own quota.

Seeds must be sown and watered to germinate. O Lord! Give us the looks of a queen that will charm with an inner beauty of love and a family of united godliness and virtue. What vices a man abhors, he has to also ignore to live long. When a day is not accountable in Sodom, the longings of the heart get swallowed up. Pursue not a carnal beauty for ashes, even in the passionate lust for the right ones. The capital of a nation could be consumed when she begins to owe debts to sustain business. Instead of boasting of riches you can't maintain, work towards the very genes in your own blood. The air itself is a great resource to every man; why then clamor for riches that is costly to maintain even in the freedom of wants. Wake up! Sluggards! Birds are crowing at your dead heads. Make not a mimic of those on the sick beds. Visit them with apples in your hands to remind them of gardens ripe for harvest.

Change of name and nomenclature does not befit kings. See the streets as paved with gold so you wouldn't desire the London bridges as a sight of recreation. Pursue rather with all diligence the essence of this competition that arises in the East. Right living and not excessive funeral rites makes leaders rightful owners of the thrones; for fighting in the dark nights could only mean a lack of understanding of the heights you deem fit to attain. 'Hi' and 'Sup!' has become an insult to the black man especially those without a vision and a mission for the lost souls at the other ends. Kenya at least, has salvaged the world power with a leader of African Diaspora. The West seems to be devoid of such ego of rich princes with a kind of education that edify the mass literate kingdoms with a dominion of champions at the gate. Bats are ripping apart your apples while you cluster the streets hawking the fruits of another man's labors. Worry not for those that seem to inhabit water meadows; Oak lands can sink deep in the cheap reverence of a priest without a celibate vow. Once in a little while, we need to be reminded that skyscrapers are not an evidence of repentance from wasteful Land Act and Usage. Today we can use the little piece of asset to recycle what has been considered too minor for the right horizon of the images we covet in the scenery.

2.0 TOOLS FOR BUILDING ACCORDING TO PATTERN

Result is an essential component of goal-setting. Any system that plays down on the role of automation of manual procedures with machinery and manpower will remain moribund. The escalating need for division of a tasking need into various departments is for the sole aim of productivity. If it has to be academic then it has to be treated with all sincerity of business. The fortification of the walls of a system to meet the various aims of the intended purpose must not exceed the target time. Glory is to the Lord who gives us all good things that pertain to life and godliness for His pleasure. When you sense the need for security and protection, then the firewalls of faith and trust in the right sources must be quickened. To measure the progress of a structure, the yardsticks and milestones of implementation of a developed plan has to be

checked. For sure, barren lands have to be subdued with the vision of a new generation that ought not to undergo the pains of their fathers. The duty of a laborer in the field has to enable him to reach the climax of his life amongst his contemporaries. The waste incurred in abandoning a project is far worse than the cost of initializing it in the first place. The strength and durability of a system therefore has to be considered on regular basis for maintenance.

There has to be good rapport between the various elements of the integrating factors for effective team work. Working to curb poverty therefore must preclude bringing to book the unfair treatment of justice in the various sectors of development. You have to believe that there is hope for Nigeria, for Africa is not in darkness, though her parties may be black or of the negritude. The tools of good governance and management are of course needed to purge the society of indolent folks. The turbines for generating power in a gas system ought to be rust-free in order to avoid hazards. Working to implement safety on site is the duty of every party visible on sight. Every machine of weak substance is expected to achieve more in a lesser amount of time. The duration of completing the contract even though may be fixed but has to be given room to reach its width and length. The sufficiency of even the most advanced tools is of God. It has to be also established that the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, they are mighty through God. As such, obstacles that hinder the progress of the house to be built up will eventually be thrown off the way for righteousness to thrive. Helpers of course will reach their boundaries to donate willfully.

What a futility in empowering youths without the thoughtfulness of clear vision. Self-pity could be amazingly demoralizing even though it seems to pay for the moment. The wicked world may not protect the interest of the weak, yet appreciate the virtues of the meek. The importance of running the race is evident as it avoids ruining the soul of young converts. Religion is not a mere context for consolidating the interest of vague clerical institutions. A house that is not erected on the solid rock eventually will make a wreck of havoc and collapse. The word of God, rightly asserts, that the effectual fervent prayer of the righteous avails much. It might hinder not to travail in the room of intercession before meeting stumbling blocks. Even if you rely on providence for the future of the bricks we set as building blocks, the arm of flesh shall not prevail. Malice has been an evil tool devised by the wicked ones to pull down towers. For centuries, the only word that prevails in the institution of love is Truth – it must be spoken with all sincerity. The very core of repeating the same rubrics and fundamentals of any system that will abide over time is to stick to this unfailing tool for construction. It is possible several civilizations have crumbled for lack of an organized system of testing the efficacy of this measure. Finances have been a major tool in the hands of business organizations in the accomplishment of major projects.

Sponsorship for the furtherance of the Gospel Light emanates usually from unexpected godly sources; not really in the abundance of tangible resources. The willingness to go forth and produce a bountiful harvest has to be borne at heart. The productivity of most e-portals is usually

in the aspect of harnessing content management. When the belief that relief is needed to update the course of work, then posting of comments has to ensue to avoid dormant accounts. The serious cases occur when a few users dominate the use of resources making changes inevitable. The aim of publishing with a view of Christian network is to combat pornography amongst failing youths. The question to be answered yet is: “How long will search engines be abrupt to render nude scenes to the displeasing pleasure of audience who seem engrossed with availability of good solutions to their problems?” The tendency to resolve every need on the media could push developers to the other edge of advancing their technology on gimmicks. For this reason one may not boast of having the result to every need on the Bible Word Search Engine; the essence could mean to search out and evaluate the user’s enquiry and motives.

This is for the sake of sanity and less obscenity; counting the cost of damaging the souls of innocent researchers who could be on assignment for modest courses. The day you go on beating records of advanced techniques governed for the simple objective Truth, you could not only be risking your Salvation but also that of many. You don’t have to tolerate the sincere quest for knowledge that even teenagers run off the street with the bits and pieces they acquire. Nobody is above chastisement by the Law; yet one has to be disciplined as how to penetrate the economy without collapsing the minds of the poor. A soul-winner in the modern era has to bring to book the various corners of the international network that seem to hook onto the privacy of others. The dire need to break out of convention to reach out to the sober moments takes place when unbelievers flock the social media to express their gratitude for uncensored content therewith. These vices go on in dark places even during the day; the reason for establishing the platforms for education and godly edification rely much on how these pages are appreciated en masse.

The market for dispersing the revival of the core vision on evangelism in the fellowship will guide babes to suckle from the mother’s milk. You can exclaim Wanted! Wanted!! – That is ‘Rubbish to the sky; and Immaterial to the moon.’ When will your heart be mellow to grant a listening ear to the younger generation? You don’t just keep accusing the diligent of imbecility, when all that made you rich is pedaling of drugs from the stores. Oppression can make you mad and mar the vision of the unborn generation who deserve more justice and equity. The sermon is over for those who wear earmuffs for safety in the guise of overhearing sound doctrine. Protocols can be observed in the day when icons that are trained in the MIT with her rankings over some indigenous institutions like the UNIZIK, gain sufficient privilege for honorable positions. Gov. Willie Obiano who made marks with a doctorate degree, to arise a governor at the East of the Niger can now rejoice in having youths with similar passion for transparency. It is possible that disgruntled politicians still believe that the weak need further protection to emerge as the best in their various fields. Wisdom is profitable to direct – nobody is really an authority in Christian networking until the Almighty Lord crowns him King. Come on! Rise to your feet and trust God for greater victory in the diverse areas of pain and malice in the society.

The Microsoft as a proprietary body has made available several tools which has also furthered the course of the Gospel; though with liberality. The Office packages such as the MS Word, MS Excel and MS PowerPoint are not products of contradictory integrity in the production of documents and media presentation. Although, the Easy Worship used in religious occasions is a tool for making ministers and evangelists reach to their congregation with a publicly projected view of their message. Therefore, let no man withhold the publishing of the testimonies of righteousness abroad, for time will fail the lazy fingers in knowing the mind of the Lord. The projector screen has served not only the secular presenter but the preachers of the Word in the present economy. This will warrant to a flawless victory in destroying the evil plans of the wicked to overthrow the children of Light. The power of a tool to edify can be determined by the necessary effort of the developer to maintain it. The spirit of correct fellowship and a warm atmosphere of worship will really be promoted when youths spend their time wisely on Christian networks that eventually sustain their spiritual fire outside the walls of the church building. One of the essences of having fellowships at every corner of the economy is to have a means of reaching to the unreached in the dark corners of the world. Even the market place of business becomes an avenue to create awareness of the liberty that promotes healthy Christian service. The fore-runners of the twenty-first century message of life will eventually dispel corruption from the society knowing full well that purpose has to be gained by virtue of course. Be not like those who are divided amongst themselves and fall into disputations after receiving clear signs; for theirs could be a dreadful penalty.

God has established us in positions that have no need for compromise even as death knocks at the door of evil doers. The life we live today by faith is one day at a time. The reason for us to stand firm on the solid rock is that we have been purchased with the precious blood of the lamb. The normal tool used in the development of advanced procedures is the handy envelope of the Word wrapped up in joyful testimonies. Copies of the right spiritual meal can be won by making a reasonable contribution to the church by means of godly families. The duty of the believer will imply the effort of shunning malice; and connotes the hobby of studying and meditating on the Word day and night. Even though pastors could rise from the West and priests from the East, the labor of combating crime is not a weak position for the clergy. The common goal of the seemingly unbeatable riches of possessing your inheritance will unavoidably be gotten by digging deep into the heavenly treasures. No other secret to success could suffice but diligence. The account of the rich could be frozen but on no good account should one feel inferior because of a bankrupt system of mouths fed with mammon. The system of the kingdom does not rely on any feverish operating systems; the security could be seen from afar as being built and maintained on the WORD. Sure! The proven services of the children of Light will astonish the reckless few who dwell on silver and gold even when it is not close to their reach. Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

If you sow in foreign fat accounts to the flesh then definitely you will reap of it mammon. The rotten carcass of embezzlement cannot suffice a generation that is bed-ridden by robbers. God Forbid! I shall not lack spiritual edification on the basis of change of environment to locations where the Word is not preached. The carpenter can operate with nails and hammer; the electrician with wires and the pliers; the bricklayer with his hand trowel and mortar – the quest now is for a builder with vision to overthrow the enemy at the gates of contradiction. This will reproduce a plan from a virtual image to a physical structure. What then is the product of the bee but honey, so sweet to the tongue? While polygamy is ravaging the peace of several homes in the tropical west, many men sit at ease to reap the fruits of fornication. Help should come from above to rescue the owners of the ripe harvest.

“Water the flowers!” shouted the boss of the little apprentice of the landlords with angels to accompany his blue boat. If you have to choose a Maker, prefer a Lord that is a father of the children of a free woman not of the bondwoman. O Lord! Open to us the doors of the treasures that have been locked for ages. We know that the rock of ages will guide us to rid the society of every worker of iniquity in our government. The king shall live to bring a change in the system with systems that achieve transformation in our hearts. When fresh graduates flock the streets in search of befitting job, their considerations include the welfare of their health, courtship and future assets. Leadership even in the Christendom and government has to be paramount in their hearts. A corps member that is supposed to serve the Federal Republic but refuses to complete the terms and rebels for search of greener pasture is not worth much in the eyes of the nation. Work is a diligent effort to be productive and achieve goals even when there are obstacles in the way – the collective efforts to move forward in an ever increasing crunch in the economy brings progress. How can you take risks when you’re not facing the challenges? You can’t make the motions of progress when you don’t put on the entrepreneurial thinking cap.

When Google servers started running, the indolent civil servants that should take advantage of the daily adjustment of the people to improve life bellowed that the services were exposing government data. The diverse arguments that have arisen instead of producing malice and challenges in the global market only improved the living standards of the people who believed it should serve. The workload of the primary attendant of a university will tend to multiply the moments he sees it as a multiple choice to read and write. When you echo on a Christian to cooperate, it makes it look as if malpractice is an achievement to boast of. Eras have gone past when a mediocre screams at the top of his voice for the congregation to follow due course. When due protocols are observed in a meeting, the agenda is thus established. The bid to maximize godly potentials to break down a hall of righteousness could be impoverished. When every network in the neighborhood seems to exploit users on the need for gains, the call for a network of righteousness is bound.

When the search for the right word in the Bible is scarce you click on some applications and get results. It would surely deliver the word with the exact locations of the verses of scripture to

answer the questions of your heart. Trouble no more, for danger looms at every corner; but Woe to them that sit at ease in Zion House. You can't be a coward and expect to reach your aims. Callous hearts will turn back the truth to please self; nevertheless, this cannot turn the hands of time. 'Change is constant' – says the philosopher of fire – Heraclitus: now the quote of the All Progressives Congress, the ruling party of the government. With forgiveness in our minds we fight the good fight of faith to the core. The wellness of a true being cannot be polluted by political minds that search not for the change. The Lord will surely bless us as we double our hustle in a fair care for freewill offerings on the basis of seeking the right word to address the need. You can't be hell-bent on chasing the wind when you catch the glimpse.

3.0 DEVOTIONS AS THE CONCRETE OF CHRISTIAN BRICK-LAYING.

Every day I rise up to say my prayers just as loaves are to my belly. It could mean taking a few pills of psalms and hymns; at the same time the Word of God that meant more than tasty meals to a thirsty heart. Devotion to the Lord does not imply total commitment to wholesome doctrine. At times, it plays out like the chessboard; the pawn could eventually rise to become a queen for the opponent with one or two steps at a time. Safety is of the Lord! Be security conscious brother, for fiery darts fly like squirrel even during the day to pierce the heart of the carefree fool in his folly. When all seems to be said and done, the final resort could be to watch and pray for a heavenly breakthrough. The walkways could be slippery, don't blink carelessly lest the threading of darkness raise malice in your heart. Be awake, up and doing for the seat of power and leadership is not for the slumber at heart. Corroded wells could make cheap boast of vain pomp and ego. When all hope seems to be lost echo "I am a winner, a champion shouldn't lose out in the battle of life." It is not just enough to print the results of feminist sentiments irrespective of the heartbeat. When the mortar becomes sticky and soft then much air of courage needs to be embedded in order to bring forth a binding effect.

The devotions of a disciple do not have to be selfish in order not to give glory to flesh and blood. Eventually, God will make a way for the younger generation to survive through stiff competition to their rightful place of recognition. Don't be a sleepy hollow; carnality is often misjudged for arrogance. It is not a gift to make chances count, nevertheless, the balanced believer has to occupy till the coming of the Lord. You know that while the disciples tarried in Jerusalem, even Muslims could hear Ramadan Kareem flowing through the diverse tongues they speak. This is often because much sermon may not edify an unbeliever as the scripts he sees revived on the internet as the old parchment of ages. O Lord! We hope that the server-side pages that carry the Word shall live long enough to see the ages and millenniums to come even as we wait on you. The sons of light ought always to pray hoping that the day of battle will not overtake them by surprise. To rigor out of the creeks searching for divine visitation could be worse a fever than hoping to reach your aims. Today several institutions have arisen to salvage the economy over

intruders without the hope of the poor at heart. To worship is an essential activity that will be particularly portrayed by any life that has to learn and lead at a time. Sorrows could encompass a heart at a moment of suffering; yet the windows of mercy will show up to shower lots of blessings. The beats you get by mixing rhythms on the microphone are not sufficient to save the lost; nevertheless, serious messages could be passed with oil to heal the sick.

The portal for selling useful ideas is not just for the sake of pursuing gains but for rainy days ahead. The only choice we have today is to forfeit the counterfeit of religion and abandon fear. The essence of developing bulk SMS and mailing services is to do proper follow-up after evangelism. Godly systems as such could be customized to manage the fellowship of brothers and sisters. One may say it is an attempt to rid the church of sanity in critical thinking; but in a society where the church is getting worldly and the world is getting churchy there is need to create an equilibrium. The basic elements of our daily devotions even according to GSAF include the WORD, praise and worship; and prayers have to edify the family with wholesome doctrine. When you don't pray, you fall prey; even as an answer to the prayers of your foes. There is a difference between evangelism and 'walk about' witnessing. It endangers the soul to be searching when everybody believes and hopes that your heart is already engaged. Men are agents of change and must not go in rebellion but in unity of loyalty. Seven times a day, you ought to raise a worship song with a heart full of thanksgiving. The essence of the duration of this service is to enable the network provide both lyrics to listening ears and watchful eyes. Profits that are payable could be lodged into foreign accounts and could end up getting lost entirely in the economy. Pilfering is the negative attempt to slumber away with properties without complete ownership rights. The social media has made network giants billionaires. As well the Christian media should make network giants saints. That is not to imply dead workers but honorable born-again believers with a disposition to search the word and not just any Google results that pacifies. I write as one demanding the consent of the general public for real solicited change. This is not to overwhelm the public on the secular end with unjust pursuit for Christian governance. Today, majority of bankers make English or corps dressing and attitude the secret to pursuing wealth. Nevertheless, the government of our African rich users of the godly network of faith should as well provide complete assistance beneficial to the church. It could mean mere rubbish to neglect the elite youths.

The duty of a citizen and perhaps, the chosen servant of God are to watch and pray in order to rescue the economy from the hands of some beasts that could pose harm to healthy worship. Nevertheless, at moments when faithful and loyal soldiers labor to clear their heavenly account of online abuse in the hands of traitors, others may wallow in cheer mischief. Only the saved will really benefit from platforms that have been orchestrated towards careful handling of the ripe fruits of the wealth of the Gentiles. To portray godly talents, the excessive tendency to play away your youthful strength in the fields of worldly recognition has to be minimized. Bodily exercise, the word of God says, profits a little; up till date. Irrespective of the bogus awards that could be

bagged by such feats, the only resort to gaining relevance in both national and international arena is spiritual exercise. There could be a heavenly verdict that says “Work while it is day”; notwithstanding, not just to gather wealth. Knowledge that promotes justice and equity could help reduce stress on the physical and intellectual prowess of an individual. Our hands have to be busy and feet swift in making profitable contributions to the realms of sound edifying godly labor in life. God forbid evil doers on the Christian network whose only duty is to fulfill their earnest desire to prove standard systems. When the product of a company is not established fraud could ensue. Many large bodies could meet to deliberate on how to meet the needs of the global income of workers in the twenty-first century; however, a rock of offence on the way could abort the processes.

Open cisterns could lack the potential energy to flow into large vessels. Of course, daily measurement of the pressure of devoted blessings will have to overflow for the remnant to reduce on their frugal excesses. The economy of some nations could be unstable in order to produce more contributors to the development of minds with cherished virtues. The weapons of our warfare may not center on physical combat. The riches we receive daily are for a grace that will reveal the glory of God about us. You ought not to be ashamed of the letter although it kills. The secretaries of Nigerian languages ought always to reduce their walks in life to impede the ghost workers in our public offices in the commission. Tell the truth always so as to calculate the acceleration of your feet towards evil. Behind every attempt to break off, there is an injury.

Cash crops could be harvested for ones’ earnest desire to make profit. The Holy Spirit will guide any generation of laborers who sow in season and out of season for the sole purpose of reaching out to the nooks and crannies of the earth. The dire need to proclaim the Word of edification is not made manifest in the weakness of man. God’s strength has to endure in a worker; and not to labor aimlessly. This connotes that to publicly declare message of profound doctrine is not sufficient in cultivating the garden of babes and suckling. To this effect, you also have to study and meditate on the diverse demonstrations of the Lord in times past so as not to ignore divine utterance. The most cherished times in history often come as when miracles of divine encounter take place to help us raise funds and resources for needs we have long waited upon the Lord for. Of course, you shouldn’t die; you ought to fulfill divine destiny so long as lust and incompetence for heavenly calling does not corrupt your judgment. You need to hear from God regularly to precisely define the essence of your mighty digging and search for the fountains of the deep. Surely, help will come from above in due season while good fortune seem to tarry. The unseen spiritual realities can battle the obscene just as the online exhaustive concordance is fast in supporting the conventional Search fields in our browsers.

The correct equity can work for the harm of no one if indeed the robust measure of mankind sees the kind of mercy we speak of not being contrary to Gospel truth. The dial you receive by ringing on the contacts in a network will usually follow a sequence of digits accountable to some bits and bytes. When you count four bits to get a nibble, and eight to reach a byte then the base

of your operations has been established. Freedom of expression does not imply laxity of attitude and unbridled speech. Nevertheless, the more you receive sound health and guidance from the Almighty you insist on having deposits of tithes to His account. A word is enough for the wise, hence, to enumerate the damages done by weak hands and feeble knees who take no quality time on devotion could be alarming. You have to continuously water the spirit man to access the whole riches of the measure of the fullness of life. When a young person is taught to be down to earth so that sand will not penetrate into the channels of blessing, he may pick offence. Humility then must be purchased with the pure gold of sincere and loyal submission to the Almighty. Vegetables alone cannot reinforce the strength of gravel and the cement of commitment to a prayer life. Home and abroad, the fruitful word of knowledge must be given often to remind men of the indebtedness to their Savior and His divine oracles. Favor is bestowed, for the riches of the glory of the Lord to be seen in the East and West.

The current yardsticks of consideration for determining a soul that has been freed from the yoke of bondage has to be evident in the character and a life full of virtues. The meter of the spirit for considering the sure Word of prophecy, need to be inferred from Scriptures in order not to impair the righteous judgments of the Law. You don't need to rob Peter to pay Paul even as the hardness of men's heart with malice can condemn them to sin and eternal damnation. You ought to always see divine promotion as a stepping stone to greatness. The habits you eventually form by tarrying in the secret place have to lead you to conform to heavenly verdict. It is obvious that personal altar is a place of purifying and ratifying with the spirit to enhance the chewing of proper food of divine unction. To this end, I call on God and the church for sincere help in times of need to support these growing networks of today.

4.0 TRANSPORTATION HAS TO LEAD TO TRUE WORSHIP

A navy officer by name Onyebuchi met me on the issue of recruiting into the service of military in my country to rescue the Gulf of Biafra agenda. Then I remembered that Gov. Rochas Okorocha has been a governor in the service of the nation, but having not purchased much loyalty to Nigeria, his progress may seem not to reach the National Assembly except for the list of richest public office holders. What would that imply? A nation is as strong as her military; as weak as her populace; and as lively as her faith. Every obstacle in the way of the children of the Lord has to be pulled down for the elect must rule with a rod of iron for peace and justice. What drugs could awake the dead in a society with so many living day-walkers with enthusiastic mind to make Heaven but love. Gay marriage may have sold as an idea in the United States of America. In Africa, where traditional marriage is almost as compulsory as a religious wedding for a legitimate family foundation, no such verdict has been accepted. Hence, the foundation for such mobilization has to be condoned on the platter of neutrality mixed with optimism, and not just chauvinism. Some of these concepts sounds like Hollywood and appears like Nollywood. The happy hour to deliberate in the assembly seems to be confined to the Aso Rock as the waves of life blows hotter on her dwellers.

Whenever you count the cost of moving people, goods and services from site to some busy locations in search of greener pastures; you consider the plausibility of the idea not just the need for learning and progress. From all walks of life, the African race assemble on the mountain tops to pray in the East while in the West camps are never neglected in service. The comparison for this: as the sun rises from the East and sets in the West has to be established as true worshippers on Sunday hope to catch a glimpse of heavenly realities. God help the millions of users on the network as the transport systems convey the few willing hearts who wish to co-operate towards the progress, peace and unity of one people from the Boko Haram insurgence. The day a rich man sits to reason issues out with the lower class, the generation of the elites would have known life and seen the light. Altogether, the robbery of fun from the youths could be cheating.

Dr. Sergey Brin and Dr. Larry Page have earned their Ph.D. at Stanford University; how come some developers lose their integrity to being fastest drop-outs of the colleges. Internet web pages of course, have meant that the Word of God could now be read out aloud from the international network even as more domains are available. So, the need to plagiarize could be abated as researchers find a reason to consult God before completing their bibliography. The bulk of the data you have on a database has to appropriate to the results you achieve from the study and meditation of the Word for Today. When a man lives on coping with the salary, the warriors at the gate could pose much worry to him. How come you dwell within the confines of your fear? Chase no dreams that seem unrealistic for the milestones you set will eventually be an indication of the measure of your success. To be guided, you have to be available and stand the chance of receiving the support of loved ones in the vicinity. Fortified with the might to achieve, we press on. The availability of access to the throne of grace has to rely on the publicity of the media to gain help from the fingers above. Waves could travel on air as planes detect longitude and latitudes to convey the results they deliver. The day a man of virtue stands to minister with consideration of defense then he looks up to God for the faith of the nations. The date and time we work with determines the time we observe to be in the pattern. Surely, you shall succeed as you get the message of edification from the tables of believers.

Fuel scarcity can spark up strike action. The necessary training has to be of immense profit and will be of both physical and spiritual relevance. The core opportunities that most marketers seek out there must be won, as the souls of men travail to reduce the corrupt and vast population of idols. When business NGOs formed by politicians like Dr. Ifeanyi Ubah and popular celebrities like the P-square begin to flourish, the people have to follow suit with triumphant accolades. Tell the meek that flattery should not lead to compromise lest heartbreak ensue. My dear, social snobbery and holier-than-thou attitude will only throw you off guard at silent moments. The net that enemies lay on the track of godly saints should not cause you to stumble. The internet is now rich with quotes and verses of scriptures so that ignorant folks will not see rich databases as a library of pornography. The pleasure you derive by studying the word has to push you to paste the edifying content on the walls of your social conversation. Thus, communications will bring

outright emancipation from the yoke of filthiness. When I once gazed the uprising of diverse stars on the media, my earnest desire is to enjoy the lasting glory of leadership with the government and not the fleeting pleasure of gain and fame of billionaires.

By the grace of God, we've been ordained as Saints of the Most High to prioritize our programs. When you consider transportation to the place of work in the ICT industry then you have to reduce expenses on basic utility to meet such needs. Feeding could be a regular activity that could eat into the budget for financing mobility. What do we do in such a scenario? We cut down the need for reckless movement to settle down and assemble the little that will accrue to our reach. The cost of riding on the legal needs of the professionals in an organization has to be satisfied by checking the potential users of network. Lawmakers and legislators will also understand that purchasing machines that seem to prosper the effective communication and not inhibit her growth is eminent. The real deal is not to bring sabotage to the economy by relying on the established media of telecommunication. For this course, we invent, invest and applaud the advent of novel technologies. The reason why the fellowship body permits the publishing of her translation on the website is to pioneer with the core vision of spreading the Word in West Africa while retaining good road and power networks for the ministry. So the cost of dealing with intruders that seem not to catch the vision of meeting people online to share good knowledge is high.

Somebody would remedy circumstances by contributing richly to the NGO through diverse online accounts that will heal our trauma. When potatoes are not ripe for harvest, the needs for laborers who not only utilize available platforms arise in order to refine resources. From all walks of life that trade for people, admit that kind words and the covering of faults are better than charity followed by injury. What we need to curb social vice is godly virtues for moral and religious prosperity of mind, body and soul. This is in no way bringing forth religious fanaticism; check your wrists watch if the time is tending towards the end. It rotates through another three hundred and sixty (360) degrees to give you the impression that we have just resumed another day. Then you see that there are yet several milestones to be crossed to get to the destinations of life. When Mark Zuckerberg chose to publish pictures on the facebook social media, the liberality and overwhelming benevolence of private pictures and documents makes one suspicious of what journalists may think. His goal could be mass communication, of which Harvard University did not disclose until they awarded him an honorary degree after thirteen (13) years of dropping out. Thus, freedom of expression and now programming with the computer does not make one lose the patience of radical skepticism. The injustice could be done to non-Christians and unbelievers who deal treacherously with charismatic worshippers on the shore.

Hence, for godly and true change in the fore-front of the lives of people, Heaven has to be satisfied not just pacified. Tolerance brings peace and deals with the issues of love and unity in the society so that progress could be attained on a daily basis. The kind of transactions that go on

the streets of Lagos can cause one to seek the harbors of Wall Street and not the gold streets of the New Jerusalem. “Thank you” to all my preferred candidates on the network of faith who will be beneficiaries of the long awaited change on the philanthropic episodes. The campuses have been of much benefit to our healthy sharing on the network of believers. When you fail to appreciate the grace of God, you fall short of the success story of the world-changing lives. “Thank you” to all evangelists who have made us proud at the times when we enjoyed lasting visits of great speakers like Anyim Pius A. What a marvelous doing the Lord has rescued us to behold in our sight. Renounce every hidden thing of dishonesty to embrace the system that can transform the lives of even the most defiant of heart, to know the true Way of Life.

The change we seek on the media has to begin with adult literacy amongst our older hands. When tribalism becomes a hindrance to the propagation of decent messages, the next point of call is religious bias. Having recorded for a polling unit as a Presiding Officer in the 2015 general elections for the House of Assembly in the East, the next agenda becomes the need for true representatives of the mass. When the harvest is ripe, the laborers have to be fed so as not to chew cud even amongst rebels on the streets. For a good reason, President Barrack Obama after seventy one years of the Hiroshima attack in August 1945 paid a visit to Japan to remind the summit that it is time to reconcile for peaceful world leadership. For African ladies to promote fair gender equality to gain political advantage is not a reason for debate. The only thing is that time and chance will promote good governance.

The need of the nation at such a time as this is not to promote violence. For some decades the cases of terrorism and insurgence across the global market has astonished the few minds that will not relieve the mass mediocre who embezzle finances to reach the heights of affluence. Warm bloods may sit back and learn that only the Blood of Jesus will save them from the dunghills of the Savannah. This day marks yet liberation for the souls of corps members in the rank of Batch ‘A’. God has ordained the leadership of Nigeria, and the church with the entire populace has to believe that the beginning of the new dawn is for a transformation agenda. What is the need of seeking for Postgraduate admissions when some leaders are going solo? The true matter on the network today is that giants would always try to prove that activities online are based on the discretion of a board. For you to make a sport of studying the Word, you have to play to get to the top of the media. The answer to every art surviving through ages is that it received the acceptance and warm embrace of the public awareness.

For you to prefer MTN to Globacom as an indigene of this nation could mean that you prefer pioneers to indigenous entrepreneurs; the citizenry may condone that, though with patriotism. The need for systems that will survive through ages is for the potential to prove beyond reasonable doubts that we are true hearers of the Word even from clergy men like Rev. Ejike Mbaka. Think ahead of the present situation; do well to choose the mighty strength that the future will bring. The attitude of the great minds will eventually bring poverty to careless souls who seem to be unaware of the protection that the Almighty grants His disciples. The company

that would reach heaven can only reduce evil on the earth not eliminate entirely dirt from the streets. The portability of decent software has to exceed the limits and boundaries of the social network to the nooks and crannies of the world. It is not a mere ball game to refuse to worship the Holy One.

The population in the terrain today may be so large that we fail to recount all the evident testimonies of righteousness that the Lord gives. Back on campus, several sectors of the academia and faculties of learning have helped the sponsorship of sound doctrine for the furtherance of the Truth. Of course, the Lord has given us the wisdom to make wealth and turn the world around with the sound of the Gospel Light. You need to be safety conscious and alert in the spirit so that Watts of Power will not overthrow you unawares. To kindly summarize my appeal to all dear citizens of a country where unity and peace works for progress to enkindle the fire of faith in the hearts of men, I say as the Word appeals 'Let no man despise the youthfulness of our corps members in the National Youth Service who at times lay down their lives for the good of the nation'. You face challenges when you neglect the vehicles of motion in an attempt to build a solid edifice. You should stand on the solid rock to oversee the proprietary ownership of the system that will stand the test of times. The right seed to sow at a time is to wait upon the LORD for the cart to pull before you attempt to follow. No weapon formed against the spread of the global revival of the Christian way in establishing networks shall prosper. To all disciplined agents of change in the economy, "Peace to you in good faith!"

According to Sunday Sun, July 19, 2015 (www.sunnewsonline.com) on page 65 "...to encourage academic excellence, every indigene of Anambra State with a 1st class degree between 2006 and 2012 was rewarded with a 1 million Naira (N1M) prize!...'Even as its necessity is under debate, Peter Obi, in emulation of the Federal Government Conditional Cash Transfer programme, initiated a social security system, paying each Anambra State poor indigene aged over 75 years a monthly allowance of N5,000'". Today the exploits that are being carried out in the luxury cuisines of the Light of the Nation makes it evident that the better the future of the youths the more the hope that flourishes the planet. When the younger generation reaches its capable optimum of productivity towards a given religious setting, the next argument in line is excellence. When you get to the Centre of Excellence, you ought to be promoted to a higher level of success as you seek proper channels from the gateway to the gates. The primary essence of reaching the climax of duty has no link with neglect of duty as much as concise contribution to education at the centre of unity. Following the strategy of marketing affordable solutions in the African American market, the folklore stories of partiality and malice finds extinct harbors of safety.

For spotless beauty and evident glory, ladies shall dwell with plenty of time on the platform of the educational service being rendered online for greater relationships. Work is not exempted for the men that will seek to maintain good Christian connection with the saints on the network. You can now choose the God that will keep you from fornication today by preserving the culture of

the black people. Nevertheless, work appears unholy when it is not given a holistic approach. The truth is that the carnal mind cannot behold these things. Ego and pomp make many a mighty to fall into traps that lead to insecure pitfalls. When the tropics send forth the shrill of a cold wind then the masculine habitat will reduce the follicles by shedding some clothing. Even as the evening is near, some men would still not want to admit theism although ex-First Lady Patience Jonathan exclaimed to all ignoble of character that “There is God O!” O Lord, the children of this godly network shall surmount the gates of hell with revival in our networks and telecommunication. The facilities of the end-time global victory shall surpass the attacks of the wicked one.

We do not boast of the security we achieve of ourselves for internet platforms; ‘... safety is of the Lord!’ When the teenagers fail to break records of past and previous failures in their generation, they remain the subjects of narrow-minded foes. When wild creatures invade the territories of the literate to dwell with domestic breeds then the harm could be in the failure to appreciate the cognizance of modern approach to rural development. The infallible truth about our brothers in the Capital Market seems unabridged because of the dutiful essence of leaders with a positive mind in reaching the optimal climax of worship. Today in West Africa large networks would rather grow humble of their achievements in recent past than quit for social snobbery of customer care systems. There is so much God will still do to our spiritual growth and wisdom to give the children in the classrooms hope. The audacity to admit today that our decency as blacks plays out is our role to claim that politics is not a dirty game but could be fair with chance. You need the trait of leadership as well as acres of Diamonds to enact policies that favor the average Nigerian. For me to open up, Business Management Faculties in the African society will not produce average MBA holders but eminent trainees as well as CEOs.

The Senate of the country does much to sit in a House to deliberate on issues that will further liberate the business sector in the council. The Networks shouldn’t have a holier-than-thou attitude towards customers in the Federal Republic; even as the body of delivered believers has been secured from the character of the flesh to beget a new life. A success that is given birth to in a community without light gave the first cry of relief with the emergence of Light. The House of Commons does think of change, values, constitution-amendment, faith, family as well as a whole lot of leadership issues that do overwhelm the society. It is as a matter of fact that corps members held a conference in Jos, Plateau Orientation camp Mangu and revisited the issues of the oil reserve in the Gulf of Biafra in the South before general elections and to reason on the issues of Boko Haram Insurgence in the North. Thus, the apparent loss of Chibok School girls from the radar, in a mixed religious and social class of the Africa American society gets me begin to proclaim the need for moral security.

To the glory of the Almighty God, the Nigerian government made up of thirty-six states (36) and a federal capital territory, remains one and united for the sake of her booming economy. Irrespective of all challenges of terror in the North, secession in the East, kidnapping of third

parties and job-outsource partners in the oil-rich South; academic occultism and unionism in the West; the traffic of population of our ladies in the republican and democratic field shall not be poisoned. The dangers of subtlety in the attempt to gain our rights by violence shall not appeal to the community in the environment if not for the grace of the Lord. According to the author of *The Audacity of Hope*, Barack Obama, ‘... there is no Black America, White America, Latino America or Asia America but the United States of America.’ We have been aided to believe that there is no minority or majority ethnic group as the Hausa, Yoruba and Igbo claim but a Federal Republic of Nigeria. As I speak today as a graduate of the mixed race university at the triggers of Africa – Calabar, the populace of the youth leadership shall soon flourish with an enthusiastic network of faith. Our networks in the recent times have given much attention to government, ministry and academic leadership. For this I say that to search should imply an astrological study of the times of harvest. For the Word of God in an epistle to Timothy admonished youths to study to show themselves approved unto God, a workman that need not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

5.0 THE ESSENTIAL NEED FOR HUMAN RESOURCES

Forty percent of the people that mind the use of the public media will only admit to patronize the system when it is fault free. Sentiments and arguments may arise often as a result of selfish interests to reap the harvest alone. You go on public acceptance when you enlarge your heart to accommodate a wider range of the interest and habits of your brothers and sisters. When you face temptation and seduction to abandon the vision and run after sensual ambitions the ridicule that follows suit will eventually bring more damage. After the GoodLuck Jonathan led edition of the government erected bridges across major rivers in the Southern Protectorate of the nation, a major number of Nigerian populace accepted change. The true understanding is that the Kingdom of Heaven never leaves true disciples without raising vessels to assist in the labor. Wait a minute! Oftentimes, you raise an alarm that life has been so hard, you expect suffering to varnish without even raising a finger to get an automobile that can carry workers to the next site of rural development. The essence of the pagination of our expositions then arises as we the literate mass in leadership remain original.

There is an urgent call for willing hearts who not only conceive their role in the drama of life. I don’t just cope as a soul in hopeless land nor co-operate as a worm in a corporate body. As the need arises for vessels of honor in relationship, then business plans has to be met by placing the subjective truth under the mirror of godly ego. The true Nigerian child sees himself/herself as a scanner to radiate Christ-like behavior and not a scammer on the streets. You don’t just forge ahead and keep trying as one facing a court martial meanwhile you should be in courtship. As I thought as a true Nigerian on campus back at the National University Commission, I joined the Peace House Revival Labors on discipleship classes and camp meetings. The testimonies still abound that irrespective of diverse challenges with relationship of the people in the House, I could still receive divine favor of being awarded a first class honors even as the pioneer of the

award in Computer Science in my campus. With support from the University of Nigeria, the goals of developing a Management Information System (MIS) with the Word flourished around hostels and faculties with diverse equipments for the project teams. To God is the glory!

The hope to deliver the people from corruption as such a season as our time makes us to leave the banks of comfort to the harbors of power. The hope of living daily is with a plan to do business with the brightness of the clouds. The rapport we build with the intent of opening up the doors that has been shut against the elites for ages have to be re-established for a just cause. No habits of sin or accusations of the wicked can dismantle the faith we have to raise vessels equipped for the battle of life. It is not a bias to render due support to indigenous investors and not third-party agents. Commerce and agriculture have today become affordable in the most blessed mountains of the South-East Nigeria. With Africa in view, the words of every living being has to liven up the hope and mould the character of the younger generation. A word is enough for the wise! The wisdom of God has been bestowed on the true connected channels of blessing that sing the praises of the One who judges us all in a twinkle of an eye. The Light of the Gospel will once again rock the lives of the very heartbeats of the African child. They have to see in the broad daylight that nothing scares the living daylight out of the core vision bearers, on the outreaches we hold for revival in the nooks and crannies.

The Nigeria Christian Corp's Fellowship known a.k.a. "Jesus' Corpers" have once again vibrated the earth around them with the tones of glorious outreaches. From this source, much rivers of living water meant for thirsty hearts will abound towards all and sundry. You can't be cold in the winter and yet say you are on fire for revival. The great moments we all think is close at the doorsteps could be approachable even when the world power extends its tentacles to grasp the reputable princes from their table of honor. Today, the Holy Spirit bears witness in me that the times we are in will bring us not just a change but also revolutionary changes. The dudes of Nigeria origin that sing to merry at tempestuous times have been seen on the streets as hacking minds that make fortune from telling egoistic lyrics. Although sinners don't go to church according to T. L. Osborne, the evangelist, church-goers have a way of making sin seem like a mere offence. If you refuse to understand that lawmakers and interpreters judge with utmost reverence, then consider the chief musician of the angels in Heaven who lost his placement.

For the size of a situation you choose to feature in determines the mind of the one that have to receive it. You have been born in a world that you cannot afford to remain a spectator; you are not just a passenger in the vehicle of life; don't just watch, play and feature in it, if you seem to be just praying without answers, be the very answer to other peoples' prayers first. Teaching ability is an attitude you have to develop even when all seems to grow harder. Today, even in corporate organizations and family businesses the need for a strong vision with leadership potential come to play. Focused thinking has to be built into every minute you employ for the growth of your company. Today is yet another time to start rebuilding the broken walls of our family ties. Natural talents could purchase ivories and gold, nevertheless, you need the gift of the

Spirit to occupy great edifices that produce life. Creative imagination will help as a team mate to relieve minor duties that only bring ambiguities. Water is good for life especially in a class of the first chosen ones with a testimony of spreading the Gospel even to places where the Word is needed at the moment. God punish the devil as he attempts to hinder the progress of the chosen ones of Israel.

God will help us, for even in the modern-day economy we all need the values of drive, discipline, temperance and hard work to promote thrift and personal responsibility; you don't have the right to inferiority. To fulfill destiny one may be accustomed to several calamities from amongst trusted family and friends. Following the initiation of constant power supply by the Olusegun Obasanjo administration at peculiar locations, citizens were given the right to live in abundance. At such times when wealth seems to be ill-gotten, except savings are made to retain godly integrity, majority of the dwellers of the Western coast see more industrialization. To God be the glory, that as a Presiding Officer in the general elections of the Anambra State House of Assembly the poor climate did not rid the populace of the INEC materials. We had to secure the most recent free and fair election in 2015 with our commitment to service by the grace of God. In the society, you must know where you belong so as not to rally with a mediocre spirit over the profit that emerges from the effort of masses. Up till today, the microphone with which Jesus' Corps members sent forth the word to the nooks and crannies of Nigeria remains a tool in the hands of the privileged few who would create an impact.

The work that we bestow just to benefit from the legacy of our fathers in the faith could only suffice for a moment but the grace of God is all sufficient forever. When I made my journey for another whole year to see the way things are changing in the President Muhammadu Buhari administration at the FCT; the tour was generally based on guided information. At certain spots, you could view for the first time a blend of Roman Catholic and Muslim Religion at the same community. The primary need to build capacity for the forth-coming race can help equip the hearts of the mind blowing job of entrepreneurship. The proper grant of scholarship by NITDA is to foster academic excellence amongst computer literate graduates and related fields. For instance, on meeting with leaders, the one true need for further expatriation on correct culture of unbiased Christian governance and tolerance arises. Although the incumbent tenure is rich in the work of spreading the realistic truth of religious views; even the Pentecostal denominations have been offered a warm bench. To God be the glory for the safety He has granted to the people of Nigeria on land and across several waters.

6.0 POWER AS A PRE-REQUISITE TO PROGRESS

One may ask, "Shall we reach the climax of our call of faith without encouragement from the Word of God?" The tendency to stand firm has to be achieved as we make our pre-occupation the root and pillar of sourcing the power of the Kingdom of God. To be candid, the catholic federation from the East has laid a major foundation for the Christian populace in leadership

positions. The character of the believer has to be formed as his mind gets grounded on the Preaching of the Word. The need to prefer it to power and wealth could sound logical and godly; nevertheless, we don't have to be reduced to a deceived minority. That is to say that we don't have to be spiritually redundant if we have to win the battle of unity in progress. The excellence of our life lies in repentance being given a high regard in the society rather than other major services we can render. As such, divine breakthrough in our networks today has to arise as we live a life that generates funds with righteous approaches.

A transparent government is a changed system that even utilizes banking procedures to manage the welfare of her citizens to limit corruption. Every believer who will make progress on the network has to desist from sinful and malicious habits. Today, the Word of God has prevailed in the Nigerian economy to bring forth a sure sign of revival in global communication. When you build a Christian platform with over four million bible characters, you are bound to be making ceaseless contributions to other major global networks. You need such platforms to wipe out shame and avoid ignorance that could easily yield defeat. You have to be definite with where you seem to be driving at so as not to be just desperate and yet lack knowledge and guidance. The House of Assembly has to be governed with much wisdom in decision-making as the House of God.

The millions of Naira allocated to the ICT industry of Nigeria could be spent on online examination systems of CHAMS Plc. and the platforms of Computer-Based Testing (CBT) centers, which claims to have communication links with British Schools and foreign partners. Information on cyber security has made several citizens of the country who apply to the Long Island universities to abandon their manual examination systems to write some internet-based test. The possibilities of making computer-based test to become acceptable in such a server schedule where authentication is not merely granted based on merit. Of course, cinfores has inducted a series of staff strength for parastatal bodies of federal ministries; to boost their business potentials and reduce the risk of poor management of finances. The new exploits that will be heard next is that the patrons of indigenous networks have won a divine allocation for further legislated services, even beyond Microsoft administration. The dos and don'ts of the Christendom have not permitted laborious soldiers of integrity to compromise standards with premature examination which could not be the true test of godly knowledge. The work to do per se is to reach the goal of global economy by making a whole lot of corrections instead of mistakes that could bring sober regrets at the end.

The way stampede cluster around government aptitude tests could make one to draw a faulty conclusion that there are so many sound graduates in the ministry of youth and sports today. The era of e-job and scholarship search has increased the need for improved result systems. Wonders shall never end in the filthy attire of some modest parties that hook up with top officials to pilfer funds from the purse of the market place. The cost of mobilizing and patronizing the weak intellects to ensure strengthening of official status could harm. Although, it may be a loss on the

organizations that several qualified candidates get disqualified for not being shortlisted on computer lists. One may ask “How do these experiences teach the youths not to lean on the arm of flesh?” The need to tutor hands that can guide great minds to feature in further recruitment to secure a placement at the helm of affairs and in the labor market is urgent too.

At the dawn of the day the unfolding of history made several Africans to wake up and rush to the nearby café to claim lots of online benefits in the air. The workplace has to be decent in order for quiet people to establish firms that could do computerized software in the industry. In the geography of sighting a successful business, you consider your State of citizenship and major cities that will supply business needs to reach the goals. The estate management culture of FCT leaves a hallmark for most Christian states of the country to focus on using IT to deliver products and services that could emerge as cutting edge bodies. The plan of building pharmaceutical and medical outlets to render healthy solutions that will reinforce the ministry with state-of-the-art technology. The place of leadership has to consider legal practitioners who claim to afford much back-up for our security personnel to flourish with educated minds. The role of health ministries and financial institutions in building strong national business-oriented edifices cannot be over-emphasized. The workforce of the military has to ensure security at all times to focus on the doctrines that will rather eliminate evil instead of substituting it with a cloud of shallow-minded thinkers freaked with every worldly applaud on the streets.

6.1 FUND RAISING FOR CAPITAL INTENSIVE PROJECTS

Town halls used for conducting meetings have eventually become hotspots for the money that is being spent in the system. Of recent, it became conspicuous that if the conditions of the facilities are rejected longer than usual, the imminent progress of the people could be neglected. Stable power supply has not received much allocation in the era of much agricultural development. Now of course, the Honorable Commissioners and Ministers will do well to finance the renovations of perhaps the educational sectors and the Teaching Hospitals. In due season, the Word of God will prevail in such places to eliminate spiritual carcasses eating into the fabrics of the community. The Lord does not lie; even so it is evident amongst the Igbos especially in the East where automobile facilities are used for manufacturing and vehicle assembly in the economy. The task of conducting crusades and campaigns in the rural areas will then know an immense increase sufficient for the sustenance of the education of the indigenes of the township. Once you mention agriculture, the connotation of poverty arises in the minds of several youths. Nevertheless, the ability to tend to crops and animals in the farm makes possible the work of rural rugged evangelism.

One wonderful technique that has achieved the public address in recent times is the use of mass communication media to achieve success in distant locations where hazards exist. For a while, it seems like globalization is the one major and huge promotion endorsed by the planting of masts. As such, remote areas get information on recent happenings found in the place where wealth and

power abound. Take for instance, the Living Faith Church as a mission have witnessed increase by laying a foundation of biblical fund-raising techniques, often placing mandatory ministerial tithes on the members, via the Word of Faith Bible Institute (WOFBI). Currently, you need to be awake to the consciousness of the revelation of better things to come in the modern era of Christian networking via established institutions, Foundations and Federal Ministries. One single look at the way many Muslims flaunt their codes of dressing in the orientation camps of public equity and justice where service and humility should thrive may eventually hinder tolerance as a result of interference with the regular routines. These concepts shouldn't appear vague in a labor market that does not tolerate the violation of privacy rights of several rich families that tend to privatize businesses.

According to the Occupational Safety and Health Academy (OSHA), 'Walking is working.' One day at the workplace will actually cover for the need to instruct the dwellers of most unoccupied properties to maintain good environment in order to reduce the massive intrusion of violent minds into their affairs. Capital intensive projects will result in the holistic mobilization of human resources to deploy state-of-the-art techniques in drilling bore-holes and power supply as a long term technique that has reinforced the survival instinct of the aged populace. Shall we keep complaining of our lack of understanding of deep mysteries of academic elites? Wage the warfare needed today to mitigate the adverse effect of massive illiteracy amongst adults in our various places of origin, even with the affluence buried underneath the policies.

Today, the approach being adopted by the Nigeria Christian Corps Fellowship is the use of counseling, prayers, drugs and relief distribution to evangelize the hearts and minds of unbelieving souls in bondage. We pray and educate the church that the battle is not for the strong that sprinkle wealth on the street corners to adulterate the value of proper management of resources to maintain order, to reduce the diverse hindrances seen in the Federal Territories. Thank you Lord! The need for trained staff in most of our recently built institutes of training has awoken our consciousness to the need for proper academic advancement. A leader was appointed for Nigeria National Petroleum Corporation, by Ibe Kachikwu; who has been trained as a first class Ph.D. holder in Law with up to ten years of experience in the Oil and Gas Sector. The need for a focused pursuit of career which eventually reflects in the management of diverse units in the economy is needful. From all walks of life, individuals wake up to assume diverse positions that could make or mar the living standards of the populace. Today, even when the Oil and Gas sector chooses to upset equilibrium of the system of talented youths by applauding the efforts of the literate with regulations; highly-placed elites give away their treasury for minimal appreciation.

The aberrant attitude expressed by several feminist national figures at times brings severe criticism on the tribes and ethnic groups that promote them. Oliver De Coquet once said 'Live and let live' – an approach to embracing democracy and gender inequality with a free spirit of tolerance. The hardship being endured practically by the dwellers of humble locations like Benue

State where food is raised in large affordable baskets of orchard products and carbohydrates, with polished Sermon on the Mount; could connote a rich attitude towards the mud bricks. As pertaining to numerous disciples who raise an agenda for a shifted vision to the warm embrace of ancient landmarks with a confluence of culture at the Niger Bridge. Their fear is that the herald of the return of our Lord could crumble many institutions to reduce the flow of cash in the ecosystem of the educated.

The prayers of the nearly forgotten souls in the monastic orders of the dark forests of West Africa could reveal the dire need for the elicitation of facts that liberate the world from doom. The packaging and composition adopted by most Nigerian South-Western leaders will of course reach an optimal level by breaching a balance that was once existent. Qualified graduates seek benefits of being awarded scholarship from the Federal Scholarship Board (FSB) based on merit. The need to advance algorithms to automate the procedures of financial institutions of the Ministry of Education as a national body that can resolve the issues that arise in the hearts of Word-filled benefactors of the diverse bogus project is paramount.

Earnestly, the contentions in the Middle East could bring an inclement weather if the goodness that the Spirit gives is diverted from development that could revive even the airports. Otherwise, the Western agenda can privatize our food into the Crunches and fine ladies will shine their eyes to rip the funds. Then we begin to hallow the Messiah to be merciful to us. LORD! For we are in trouble, the eyes are tired from so much crying; we are completely worn out. To tell jocular tales is not the objective.

Hence the change you seek is a function of the love you show, the fruit of goodness coupled with the development going on in your geopolitical zone. The need for love is that fetish charms will not be enough to mar reason and disallow chastity in the modest places of the hearts. Wait a minute! For every minute detail you see, or watch, the news on the television will strengthen your vision, and every paper of information. Even in hostel areas meek souls could walk around the halls, and put the place in order for the role of the love to survive. To lead should bring others to the promise land and as such prove the efficacy of our love, for the hardworking genius this season will entail bringing peasants out of the mire of farming in famine to a palace of ivory in the mountains of the Aso Rock.

Summon the courage for bread to feed the flock and promote the rain that washes the rock. When foreign musicians raid and storm our stages to enhance the preaching of the tales of their folklore, our youths have to arise to salvage the case. Mount the podium and clean the louvers that shine brightly like the stars of heaven in the glorious silver linings of heavenly clouds. Today, the states of the ancient Ogun Rivers and rocks have been billowed with large bridges and estates so that the commerce of efficient trading by the businessmen can flourish. It is written in Psalms, 'I have loved too long with people who hate peace! When I speak of peace, they are for war.' Nevertheless, the schools and tertiary trainings we had do not imbibe violence

to the noble of heart and understanding. Polite mischief could dwell in the lives of several young ones; may chastisement not collide in the affairs of a currently booming society. Oneness could make us to discard the rubrics of the values and constitution that erases malicious constipation from the thoughtless indigenes of insurgent zones. Rid me of such a calamity in the world of forms where change is constant by the philosophy of fire.

On that fateful Sunday evening after Worship at St. Luke's Parish Kubwa Abuja, my mother came from home town to pay visit to her children at the FCT. The worst could have happened with literate working-class ladies leaving home early before 7:00 am. On several occasions some faculty members in Nigerian institutions could even delay the appointment of intending staff members for the academia. The need for more efficient networks arises in the place of distant relationships in the submission of files that entails much security and trust. The entertainment industry often adopting support from the IT industry always promote challenging requirement; nonetheless, leaders should curb the excesses of media rankings. Of a truth, there are several geniuses that felt marginalized on the grounds that their works were not recognized. It might have been tested as though by fire and was concealed for diverse biases that have arisen to prove the worth. The spirit of excellence does not fear any argument neither does it harbor obscurity. The Frenchman will say 'Bonjour Monsieur' to welcome a man as a formal greeting. It is well even in the well!

The hope of making establishments that are solid can be realized in the economy as we trust our Maker to provide resources that are sufficient for the season. To be helpless is to be hopeless – when the hope of change in the network – loopholes of pilfering on peoples' credit – is not realized within a target timeframe, users go helpless on mobile telecommunication. The future blinks when born-again youths fail to key in to the revival of a network that can be centered entirely on the welfare of the African negritude. Abortion will not be an issue of desperate deliberation in our houses again when ladies and gentlemen look ahead; and forward to endure the cross and despise the shame of idle chats. The solution of proffering Word sharing with the KJV on Smartphone across the globe can be a challenge as the expiry date of facing the book of self-proclamation terminates. One may ask, 'Can such forums entertain youths at odd hours?' Severally on private discussions, I have had to refer employers to more trusted solutions as a recommendation to users who can market their products on it. I believe, you too can believe, "if not today, in this generation and the next, the face of Christian networking will change."

Never mind the myriads of projects running locally and overseas, ministries that should run on week days tend to replace church programs. The essence of establishing such Christian institutions will be to re-enact the habit and character of engaging ambitious youthful minds with edifying programs. When do we make up to correct all these errors, while many run helter-skelter seeking shelter and solace amongst the privileged few who can offer it? Really, you can be anything you want and achieve all your dreams if you only believe. In order to administer grace unto the hearers, keep your heart guarded with every true artistic and entertaining music

and videos – not necessarily religious. You have to give thanks always because leadership has to be running daily in your heart as the potential to achieve the utmost desires that will meet the goals of the nations. Many will delight in the awesome wonder of what you are able to generously engage the heart and mind on – to consciously deliver the bits and pieces that will glorify God not just souls. Pillows can wait so that the billows of life will not deprive us of becoming heroes; but then, how can that meet the needs of getting a good spouse? Today several of our graduate spinsters will purchase a teddy bear from the stores to pile up for the heartbreaks on the street corners and worship centers.

The Ministries of Health and Finance having strong foundations should cater for both the spiritual, physical and financial needs of job-seekers. The labor market as a nomenclature has now impeded the approach of thousands of certified hands that lobby to penetrate the bricks of the very walls of the government. When it was a matter of compulsion to leave university with a good class of degree and get retained, many still had much confidence; how much more today when that does not assure one of job security. The salvation, however, of the majority of the prosperous hands cannot lay waste in mediocrity. The villages which many of our ancestors started from will still remain without proper cultivation if the very allocations of the aged are neglected. The momentum with which you collide with the objects of your affection can change your direction indefinitely. With all due respect, not as Albert Einstein whose imagination became more important than knowledge; the knowledge of God still remains paramount as the beginning of wisdom. Godly fear and chastity does not connote a timid attitude but a deflection from carnality. When you don't grasp your thoughts, it sounds proper and nice to wander to the corners of corruption in search of ego.

7.0 THE USE OF SCAFFOLDS TO MOUNT HIGH STRONG BRICKS

The approach of business tycoons who beat competition in the market is in sponsoring ideas to eliminate their opponents quickly from the vicinity. At least, while in the office of the Managing Director of Focus Asset Consultancy, Onitsha, he directed me to do some marketing as a graduate to familiarize with the labor market. This encouraged me not to return back immediately to the classroom even with the offer of lecturing with a Federal University. At times, it looks rosy to admit the option of travelling abroad to experience the economy of more advanced countries but how are we improving on the ministries at the home front.

Nowadays, the resort to erecting skyscrapers is to take the approach of the Chinese men who can practice race on bamboo plantation. I still recall numbering in the efforts of diverse youths in the NCCF who built a three-storey family house in Bayelsa State during President Goodluck Jonathan administration. We had to secure metal scaffolds while some did the climbing to be able to reach the top floors above. For this cause, the Occupational Safety and Health Academy (OSHA) specialist course was offered to as many as would be interested in managing hazards in the workplace. Today, I am a certified OSHA Specialist by the grace of God. Not all structures

however, will require the mounting of high wooden or metal rods to bear the weight of the mason or painter during outdoor labor. We are not being ignorant of the factor that except the Lord builds the house the watchmen's duty is in vain. Unlike President George Bush, who lamented over the tragedy on September 11; of the uprising against the world trade center. Carnal minded believers could still assume that the maker of blocks gives strength only to the mighty man that could mix concrete. He will eventually give you sleep if you are beloved and betrothed to Him and not just to songs of joy in music. However, machineries can perform better than several energetic men flexing their muscles.

When you rise up in the morning and board a vehicle to your place of assignment, the need to consider transportation becomes urgent. In a country side, like Kukwaba village where most motorcyclists are Muslims from the North, one is forced to believe that Christians don't mobilize two-wheeled vehicles. The other side implies that commercial vehicles and taxis ply the major roads to convey the working class to their various ministries. The role of the Christian worker becomes pronounced as he refuses intimidation and receives grace of boldness to bear witness of the Good News to his fellow man. Life involves battle; you fight for your life to regain the lost glory of Salvation of the fallen man; try to minimize the pride that leaves you centered at your present stage, move on to greater heights.

The word of God we carry is Life. When the enemy comes, like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall raise up a standard against him. You have to fight the battle of life till the dawn gets brighter. Every supposed arrow of the wicked to subdue the effort of 'Jesus Corpers' in building a fortress of the Word shall not suffice in rendering the children of God weak. To announce to the world your stand in the game of winners today have to provide you the chance to exhibit your inner strength. Jacob is not the elderly son, Esau owns it by birth; losing the birthright however to envy against his brother's mess of pottage made him like a generation of violent slaves. You don't just retreat so quick in the battle of life and hide your face in shame and guilt. Tell the enemy "Though you are feared by many for the shedding of innocent blood, I shall not die; I shall live to proclaim the glory of God even till my enemies get silent on earth." No one was born really with a silver spoon, the healing you get for being treated as an uneven mate makes you grow stronger, more powerful and richer. Never attempt to dry up the spills of dark sweat you shed today, they remain stains on your fingers, and even the louvers record it. The Lord above has made us kings and princes so that we do not gloat over the little advantages we hold over others. It pays to be gentle, never mind brother; I shall not die, not today!

An Igbo adage proclaims, "Anybody that digs a pit for me shall surely fall into it; my duty is to cover his grave". Lord, we need signs and wonders even in this turbulent time of marital delay. It is almost established in the land that some ladies will always prove to be romantic so as to avoid much commitment. Nevertheless, the Lord shall not fail to liberate many from the bondage of the denial of the way of Truth. The spirit of oppression shall not destroy our assets, and the women that will serve the Lord in this generation to raise children that carry grace and love. Many

clamor for deliverance that they could achieve when all seems to have vanished into thin air. Politely the air of achievement could leave you to a lack of confidence, even when you rub shoulders with mediocre minds in the game of success. A prophetess could remain pronounced in the land when elderly and educated men begin to fall under her anointing. Visions of rapture could depart heavy hearts the moment you fail to grasp admonishment to applaud chatter. When kings drink from golden cups and abandon true wealth and secret of powerful men – the word of life – pestilence instead of positive change might strike. Henceforth, the cross we carry daily should in every way portray godly appetite to our foes that seem to be like butterflies around gardens. Bread and butter comes out of true effort to survive, therefore we labor for love.

Just as it is established in the church, if the Holy Eucharist of the body and blood of Jesus is withdrawn from the worship then it is assumed that the Bishop has dissolved the parish. When at times you presumptuously believe that some people perish for lack of knowledge, it is because the general communion that Saints of God should share is replaced by diverse heathenish rites. Today, even when you stand out to perform your wedding in an established legal ground, several notions on tradition tend to raise dusts that eventually try to mould the home. As a leader that received the catholic infant baptism, the baptism card is a precious identity and document. I wouldn't be careless with that card except family alternatively offers to keep it safe. While my mother's parents still live they do well to provide an alternative to travelling as an evangelist without an identity card to churches. That is not to say that you go to a land to observe Holy Matrimony in the absence of parents with a new set of believers.

Today, in Nigeria several Yoruba Protestants convert to the Catholic denomination even at the FCT to rejoice with a majority-turned-minority in times of religious conflicts. When you declare that 'I shall not die; I shall live to proclaim the goodness of God'; be reminded that there are reasons to erect the beacons that will help lives. You ought to live to render services to kings in the days of your youth. You ought to live to lead nations with the skill you value the most – as Gov. Willie Obiano lead with business over the largest market in west Africa at Onitsha, and third largest automobile market in the world at Nnewi. The more you become of integrity to the society, the casualness of heart have to depart in order for righteousness to work towards influence and affluence, and not simplicity of heart. You ought to live to preside even over the church and the wealth of the Gentiles. You have to live to take the Word and perhaps education to the shores of land afar where principalities and power dwell. Nevertheless, Socrates mentioned, "Man know thyself; an unexamined life is not worth living". You have to live and dwell in the land, eat the fruit of the virgin market of Onitsha to be gallant. When do you hope to achieve all your cherished ambitions when you sit and procrastinate? Obstinate hearts tend to squander the precious gifts of life that come from above and return to poverty. Set your vision with a date and time that is realistic.

When the battle line of prosperity is drawn amidst turbulent times, the future of the people lies without favor. The gift of God is without repentance; that is not to say that those who allow

unbelief to settle in their hearts will know success. The faith of saints shall surpass exceeding bounds when the true history of malice gets entirely eliminated from the lineage of the chosen generation. Even in campuses where there seem to be little or no liberty or freewill for students, it becomes necessary for religious figures to counter truancy. Open Heavens has its showers of blessings on the very tablets of the hearts of the true believers who will not meddle with hypocrisy. When you allow the fallow ground of your faith to lie without tilling the grassroots of evangelism, the ministry grows weak. The tendency to remain at the same spot after several years gets more pronounced. Today, even without having to log online, facebook.com will send SMS to remind users of the current status of their accounts. Can you wait upon the Lord to know the recent occurrences on the network of faith? You need to grow more Christian and not more social for your faith to attain a global recognition; that is not to say that you become anti-social, rather be a blessing on the network. To connect to divine souls, share the Living Truth and neither withhold nor deprive your brethren from knowing your true status.

8.0 THE USE OF EXORBITANT SUSPENDED SLABS

Upon the increase of a measure of enlightenment, the nation has to be placed in the hands on men and women who not only renovates plastered walls but can as well demolish and erect with fresh bricks. I still remain humble and loyal to the fellowship of the corps members in Bayelsa State for immense culture and habit of diligence towards the development of human minds. Once when I asked the fellowship President, say “What do we need a website for in a Christian network?”, and he gave a very brief reply say “Bulk SMS system can assist the follow-up of our new converts”. Today, such devotional systems which have been of immense profit still need support for the furtherance of the Word to the depths of the heart of men.

It could rain hell in the FCT and yet shine like never before to the benefit of both crops and livestock. Africa is not in darkness! Even in my dreams the memories of the days at the Federal Government College remains lucid and clear. The discipline of jogging and yet preparing your heart for the strict time table of the boarding house daily routines becomes compulsory. The duty of prefects and pioneer presidents of novel clubs draws much attention to the staff body. It does much warmth noting Bro Daniel amongst the duo in college with a social award of the meanest dude around.

When the scope of a project seems myopic the benefactors rather get extorted by the financiers. You can achieve your goals; the ultimate destination then depends on how able you manage the resources to get to the limelight. As an NGO with a network of faith, one long-term goal is to develop a delivery service system that can survive with time as safety is given its due place. Seeing the state of the modern day education, it becomes expedient to marry good attitude with discipline. When an older staff becomes legally negligent in character, the tendency to create tensions amongst every Dick, Tom and Harry ensues. Don't be on the edge of revolting from family or the office; rather extend families by starting your own little family in more refined

vicinity. Serious tasks will not be committed to truants who deceive the general public on the note of lacking sense of duty. Worry doesn't pay even in a situation in when we have found out that some leaders lack the quality of impartation.

Occasionally, the tender ties we break from to reach the fields of our endeavor will allow us play till we score even a hat trick against our opponents. With the true spirit of sportsmanship you may never know loss because you are time-conscious towards life. The healthy attitude of loving to do the right thing at the right time even while it sucks could breed ill sentiments against you. Totally, you have to believe God! According to the Sunday Bulletin at FCT, there are four groups of parishioners: those who make things happen; those who watch things happen; those who do not know what is happening; and those whose words and actions hinder anything good that is happening. This was where I celebrated my birthday at 20th August, 2015 and the memorial of St. Bernard. The readings of the church still echoes "Just to see, I have come Lord, to do your will".

After having my quiet time at the chapel, the next item on the list was to go hear the Priest say the mass and hold the general confession. His attitude disquieted me as even indolent cat-walking damsels would approach the podium to share their heartbreaks. It used to seem like divulging of secrets and details to the listening ear of some Holy celibates; nevertheless, walking off after a six-month break I could never imagine that the counsel I would get is "partying is not good for you". So dear, cheer up! The day you dismiss the foundation of the universal church for some other religious doctrines, it begins yet another backsliding. The convictions I once lost could make me reveal that I have worshipped in Rhema Bible Church and Towers with my father who would not go with his wife for her adherent catholic doctrines.

Every day we are engaged in the warfare of life. The stubborn heart of man which can only be transformed by the hearing of the Word of faith is the insistent tool the enemy can deploy to subdue towers. Our Lord has given us victory over every Goliath on the path of creation; for this we fast to mortify the deeds of the flesh so that the Spirit can grow. Many in an attempt to avoid the high cost of decking walls choose to reduce the vision to stunted accommodation, with an attempt to mimic archaic architecture.

The apostle Paul, when writing to the Ephesians admonished the disciples to stand firm after all said and done. That is to say that to emulate the gifts of righteousness, you have to abandon the works of the devil and embrace Truth. There is a need to build updated systems but this has to be achieved not just by implementing cutting-edge technologies like AJAX and JQuery. You have to take on the whole armor for the battle to be won. Do not relent; the more you tackle the costly aspects of the project to produce strong fortresses and high facilities, the more you get strong in the Lord. Faith and love has to dwell richly in our hearts to be able to gain military might. This notwithstanding does not have to come by much informal agitation; as the weapon of our warfare is not canal, so we gain victory by the cross that our faith advocates.

Just like the rain drops forged from the clouds of Mararaba mountains, the South-East worshippers have to survive more days to impart on the latter generation with knowledge. Calculate the number of days it would have taken for the companies to be established in the land of the living. It is becoming more increasingly reasonable to adjust the time tables of life to suit the expectations of elders. No need, this could be rising from selfish desires; when you remain in the battle front without any spoil, then reinforce to make a draw at least. Comrades, we are not losers even as it was formerly declared “No victor; no vanquish”; you ought to continue in the same spirit of warfare. As the revival approaches, embrace it with peace and love in every corner of the economy. Nevertheless, don’t relent, for idle hands that sit to lobby around will eventually be made spectators in every sphere of life. Dear lady! You ought to stand and submit to the loving hearts that cherish your company. Tomorrow may hold gold ripe for the even tide even as the ink lays down treasures worthwhile for the babies unborn. I don’t need to get terrified by the waistline of nursing mothers that relay information to the unseen faces. This is the word I choose to reply the prophets at Divine Blessing Ministry for being eloquent in speech and yet with ethnicity.

After the deliberations that night, the family at Nasarawa State agreed to channel resources to the establishment of household facility. The intention is to reduce the risk of evangelism without a base for ministry. Although, some men will express their doubts on the income or resources and finance for the project, the faith I have as a leader is that the Lord will provide himself a lamb for sacrifice. The ideal truth to receive is that all men will not be the same even in the miry clay of unbelief. Lands have been offered by faith.

We trust the Lord not our wits to establish the Faculties for Educational Services in West Africa for higher standard of learning. The system has instituted the NUDB and ASUDEB to enforce urban planning measures; on the other hand, that is not to deter the youths from expressing their efforts towards nation building. In the Mararaba region of Nassarawa, the efforts of diverse businessmen establish a ‘face me, I face you’ type of urban settlement. Of course, as the sole of my feet and the faithful saints stamp on any ground on the earth, we possess the land to raise vessels meet for the end time warfare.

Another agenda that arose amongst the ministers is the employing of workers; our state-of-the-art oil milling facilities located right at the heart of the cassava and palm oil farms remain under-utilized. With close monitoring during cultivation and stringent quality control measures at every step we ensure the production of quality flour and oil that is natural, clean, nutritious, and has sweet taste. This can at least generate baked foods and financial resources for the neighboring communities thereby creating better relationship for business. The passion for bulk and batch processing is evident from our best agricultural technique – standard soft flour in marketable packs and very meticulous decent oil milling/packing processes. The large water bodies along Oba major roads will definitely aid the production of durable consumable products in the Onitsha market and beyond. The several festivals and ceremonies like the New Yam traditional rites can

patronize the local gins like the standard Smirn-off Ice which the factory delivers. With all these, coupled with technologically advanced milling and distillation, we shall surely procure nothing but the best nutrition for the patriotic families amidst Nigerian networks. For instance, the Olam rice has advanced towards producing marketable indigenous food stuffs.

A generation is lost when her kings begin to dine in the day with ladies at working hours. Duty calls to danger at times; and how we shall later choose not to meddle with such hypocrisy. Waiting for long hours to see the salvation from the little creepy moves of some hurting damsels makes work under the sun delightful. A supervisor can labor till night to ensure that the progress of the work is measureable; that's why he deserves to be on duty. The terrors of the night and agonies of the day can wither the grasses and scotch the flowers. Days are gone when wine bibbers give a plate of food for dinner and a bitter root for morning brush. Hello! The next technique to settle with family is on a platter of nomenclatures that carries the logo of an honorable institution. The tip of the cover of a ball point can do more writing than an oily jar of ink and feather; even as we have advanced to such a season when finger tips write on electronic parchments.

However, the fonts you get by the proper use of the modern day computer can be legible enough to print in ages. This is why the legal copies of the documents earned with diligence have to be preserved with utmost care and banking for safety. Trouble that arose in the East has enabled giants to take a great walk towards the destined locations of their heritage. Nowadays, it becomes hard to borrow or loan from mortgages and microfinance banks. A thief comes to steal and destroy; oftentimes, he may even lay a mat and spy upon his prey to victimize them before sudden attack. Today even at noonday, several young minds are commended for being of a sporty habit, at decent locations. For further exposure to the literature of the mother tongues can expose the church to good knowledge as well as soccer in the field. The lessons I take at the right time to move along the waves of streamlined automobile could improve the attitude of driving rather than just a ride. Today, the world desires sports and games even at odd hours; could that have made some computer hobbyists to prefer secular research to the bible search engines? That evening the preacher spoke about greed and envy of those that want to remain in power. That was enough grounds to slander a willful neighbor for favor before leaders. The one reward of eternal life should make us not to be jealous of our brothers and sisters. For such reasons, the slanderous idle hands should labor with an attitude of social healthy competition to survive.

Just as it all began before the fall of the regime of past military government, the toll on the service of the federation has to be secured on a daily basis. Life goes on; duty calls on evangelists and decent workers to reach the optimal point of ministration in the various field of their endeavor. The change that the citizens of Nigeria actually need is a fair treatment between the rich and the active farmers who will need infrastructure for the automation of manual procedures. Past times have been riddled on diverse reasons why good leaders face challenges that eventually make them voice out and join forces to raise their motion high. The topic of

today's devotion could be read in the minds of every worker that seems to be enthusiastic about the current state of the ministries. It is a challenge to know that first class citizens could actually bestow much labor in quite distant lands without getting the mere congratulations or a birthday present. Nowadays, the heroes of past times would have been blamed for not passing down sufficient generational transmission for the younger minds. Yet we live to create a measure of impact that should count not only in time but eternity.

The tones of admission could seem to distract the heart from the goals that lie deep in the man with a true vision. The foundation to the real documented ethics and ethos of a people and church has to be erected on the Word of Faith. Day by day we rely on the Almighty for the very virtues, grace and benefit that will differentiate the elites from mediocre people in the monetary system. It is not enough to lay emphasis on the need for a heavy heart; people have to subdue and conquer timidity by facing their fears. It is much evidence to know that some feminist leaders have instilled falsehood on their subjects by vanities which could arise as a result of failing to put to death the old life. The tendency to become dirty in the system due to poor infrastructure in the various areas of social endeavor rises for youths to take the mantle of leadership. The real truth about a Christian network like Leoportals is that global communication becomes renewed as a channel of prayer.

The secrets we keep in life could go a long way to conceal the work of God in this end time. Of course, the gifts and calling of the Almighty is without repentance; nevertheless willing hearts has to be elated by entertaining words of a courageous soldier. Lord! Open our hearts to rise up to the need in the land. A child will argue on the need to reach out to a concerted public on PAS: then failure in the secret will make many a tall soldiers to draw back from the scenes of manifestation. The wonders then has to be by receiving instruction with a divine understanding to drop the past achievement and failures to be a true pioneer. The dilemma we face in decision-making can become a bottleneck in the achievements that are bound to come our way; so tie the knots and grow up. The need to stand in the gap is not restricted to men but also women in submission to their mates in both ministry and worship.

The authorities that we become by the divine birth of life are to be upheld especially in the avenues of ethnic discrimination to minimize scandals. Not to mimic the older generation in their charisma and attitude to leadership, the gentleman has to receive the warmth of compliments by following in the footsteps. You cannot become poor except you allow the enemy to render you bankrupt and then dry up the various sources of your income. The rude behavior some express as ignorance could repel the ones who should make life in the network of the brethren a reality and not an abstract fact on the score sheets of nations. The fruit of love and a quiet teachable attitude has to be evident in the ground and foundation of the life of the children of God. The totality of the surrender of a vessel unto the maker shall eventually be the variable to the function of its use. Spirit, mind, body and soul: the whole component of the being of a man has to uproot the wicked trees that have not been planted by the master who is above all.

Many men who do not desire to accomplish anything worthwhile seek to pose delay constraints to restrain the joy of the next generation. For the earnest expectation of our nations wait till they behold the true Light of the nation. When pillars are erected in the institution to hold firm to the constitution of the organization, then the real fabrics of the slabs has to be quickly established. You may not understand that the sure promises of the great and lofty heights except you desire a higher ground. Never choose to call on the master without losing the grip of those carnal elements of the world that lie fallow till the tools of utmost wonders till the choicest grounds for bountiful harvest. As I have it in my attitude to lay aside some values to beseech God for an honorable meekness, the works of lying wonders seek the holy places of the chosen ones to trample upon. Minding my own business look puerile to a folk of premature minds; unlike the God-seekers, who allow the termites of idolatry and witchcraft to possess the heart? When a door of cleanliness opens, another door of chastity has to accompany it in order to reduce the level of waste that occurs in the regions with deserted agony.

To the best of my knowledge, all of the children on the streets of Nigeria cannot quantify the immense need for the rebuilding of the fallen glory of Babylon. Some men's ego goes a long way to obstruct the future of the unborn generations who disallow the real activities of the wicked people in the dark places of rural villages. Demons infest the heart of the few disciples who disengage their lives from entertainment. You can imagine a work without the reaping of fruit in due season; such as several investors impose on low income earners that will not have to divert resources to family welfare. From all walks of life, the stars of the manifold dynasties celebrate the greatness of the glory buried within the vessels of honor. When the rebels of the anointed kingdoms perceive the wealth of unction that can deliver, their tendency to rise with force to intimidate their folks bring them to a height of insanity. It is possible to grow weary in doing the will of the constituted authorities that go to a height to admit the safety that arise even at construction sites.

Our country Nigeria is increasingly producing more qualified graduates, artisans, safety engineers and professionals all around the corners of the decent economy unlike several nations that boast of drop-out billionaires. Misplacement of virtues could influence the judgment to make it biased rather than based on theoretical facts and evidence. The nomenclature of the automobiles we even manufacture could be concealed to avoid legal procedures that seem to acclaim the efforts of the rich countries. The boundaries of Ogun and Lagos States popular for their consumer products proliferated with mechanized industries have attracted so much billionaire in business. Even with much trees of cold origin the nature of the power generation in our nation seem to be managed at a regular rate that seem to give support to the solar energy given by the sun. The tropics could enhance the supply of agricultural products that sustain the feeding chart of several other locations such as corn, yam, rice, cassava and their finished products. This of course results in the dire challenge of not seeking the right system of capitalism rather than implementing monopoly to place a few on top of Forbes List.

9.0 EXPANSION: AN AVENUE FOR INCREASE.

You don't have to abandon work at the initial stage of foundation-laying. The vision has to be engraved and plainly etched on the heart and parchment of the bearers. After you must have learnt the basis of procuring a simple system, the next phase has to involve diverse multiplication of the elements. For you to expand a project you should also consider the growth of the plan towards modern facilities obtainable from the global market. The mission and vision has to be stipulated in order to abide by an original pattern of a deep foundation.

At one of those prayer ministries, my mother asked me "Must you always stand like one busy supervising contracts? At times, sit too in order to make proper observation." It is quite sure, it is not wise to neither allow sleep nor slumber during the day. James Bond in one of his movie lines said "You'll have all the time to sleep in the afterlife." God is merciful to forgive us when we ask for it. One of those evenings after tedious labor, on the way towards a night event at the Victoria Islands, Dr. Daniel Enebeli expressed his fervor in memorizing verbal words for the GRE test. With such admonishment I secured the Ninth Edition Oxford Dictionary to prepare for scholarship test in due season for the work of love amidst the brethren in fellowship in Abuja. All things work together for good.

At the heart of the proposed shopping complex at Nnewi triangle was declared a tall commercial center in West Africa which expands the large automobile outlets for business in global economy. The innovation is such that project conception and management commenced after the memorable funeral ceremony of Chief Chukwuemeka Odumegwu Ojukwu – the late presidential aspirant for APGA. Now, current aspirants for change campaign for one Federal Republic of Nigeria after the civil crisis between 1967 and 1970 over the Gulf of Biafra Coast and secession. The building services and engineering works are now being sponsored by foreign investors who pledge their duty to the post of change and development for safety in our borders. It is also acceptable that the Nigeria Christian networks have earned renewable energy technology for advancement of the Word of the Gospel from the heights of its horizon. Nevertheless, being in a tropical area with abundant sunshine and rain forest vegetation, solar resources shall henceforth be mobilized for electrical power engineering. The cost of the engineering is estimated to worth over ten million dollars and billions of oil naira as the farmers in the estates is rich with palm oil and agricultural resources geared towards state-of-the-art trade in the satellite town.

At such seasons when mothers forward their daughters for benefits and fathers remain content with business meetings, the loopholes in the high place for national agenda remains unabridged. The need for bridges that will suppress the fear of some elders for the traffic in Obosi swamps arises to cause for a change in the gullies and urban planning schemes. Sites have been designed for proper recycling of chemical wastes to make for clean environment in the vicinity of the Onitsha market – the largest commercial metropolis in West Africa. Daily effort to use more advanced methods to reduce improvisation with substandard materials applies to the ministries in

our major cities. It is a fruit of the Spirit to be patient in making choices even when you seem to prove a point that you are at a certain level of advantage in taking priorities. The man of faith has to consider the people, study tools, the public address system, and the style of the working environment: the goods and services. Above all things, the laborer must not be relieved empty-handed, there ought to be an evidence of good life, reward for divinity and physical properties to make reference. The souls of men could be leaders, workers, businessmen or disciples who consult daily for ripe counsel to forge ahead with life during moments of shattered illusions. Truly, work done has to be measurable in Joules.

Oftentimes, I wonder why our will to do, in the leadership of the fellowship and nation is a problem to some so-called brothers. A day I came home and my mother seemed excited over the death of a divorcee in the kindred in the village; my response was quite like a sermon from the book of Hebrews 9:27. This should mean to all that it is quite expected from elders who have gotten their satisfaction from life. A brother in the vicinity started throwing fists and punches at my face for the need not to sound like making a mockery of the weak in faith. Hello! I said, "if you think you are strong in the faith and not also flesh and blood it is once for a man to die and face judgment". Sports can reduce how many hours you sit idle in talks that does not bring glory to God or contribution to humanity. I applaud men that labor for the bread; nonetheless, the vehicles on the major road have to be mobilized and not left for backsliders. We should always have faith in God that will see us through difficulties. Evangelism has always been a matter arising in the foundation of the Christian network. Constitution amendment is an agenda that often comes as a reaction to offences in the society, for instance in drug trafficking. Uniforms and certificate occur as emblem; funds could be raised as fine or due apologies being rendered. If you go alone in life you'll fail; carry others along even as users, as well as followers and members to succeed as a leader.

The financial and field reports of any organization have to be transparent in order to be sufficient for the future projections of income and expenditure. It is worth noting that the quality of document will help in proper documentation of the activities of a deanery to avoid the rejection of higher powers. Proper management of finances may involve the need to reduce incurring more expenses to the excellence of the one body in unity. It is often a reason sufficient for raising dust that many brethren will give priority to marrying wives and making family exploits to attending to national issues. It is not proper to lose your career to issues that are not worth attending. When you neglect the times and your duty as a child of God to bring the Good news with warm smiles of entertainment, you are bound to rush into the marriage course unprepared. Lo and behold, the reading and leading with daily messages for the times of harvest is to avoid strife in the gathering of the parties that attend to right issues. Launching of intellectual property has to be closer to the doorsteps of the fingers that raise funds for the publication and spread of albums, books, articles that bring change in the lives of men etc. It is not appointed for a reader in the laity to be poor in lack or enlisted amongst the needy.

Towards the end of the semester, it was really a time to relate with highly learned professors with foreign degrees and rapport with some members of the Senior Staff to deliver Management Information Systems on Software Engineering. Investing several man-hours in African Sciences could bring a lot of education to the artisans in the economy. Outside the Aso Rock, there might be no reason to debate and deliberate on issues that does not deliver watts of power to the populace. Indigenous networks are such systems as will help to eliminate what will misrepresent the future of the Nigerian child; the bottom line is change in peace and unity in the economy. Education, Science and Technology, and industrialization with true worship are what we need to receive all that Heavens will grant us on earth. China and India can do well to multiply their billionaires who boast of leaving Ivy League without full certification. Left to me, the society does not need rebellious capitalist for the advent of globalization. I could be optimistic about the long term goals of my country, more so I joined the NCCF to salvage insecurity via evangelism; marketing has also earned some decent life. Nevertheless, campaigns is what will earn the vote needed to avoid crumbling the finances due to lack of the spirit of competition – the wages of workers will really appreciate seeing that the system has added value in constitution-making.

The hope of the needy lies in the face of the blessed hands which have rejected mediocrity to embrace virtues meant for greatness. There is a popular saying that “You can’t eat your cake and have it; or rather you can’t have your cake and eat it” One of those seasons while I was at a meeting for constitution launching in Nasarawa State around the FCT, it happened that a close friend was wedding to a doctor in the alma mater of UNICAL. He lamented, “You have changed your mobile phone number a couple of times and now you are on the move to several lands on business and marketing, I’ll do well to send you a bulk SMS on my wedding plans”. He never did send me any mail, but made the information get to me through one of my junior friends in campus - Daniel. Of course, then I was already making plans for a job with much security and had picked a form for driving training for better skills. There is usually that air of reluctance towards wedding in my family of graduates; which I watched cautiously to ensure that it is not a continuity of my parents’ separation early in marriage. It is not going to end up as a working class home without fruits to reckon with after so much service. Then working with the Lay Readers Association at the local parish, I had to adopt the Bible Society of Nigeria (BSN) Igbo version for favorite.

The wonders of the modest job of lecturing cannot be seen as an enemy called average. The work of bringing up the younger generation up with the might of having a vision for the entire society is detailed in abrupt commitment. The sponsorship needed to bring up a new class of advanced technological giants that reduce the labor of manual production in the society has to be done by the fathers. It is peculiar with younger people to love their lives in earnest expectation and anticipation for the sweet relief that will eventually deliver them from the guilt and sin of oppression. The little exposure will definitely help one to reach the goals of the eternal plans of reinforcing the bricks of continuous sowing and harvesting of souls of men. The parties that

should stand to protect the interest of the minority groups eventually miss out for lack of concerted effort to wait and be patient in implementing plans. I am happy because the purpose of building an indigenous and ingenious global network programmed for the Salvation of souls will definitely survive through the secured opportunities available.

10 RELATIONSHIPS BEFORE BUSINESS

The dry crust of the Word shall not be able to retain procreation even if we engage our whole heart to the commission without contact. No matter how we studied hard to preach and teach the wings we led in the house, the need to open up to our fellow leaders was essential. Secrets of love with people from the past and present could haunt the heart down as if one is sick with malice. Can it connote that it is out of senses to reveal to the ladies by a gentleman that you've once smoked and drank in the club with campus colleagues. Imagine it all dwelt in the mind then the hope of forging ahead with further studies to University fades away. You can say "I am no longer at ease being singled out by faith." When you hold hands in prayer, a touch of life could register in your memory to relieve burdens of sins committed in the closet. There is hope, faith to trust one another; and love to arise to responsibility and not fall into obscenity. From all walks of life you assemble the very elements of success as yardsticks to evaluate the extent of the spirit of excellence in you. Craftiness of heart and the attire is not precisely what the gentleman needs to be inspired to focus on the right vision.

Perhaps the elder had to manipulate the youthful emotions of the younger generation to stir up love; the use of drugs to achieve results could become harsh. The reason why I had the company of female teammates in most of the rural rugged outreaches we held is typically to direct the moves of a team to act in public. Time is a piece to be monitored sincerely on several occasions to ensure milestones are broken rigidly on the very fabrics of diligent love. There might have been some figureheads that place a distraction even with laudable effort to extend the arms of warm fellowship. The eye opens glaringly to the true need for loved ones in diverse cadres of business in the Nigeria Network that will span global boundaries. When you establish the borderlines of trust in the family then the corporate nature of the man has to guide the eloquent style of the speaker. As the man of the house, a worker in business and partner in fellowship the two have to ensure that they always cleave to leave distractions and achieve results faithfully. It is always worthy of note that love accompanied by a submissive spirit on the other hand creates a balance and eliminates offences. The labor of love in the kingdom continues!

11.0 CIVIL AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY

The routes that lead to the locations where the treasures are hidden are usually supposed to be smoothed for ease of access. When the referee in a match commands the team, they respond in unison as uniform athletes receiving orders from a true yoke fellow ahead. For God's sake, it is proper to do the right thing at the appropriate time and maintain proper locations for effective

delivery. When you don't admit that there is a need to count the cost, you are thereby missing the steps by default. Once when I answered to the call for a loving disciple in the arms of a Savior in salvation at Peace House Discipleship camp in Benue State, the tendency to remain affixed to brethren was necessary by implication. A lively and active League of safety conscious minds has to play a team work to retain a persuasive response. The diverse institution of industrialization like the oil mills shall not be sidelined in the economy except there is a good channel of transportation for vehicles to ply in making door-to-door services available. At Anambra and Rivers States, such industries patronized for edible oil remain sources of income to the whole nation. We have to perfect our skills in order to develop and yet remain capable of handling projects that open satellite towns.

At a point the Ibetu group, a client to certain contractors awarded the deforestation of the land between the Nnewi North and South LGA. This should not be an avenue for sycophants and party leaders to make fortunes ridding the society of development and man-power. Just like in the days of old when Peter, the apostle got sufficient illumination and angelic vision to make a sort of prison break: souls that are held bound in diverse institutions of qualification need to regain liberty for the nation. Access to barren lands has to open up as the literate patriotic citizens begin to liberate the way for the sons of God to witness diverse freedom from poverty. Hence, Chief Udeze Emmanuel held his peace until his close became an estate consisting of facilities for Anglican Church of Nigerian, medical facility, transformer, bore-hole and several other structural and civil edifices that emanate daily for change. Business and ministry in the city is not enough grounds to abandon villages from where most agricultural and industrial products are supplied. For you to remain an unbiased estimator on the democratic government, you ought to neglect every intimidation and course for rebellion in the East and West. A privileged few billionaires show up to reveal their geographical understanding in making a site of locked down accommodation with state-of-the-art civil plans. We thank the Lord!

12.0 DEPLOYMENT OF POTABLE WATER SUPPLY

After supervising the Plaster of Paris (POP) ceiling renovation project in a progressive ministry at the vicinity of Abuja, the need to revive the dead bricks of rural meeting halls became a burden at heart. Some start by criticizing saying "Leave all those bogus talk, they could mean works of the flesh!" It may be impossible setting a strong foundation of LeoPortals NGO without sustaining the philanthropic labor of water boards. The approach of diverse majority groups could be sparing, however most communities in Nigeria accept that water, like the air we breathe should be a free gift from God for the survival of the creation. While major cities with capitalism like Calabar and Abuja distribute water bills as well as power bills; Lagos and its western region sell water by using commercial taps. To God be the glory, at the Eastern region including the Nnewi-Onitsha communities, water is drilled as bore holes and maintained by the rich to assist the populace. To support the cost of living, students in campus and colleges usually campaign for reachable and affordable bore-holes even though riots and rampages may ensue if delay occurs.

For such reasons some faculty members' vent their spleen on the scholars, setting up impromptu tests and panels to penalize lateness to the place of study; for discipline or on corrupt grounds.

The presentation of our immediate surroundings to the neighborhood adds to the receptiveness of the academia. As such, water projects most of the times assist good horticulture and plumbing facilities for convenience. It creates a relaxed atmosphere with inter-locked and grass lawns that could last for years with a little effort. When you establish an institution perhaps like the Capital Oil and Gas, the next objective is to attract humans to the facility daily for business to avoid moribund organization in your absence. For this course, several communities in the South-East region embark on transformer installation project to assist the Power Holdings with the power supply, similar the South-south region where the Community Development Chairmen advocate for power plants to aid oil companies in contributing to rural areas. This and diverse other contributions as we do Safety Inspection at gas-turbine power station help to enhance the productivity of clean and portable water for domestic and industrial sites. It is proper to create a balance between the residential accommodation, recreation, oil and gas stations, construction companies; factories as well as security check points.

These twelve agenda being highlighted could guide the economy in building solid pillars to sustain the generation that will receive the mantle of leadership to become end-time champions.

CHAPTER THREE: PERSPECTIVES OF FAITH

Preamble: The capacity of a leader is in the level of responsibility he can shoulder. If as a leader you cannot shoulder your responsibilities, your honor will be lost, as other men might provide the bread for the children, who may turn to them. Fasting can be referred to as an act of denying oneself of pleasure. It could also be the act of denying oneself of food and drink. It can be scheduled or unscheduled; planned or unplanned. Time is also a precious commodity that ought to be fasted. Take out time to do devotion amidst busy schedule. Bad habits such as excessive sleeping, talking and eating must be forfeited to provide good leadership. Things happen in a greater dimension when leaders fast and pray. They obtain favor from God and man. What activities and strategies cannot achieve, altars bring forth. Men with personal devotion become agents of change and deliverance. They become channels of divine supply. This is in a bid to care for the people's problems. Fasting is not hunger strike without any moment of reflection to receive from God. As a good leader, you don't have to be a scalar quantity with value but lacks any definite direction. A goal is a driving force that sets a player on focus. No matter how relevant you are, if you lack the capacity to score goals then you never really matter to the people you lead and the teams you function in. God as the true Light does not neglect men who are diligent with little matters – for a little light can shine in darkness.

Goal setting works for effective teamwork. There are several attractive things to behold on earth, but not all of it works for a good vision. If you lack a goal then don't also behave like a goat in the market of destiny. A man with a goal recognizes open doors. Goal setting is a discipline and a principle of mapping out your own aim within a specific period – mapping out God's mind within a specific period. Any movement without a destination is like wandering about in haphazard motion. Goals are patent seeds – they are yardsticks of measurement for true progress. They are not necessarily long cords, but can be a combination of several short cords or milestones to be achieved with time. Goals have to be written down in order to be SMART. They ought to be Specific, Measureable from time to time, Achievable, Realistic and Time-bound. They have the potency to spring forth into action. Goal-setting helps you to remain focused. It helps one to check priorities and makes allowance for a team to work with division of labor. Effective team work is the co-operation and collaboration of a group of people to achieve a set of goals. It is a process of agreement. There is no team if agreement is lacking. In other words, agreement makes a team different from the crowd. Working together makes each unit to achieve much. It is not about the amount or the number and magnitude, rather the bond of the agreement in business. A defeat of 4-3 with a hat-trick to a player in the losing team is no course for

jubilant. Even the juvenile catechism teaches that God Himself works as a team of three – Trinity – that often consults with Himself right from creation. One alone is too small and few in number to achieve greatness in any championship. Every visionary leader has got a great team.

A leader has to be ahead of the followership even in profile. This is for proper communication and building of understanding. TEAM implies Training, Endurance, Achievement and Management of Victories. In training, the group has to create time for one another in order to retreat. Tolerance is vital in the battlefield of endurance. Personal agenda has to be given up at times for group achievement. A mission that does not carry others along could be termed an ambition in disguise. In managing victories, humility makes us start afresh after today's victories. The 'I-Too-Know (ITK)' syndrome spoils a team. Good team mates share their vision with a listening spirit. Each time, in order to win as a shining light, you ought to ask for what is the best for the interest of others, as long as it pleases the Almighty Lord. Keep the team motivated with polite words and commendations. Working together could be difficult; nevertheless, one has to be firm not forceful in teamwork and leadership. Our attitude to service should be of gratitude knowing very well that we were chosen of the Lord, and not of works of righteousness that we have done, or for having more merit than the other people. Jesus Christ in choosing his disciples made it of primary priority that they should be with him. The success or failure of any leader is tied to his closet – the secret life. It takes a man who is consistent in the secret place to be effective. Our victory is not of intellect or eloquence or for some natural talents and gifts but for the sake of the Holy Spirit. The place of integrity, skill and character cannot be omitted in leadership. Although there could be impartation, but without integrity it may not manifest. It is a virtue that can be retained or lost. It often falls along diverse persecution. Integrity preserves a man as it might involve taking note of little things.

Skill is a gift from God. Tools need skills and wisdom to handle them even though they may be sharp. There could be good equipments but skill is however, needed to achieve results. Skills grow with time. One of the ways of improving on skills is the practice and study of the Word. You may need to attend conferences and seminars in order to grow. Praying is one of the ways of getting anointing. When a man whose character is not done touches the work of the Lord, he leaves it undone. That is why you have to be vibrant enough to pursue excellence in order to become first class in character and learning; in every sphere of life. One of the fundamental features of the character of a godly leader is that he has the ability to listen and is slow to speak. The new law of loving one another without exempting enemies is inherent in the heart of such a leader. You need to have that mind to suffer for your faith, to be disciplined, to be diligent and not slothful in service. Humility, loyalty and submission are the keys to effective leadership. You have to see service to humanity as showing love to God for His love – not because you are the most qualified amongst your folk. See it as an opportunity for God to work on your life. He has not designed service to drain our personal spiritual life but a learning of spiritual discipline. Humility is seeing and acknowledging the truth about your true self and the world around you

with lowliness of mind. Loyalty is remaining committed to whom God has brought into your life and has called you to serve. It entails developing allegiance and respect for one another. Oftentimes, in the description of the roles of office, it is permitted that you help your neighbor but not permitted to leave your work undone for others. Of course, we all are equal in fellowship but may vary in responsibility. For every assignment given to an individual there is grace attached to carry out the task. It is a heavenly consignment with a divine ability to manifest.

After Samuel anointed David in the Old Testament, the next thing God gave to the young man was the heart of the people. It is the duty of a leader to command followership with anointing based on the character of life that comes thereafter. There is a need to have compassion on the people. Any ministry that lacks men is empty and devoid of population. The mode of instruction that Moses built in Deuteronomy cost him the promise land. Leading people at times could be detrimental to personal ambitions. The king, Saul is an instance of a leader that disobeyed the ordination instruction because the people were scattered from him and he lost his kingdom. In agreement with his followers, Saul spared spoils to the detriment of the entire army of the most high. Men are to be loved but not to be worshipped; hence, you dare not bend divine instruction to please them. Worshipping of men is like idols – it will warrant to loss of assignment, God's purpose and the people. Therefore, never measure the yardstick of your success with them. This is the reason why true ministers tend to always tell men the truth. Men do call for attention, but a minister attending to others without giving proper attention to self might soon drain away. Sycophants who did not call you cannot be your evaluators, irrespective of their judgment. Jesus Christ did not fail due to the loss of the multitude at any moment, he was God-centered and not man-centered; men naturally follow divine guidance. David as an instrumentalist played before his Lord in the Kingdom not with shame. The carrier of divine presence does not lack men especially when there is a true act of contrition for wrong-doing and not a persistent seeking for honor. The Lord has to prepare us as vessels that will be true diggers by the valley, with a world-class power from above. There is always a divine provision for the man that trusts in the Lord of Host.

A compassionate heart is one of the vital preparations and equipment of a soul-winner. What you see when you behold the multitude determines your attitude to them. Don't just classify people based on their fashions and riches. People might still be confused and helpless irrespective of their social class. A man that lacks the Holy Spirit is like a sheep without a shepherd to lead it. A spirit-driven church does not belittle people based on their portfolio. For the Preacher says 'Woe unto you Oh! Land when your king is a child'. Check the true state of people's life in order to conclude their welfare. That is when you develop sincere compassion over the life of men as you begin to see them in their true state. Always consider what the Word of God says about unbelievers to connote the right type of relationship with them. What you see about them is what will give you a burden to pray or to act. The verdict of heaven over a man is the true state of the man. We don't judge people according to the flesh because the Lord reveals the true state of

every man. It takes an understanding of the purpose of God to see things in the correct perspective. There is a price to pay to open our eyes to see men in their true state and show a heart full of compassion for their low estate. In some occasions, it may warrant to making a sacrifice of your resources, or accommodating new converts and the needy. That is when we say that compassion is not just pity but a deep concern that moves you into action. There is an inner chamber for building up your spirit. There is no point in going out on evangelism or perhaps a call of invitation when you are not built. Praying in the spirit is not just speaking in tongues but having a session of spirit-led prayers. You cannot make a difference if you don't have compassion on your hearers indeed. Do not misuse the grace of God so that He wouldn't be reserved in pouring the Spirit on you.

There may be so many young men and ladies walking the streets and surfing through the World Wide Web seeking definition, orientation, role models or even heroes to worship. You have the singular privilege of a divine navigation for a future that is great and assuring in your maker as a youth. Set your heart like Ezra who prepared to seek the Law of the Lord and to do and teach its statutes and ordinances to the people. Such a path to intimacy with the Lord is the success strategy for public ministry. Be there on the watch, get the commands and demystify it – communicate so that people can run with it. While serving as a permanent staff on evangelism to the NCCF, the Lord's grace was so great for me to comprehend. Then, there was no fun for being exempted from active teaching with the Vision Family Academy that served as my Place of Primary Assignment (PPA). Also the benefits included being excluded from the list of debtors to Family House upkeep with additional monthly allowance to be received from the treasury of the house. That is not to say that top leaders delight on dwelling on such stipends from the Fellowship. Just like the hymn-writer that said 'I will lay my all down for the church'. At least, this allowance gets saved pending a divine direction for expenses after the execution of major projects. Securing a future with the master has to be done now. It is a time to take the bulls by the horns. The account was what I considered for missionary labor which eventually materialized into a Full Gospel oil and gas certification in Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

It is a prior condition that young prophets receive a word from the Lord concerning the work to be done on the land. There is usually a vision for a great need to change things in the land. It used to seem as though there are no men in the land to meet the need. Truly many youths also have much anointing and unction on their life to dispense these duties. Nevertheless, it is not wise to run straight to accomplish tasks with little experience and wisdom. There are usually specific instructions for a diligent child of God – a secret if he were going to be successful. There are nuggets that true children of God are restrained to divulging to worldly kings and rulers. The more Samson revealed his secret, the less sensitive he became to keeping more. Divine instructions are meant to be digested not revealed to the multitude. There are some old prophets in the land who have not met the needs on the land, but still possess the grace of prophetic

anointing in their life. One may say that some of them are indifferent to the burden of the Lord for the season. You may have reasons to call such a person a backslider if you have an understanding of why he chose not to stand. Such people could be risky to relate with for they often cast a stumbling block on the way of the younger generation that could be relevant at the moment. Probably, because they feel that they have become irrelevant in the purpose of the kingdom; or want to try the faithfulness of the person that the Lord uses that season. That is why younger prophets should not easily let go of personal dealings and revelations upon their life, for the adoption of some alternative views that seem wiser. This could result to failure as some old people you try to cast some trust in may have failed before Heaven. There are so much shadows of turning with old prophets who show signs of insincerity in dealing with younger contemporaries.

It is noteworthy that we are in warfare, and some men could bring pitfalls to others. For this reason, sticking to the Lord's personal instructions per time will prove more prosperous. There is always a plan that Heaven has for the people of the kingdom. An old man, as some may call it, is not necessarily of age, but could be of outdated office. He could be of such a prophecy in the past but has now retired to other roles and hence, may not be current on serious issues. In keeping the Lord's instruction, we should seek God for wisdom on how to conceal matters like the prophet Samuel when he was heading for the house of Jesse. Walls, they say, have ears; so protect the areas of strength of your consecration, and on the other hand, areas of weaknesses. Never be in haste to change course. When the Lord uses you to do exploits, don't sit at all in idleness to disclose your image to strangers. Often after every victory, watch carefully because traces of the battle could still be looming around. The glory of the kingdom is not that a strong man conquers a strong man. It could yet be the weak that conquers the mighty. Some days have gone past when there seemed to be revival, but when it is finished the only pointers were to men and not the Almighty Lord. Energetic people could be asked to go back at times. The matter at times and seasons is not even the harvest, the work, the revival, it could be the issue of who takes the glory. Battles may have to wait until a short list is made of the qualified few that will not tamper with the glory of the Lord. Once the issue of the glory is settled you will discover that India, Africa, Canada are not the problems, they could be a walk-over to the instructed people. There are a set of people who are not ambitious to share the Lord's glory. You cannot say that you will not share with the glory when you have not seen the glory.

All those people that have an agenda, a program, and home to return may have a place but not actually in the kingdom of God. God is looking for empty pitchers, jars of clay emptied of everything that they used to be, to become mere earth. At times, don't dwell on hypocrisy because you don't want people to look down on you. Before the Lord uses a vessel, he has to settle with the man, on who takes the glory. Men do fail many times because they are too concerned about blowing their own trumpet. That is why you must check your heart to ensure that is not a desire for vain glory that is the drive. Little litmus tests of submission especially for

a woman in love prove the motives of the heart. In every house you find yourself, there must be something that gives you an edge over members of the house – sit down to study and pray for the edge you have. You can be sure that people are looking up to you and there must be something you have to offer. As a teacher, ensure that governing rules (protocols) are observed. Don't talk rashly because if you do, people will hold you by your words. Respect is reciprocal and the amount of respect you carry yourself with directly varies with the regard that other people will show to you. We are not on the planet to build great houses but to affect lives. Don't burn yourself out over-zealously giving instructions; you have to also ensure that your welfare is covered. In exemplary leadership, true governors are the first to start duty in the house. My prayer after every outreach is to remain relevant to the kingdom agenda. Many times on outreaches, said one of my predecessors in the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), you will enjoy the rural outreach programs the most when you are not posing as a leader, as you will find much room to focus on the labor and not on much organizing.

The times and seasons of youthfulness are peculiar and delicate moments of foundation-laying. The Lord is sharing a view of lands to be conquered, how all the families of the earth will be blessed through you. The man that is always sharing a vision about food and clothes and other personal ambitions will not last in the purpose of the Lord for the kingdom. Don't place Heaven and earth on hold till you conquer your battles and make victory peacefully, accumulating wives, children and wealth before responding to the Lord's call for repentance. Jobs could be on display but it is a choice you have to make whether to serve God or money. Be not conformed to the world so as not to become like ships in water tossed to and fro. The research of the web on the internet is making several youths and undergraduates to place their confidence in the flesh. You must not wait until you wrestle with your maker and sustain a broken thigh on your figure before yielding to service. The Word of God testifies about God. Our inheritance is parceled and kept in it. It is God's means of molding his vessels. It takes a humble disciple to grow in grace and the Lord gives grace to the humble. A person is humble when he realizes that he is spiritually poor, acknowledges the poverty of his soul and remains lowly. A person is proud by being too confident in self, and on things like certificate and beauty that will fade away over time. When your dependence shifts from the Lord Almighty to something else you are proud and God will resist you. It is a state of the heart and mind that makes you to completely rely on the Lord knowing that without him you can do nothing. You have to open your heart so that Scriptures will purge you in righteousness. Your spirit should be able to command the sound of voices mounting an internal pressure of lust. A sober and vigilant Christian is always concerned in creating an environment that does not permit sin to thrive. When caught up in a wrong environment with poor language, ask God for a way of escape.

It is a season of prayer and our hearts have to be filled with thanksgiving. We need to plead with Heaven to open unto us so that the seeds of the Word of God we receive will germinate. There could be obstacles; hence, we ought to persevere, believing God for the breaking of curses,

covenants, yokes and spiritual forces posing hindrances. The Lord is calling upon souls that will rise up and take the yoke of discipleship. That old man of sin has to wither so that we might receive a total liberation. The harvest is such that we need to be ready laborers for the task ahead. It is a time to arise and shine as hunters of the Word and fishers of men not rebels with a strange party spirit. Real hunters don't use noisy guns that raise alarm; they shoot silent arrows at the prey. With such silent arrows, a hunter could be silently killing in an area without alerting the other animals. With loud shots, you could succeed in catching one while others take flight. When you make a vivid observation of Jesus' life on sleep, you will note that when the Lord is on a matter, sleep is secondary. He postponed sleep for ministrations and still rose up early to pray. Also, Christ slept when needed, in the boat after the day's job. Occupy your heart properly with visionary work. Peter, the apostle was noted to have slept when he was supposed to pray no wonder he entered into temptation and fell, denying Christ three times. It is time to wake up to ask the Lord to reveal to us in His presence the very essence of our calling. Every man in God's will is entitled to divine provision sufficient to meet his needs. The issues of what to eat or drink or wear is what the Lord has never considered as a matter to dread.

It is a divine instruction concerning gold, silver, bronze, coats, shoes etc. not to take much for yourself alone in your journey in life. By this, I suppose it is not your duty to struggle to provide for it, so that you can overcome the anxieties of life. It is explicit in the Bible "Do not carry a collection or beggars' bag". Even though there is a need, the Lord allows only worthy individuals to put their hands in what God is doing especially in terms of support.

According to Charles Finney "There can be no revival when Mr. Amen and Mr. WetEyes are not found in the audience". The man whose need is met is a workman of the Kingdom – a laborer who needs not to continuously work hard to succeed. It is the duty of the laborer to enquire who is worthy in the work. When you begin to go into debt in order to do God's work, or borrow money in order to do crusade, you have missed it. When you receive gifts from unworthy persons you block your chances of drinking from the Heavenly channels. By doing such you have made for yourself broken cisterns which will soon dry and have departed from the source. The instruction for disciples is not to move from house to house. To eat whatever is set before you imply having contentment with what the worthy person has. The Lord's workers are not supposed to over-burden their lives with properties. When a great and emergency need arises, the Master will be there at the moment to provide. Abraham, the father of faith exclaimed, 'Jehovah Jireh' implying that on the mount of the Lord it shall be seen. On the climax of the need, it shall be met. When you begin to collect money in anticipation for tomorrow, you are indirectly saying "In case God fails..." This may also block the channel of blessing for divine visitation. The word prosperity may seem ambiguous. A prosperous man is one who can meet the necessary need at a time of need, not a man that has a good store. There could be times when the Lord allows you to suffer lack or hunger so that you will understand that man does not live by bread alone. Every allocation has a location and except you are at the proper location then you are

bound to miss your own consignment. The Lord commanded the ravens to supply Elijah and can still do it today. The Word of the Lord admonishes even the farmer not to muzzle the ox while it threshes the corn. A minister either in the church or government is to be sustained by the ministry. Many people leave the ministry of the Gospel, to meet their needs elsewhere. To those who are determined to live by the Gospel, we must then learn how to receive from God. We need to trust the Lord for a reproduction of the Life of Christ in us.

According to Leonard Ravenhill “The tragedy of this late hour is that we have too many dead men in the pulpits giving out too many dead sermons to too many dead people....” Ravenhill went further to ask: “Could a mariner sit idle if he heard the drowning cry? Could a doctor sit in comfort and just let his patients die? Could a fireman sit idle, let men burn and give no hand? Can you sit at ease in Zion with the world around you damned?” As such, circumcision might deal with stripping the body of the flesh. There is a tool for bringing forth circumcision. The tool could be sharp and accompanied with painful dealings, experiences, series of arrangements from the Lord himself, which He uses to remove the sinful self and its products. The man must realize his helplessness and run to the Savior who holds out His tool willing to set the willing soul free. In dealing with promiscuity, you must cast out the bond woman and all the fruits that emanate from it to avoid plunging into a more severe bondage, for the Scriptures say that the son of the bond woman shall not be heir with the son of the free woman. There are several instances of things to be stripped of, such as snobbery, secret habits of sin, covetousness, ego and self-importance which could mar the motives from laying down resources at the feet of the Master. The Lord has his methodologies for performing the spiritual operation on the heart of people. It is a divine promise from above to take away a stony heart and give a heart of flesh. A born-again believer has to lay hold of the promises in the Word of the Lord and ask for his needs.

There is a call to follow the Lord in discipleship. The rest that the Word of God promises is not devoid of yoke. We have been freed from the burden and power of Satan and translated into the kingdom of Light. It is a transfer whereby we are freed from one to enter into another. The Lord invites us to come individually. God starts with the general and ends with the specific – a specific word for specific people whereby every person has obtained an ordained plan. It is a collective responsibility to discover and follow that divine plan. The word vision is a revelation of heavenly plan which may not necessarily tally with your plan. Amos was a shepherd and farmer into agriculture but the Lord made him to prophesy. The glory of your future is not in running your own agenda but in following the divine plan for your life. You have to pray and be watchful to discover your destiny and pursue it. As the Holy Ghost guides you, it is believed that you should write it down for references.

There is a strategic positioning for the end-time world harvest. It is your sole aim to build the Lord a tabernacle according to the pattern that He shows unto you. The Lord is building His church – a called-out people whereby each one has a unique assignment. The Old Testament is the new concealed and the New Testament is the old revealed. The people that God will use in

these last days are Living men – they are not full of themselves, they have kept aside what they know. The people that God is raising must be beyond corruption; a people that carry the Word in their life as a testimony. You see the Light in them.

The storm that blows down a reed could be a gentle breeze that has given some trees the testimony of standing for years. There is a reason why you must arise and conquer the enemy this season. Jesus did not just come so that you can only get married and become rich. He came so that you can be freed from sin. You should note that in our days sin has gotten to the extent of homosexuality and suicide bombing. The Gospel has to be preached to every man. The end would not come until all has heard the message of Salvation. When the harvest is green, it means that the harvest is mature but if the harvest is white it means that if you don't go immediately you shall lose it. All we need to do is to enter into the ripe harvest. There are already a multitude of signs to prove that the harvest is here. The reason why some men sleep is because they are tired, discouraged and say, "I have paid my dues on campus and during National Service". It is not yet time to rest and fold hands. When they call for a job of ten, ten thousand gather but when there is a harvest for millions, only few apply. The reason why some ministries don't go too far is because there are several fake people. Certificate and money could be good but at a point, they are made to become bread for children. We have to labor with eternity in view such that even after service year; soul winning will still be a heart-cry. The souls that we fail to reach out to today become our problem tomorrow. The church has not been growing so much; some have been recycling the same people. When you abandon the city to the villages, the enemy will encamp at the city; we must therefore be strategic. The great commission covers both the city and the villages but the first strategy of missions is prayer. A church that is sleeping at harvest should wake up so that wild creatures will not reap the harvest.

There are diverse forms of evangelism. To create impart for harvest from where you are, you must have revelation. To make some impartation on the area of soul-winning you should be consecrated and separated. There is a need to work hard during harvest time to avoid shame. The Lord is seeking for a man after his heart. The boot of a Christian soldier is evangelism. If you truly love the Lord, there is nothing you cannot give up for Him. We have first of all obtained a ministry of reconciliation. Some people have taken a ministry of accommodation. Such people are very much around the community. You shouldn't be unperturbed to have unbelievers as friends. Many others have built for themselves a ministry of adaptation. They have an ideology that sounds like, "Let's look like the world, dress like them, play with them, and take their values in order to win them". You cannot differentiate such people from the world itself. Of course, you become at peace with an herbalist when you introduce the Prince of Peace to him. There is a ministry of Dedication for those who get born-again and remain in the church around its four walls without having anything to do with the world. There seem to be a ministry of adoption for church planters who form a church out of other churches by making a permutation of new members. The ministry of expansion is for those who raise funds in order to establish new

branches. It is however, not good enough to be into the ministry of concentration whereby you sit down to drink without any zeal to go out. Statistics shows that in year 2014 there were about 32% of believers in the world with 18% as Catholics, 8.15% Protestants, 4% Orthodox and a percentage of Anglican Communion.

Marriage is indeed a factor that helps establish a foundation for a great future. It is believed that there are blessings that a man cannot know even as the image of God until he gets the right woman. The curse of a wrong marriage is as close as that of sin. Our generation suffers from the problem of ambiguity because of the fear of responsibility. If you don't sit first to resolve the challenges, you may likely lay marriage on a wrong foundation. There is a difference between relationship and engagement; dating and courtship; lust and love; accosting and proposal to a lady. The need for a partner is not because of the need of today but because of the plans of the Kingdom of Heaven for the future. A commitment to trust in God is fundamental to getting it right. Be steadfast in the Lord and patient and you will be surely guided as one who has trained his spirit to hearing from God, right from the onset of your journey. In such a situation you will be matured to handle difficult circumstances. One has to be sensitive because God speaks in diverse ways at any time. The fact that trouble comes is not a pointer to look back like Lot's wife. Be willing to solve problems because the God we serve does not just change his mind easily.

Some harvests are located in areas where there are terrorists attack, floods, natural disasters, sickness and a fragile government. People are beginning to realize that their solutions are not entirely with the government of the day. Specialized ministers are rising which are independent of established denominations. People have to be raised to train the flock. Missions have to be embarked on to the poor and less privileged. Anyone that must train harvesters must know who he is in the Lord; his position in Christ. The parable of the prodigal son teaches us of our position in Christ. There has to be a paradigm shift – a switch of message. A new structure has to be built where there is no sheep stealing. Jesus started disciple making from the scratch not from the synagogues, independent of the current establishment. Mobilizations of disciples have to be made. On the issue of finance, initial commitment has to be made, and then funds will begin to come in. Nevertheless, the financers will need men of transparency, honesty and integrity. There are certain countries like Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal with about 10% of believers. Even in Africa, there are still countries like Niger with 1% Christian populace. The global population of humans on earth is rising to 7,178,005,000 and yet there are about 41.8% of unreached people groups according to Joshua Project and AIT Statistics. For instance, the Shangawas left Badr near Mecca and are now Muslim residents in Kebbi State, Nigeria.

As a matter of fact, we need to aim at what the unreached Missionaries have invested in order to avoid debts; for to whom much is given, much is expected. C. T. Studd inherited millions of dollars and laid down his all into missions after reading an atheist critique. He wedded with a vest not wanting anything to come between him and God on the basis of financial advice.

Mission field is not a place of comfort, it could be gloomy. There are indeed horrible places. The ministry is not a picnic or a visit of sight-seeing and snapping of pictures. To achieve results, you need to live and dwell with the people in the field at least for a while. When Jesus met the Samaritan woman at the well, he was not in a hurry to accomplish soul-winning. Mission is not done in haste. It requires investing of quality time in order to make a social contact. Evangelism has to be accompanied with unction. With a short time there would be a mighty harvest. If you are well positioned, the few disciples you make will accomplish the work. Short time missions, however, is a means of looking out for opportunities. There are other forms of creative access which includes business, job opportunities; studies etc. There are places that must be reached through business which could be a means of access without necessarily attending the seminary, perhaps the Master Degree Program. You ought to think globally, search for work in the unreached countries. The church ought to go and reach out to the dark places. You may need to lower yourself for a job because your motive is not just money. Studies too can lift up your eyes to the fields. Sunday Adelaja left the country for Ukraine as a new convert but today he runs one of the largest missionary congregations owned by a Nigerian.

Reaching out is indeed important for you don't know that there could be treasures buried inside of you until you go out. Woe to them that sit at ease in Zion. The need for paradigm shift is because field includes cities and not villages alone. Secondly, the field is encroaching now and man has to adapt even in his approach to evangelism. The campus is another large field of endeavor. The so-called '*Aboki*' that go about hawking and doing pastoral farming are Islamic missionaries in disguise which could build settlements as a colony. Practically, instead of soliciting for funds, you can solicit for resources. At times, you change strategy to get people committed in order to make your values and vision distinct. In scouting for the appropriate land, you may need to identify a landmark, survey it in order to review its relevant projects and commitments. It may call for a change in rural outreach program to achieve results in terms of peculiarities, Bible Studies and impartation services. Reading the biographies of missionaries and books on missions could guide one to know the pitfalls of earlier disciples in the labor in recent times. There is a short time but in a paradox, we need to patiently pursue the presence of the Lord for life is full of challenges. No soldier goes to the battlefield at his expense – they eat, marry and also have family. You are not too poor to give. It was noted that a blind man in Burkina Faso donated \$100 for missionary work. According to Oswald J. Smith, "giving is proportional to the number of missionaries in the field. If I refuse to give, it calls for recall of missionaries. If I reduce my giving, I cry for the reduction of missionaries. If I give the same as before, it may call for stagnant progress; and if I increase my giving, I pray for an increase in missionaries". We need to pray for more missionaries by giving.

Looking at the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) and the fellowships attached, no zone is too small to do an outreach in a rugged manner. You can run Bible clubs with the primary schools and school outreaches like film show with the secondary schools because these are the

agenda for evangelism campaigns. If there are general outreaches and you find much moral justification to attend the Place of Primary Assignment (PPA), it could be because of the money attached. If you can run the PPA efficiently then you can run outreaches. We pray that the Lord will circumcise our hearts of money. Sons that sleep during the harvest are sons that make shame. The kingdom will be taken from such and be given to a people that will bring forth fruit. Our core vision shall not become a motto on a logo. Be strategic! Lands that you see before as difficult could be easily captured today – only go forth. There is a possibility for earthen vessels to be remade when it is broken. Whereas you can no longer put liquid content inside the vessel, you can keep receipts there. An earthen vessel could be common but what it carries is very costly. The evidence of our purchase with the blood of the lamb is not located elsewhere in heaven, but right inside me. You need to check regularly whether the treasures are still intact for the Lord does not hi-jack vessels. The treasure is the light of the Glorious Gospel. The presence of God in a man's life gives him confidence. The service year is a time of sowing. You have to understand the times and the seasons. The sons of Issachar understood the times and their brothers were under them. It is a time to grow and impart life positively. Knowing the will of the Lord for your life will reduce your stress in life. You sow with attitude and you reap in aptitude.

Waiting patiently upon the Lord is not a weakness. So long as those loopholes that leak heavenly treasures in life are still there, the Lord will not commit any treasure to such a life. Manhood is a call to responsibility. Before you can be plundered, you must have been bound. As a youth, you have to manage your sexuality. Conception is the beginning of sexuality. Men and women have differences even emotionally. Women are moved more by words and men by sight. You have to accept your gender as God made you. Secondly, you have to guard your eyes in order not to arouse lust. The kind of music you listen to matters and what you do with the information you get from the media. Your companions also determine your attitude and it comprises who you are. You don't only need to guard your heart but also your body which is the temple of the Holy Spirit. The man is made in the image of God for him to have dominion over the creation. An earthen vessel must first be ready before the treasure is poured. Not every container is a retainer, once a container begins to leak; it becomes a dump for refuse. A vessel could be of gold and yet empty, but a vessel of clay can be made unto honor for availability of use and content. Not by being empty but actually being emptied before a proper refilling. You must be purged for the content to remain pure. The Lord did not make man of iron; He used clay, so that none of us can boast in His presence. There is a thirst in the Lord of Host that every glory that comes to us might be reflected to him. The Lord desires that we will not be a dam of His power holding back the content, but a free channel only flowing of His power directing it to wherever the Lord will have it.

The problem is not first of all in the battle to be fought but the special vessels that will be used for the battle. A trumpet, a pitcher and a lamp within a jar could be needed like in the time of Gideon's and the three hundred. The jar is not filled with gold or silver or onyx or jasper but

simply Light. Decay may start from within not outside. The breaking and brokenness of a jar is a way to have a revelation of what God has done inside. The Kingdom of Heaven cannot test you and trust you with the excelling power until the Lord breaks you. Until the bread of the communion was broken, it couldn't multiply. All you need to do is to bear the cross after the Lord and the multitude will follow. The treasure within you may never be revealed until you are broken. The Lord does not only capture people but also conquers them. Every one of us carry something for his generation but some of it is underutilized. You need to make what you carry to begin to find expression. Until you spend time with the Lord in prayer, you will never know what you carry and what to do with it. Public ministry is very simple but not with people who love shows. Until the Lord reveals Himself to you, you do not know who you are in His presence. It is proper that you take time to find out what you carry, that is the secret of the release of His treasure inside you. The treasure is for the work of the Kingdom of Heaven. When the Lord calls a man and approves him, it is his responsibility to introduce the man. Even if you are in obscurity, when what the Lord is preparing you for is matured, people will perceive the aroma from afar.

There are diverse ways of sustaining the Presence of God in your life. Don't struggle to publicize the presence; allow God to introduce it. If we must sustain the divine presence, we should not bother about publicity so much. Don't be tempted to leave the Shiloh of the generally accepted place of worship to start your own little thing elsewhere. Perhaps, there are hymns and ancient songs but don't be too quick to embrace emotional lyrics without depth of meaning. It is the dead clergy that kills liturgy; when a spiritual man handles liturgy, it comes alive again. So there are no dead church anywhere, there are only dead men in the congregation and, rarely, the podium.

According to A.W. Tozer 'Christians don't tell lies, they just go to church and sing them'. There are diverse issues of reaching out to school youths which might be of sober interest. Obedience does not just include submission to the will of the Lord but also to parents in the Lord and authorities. Salvation should cover repentance as a change of mind that leads to change of course and direction. Faith in our Lord Jesus Christ is the way to salvation in the Christendom. Open confession of Christ is a sign of true repentance. The teachings we make today on the Holy Spirit should cover His person, the baptism of fire on a believer, together with the fruit and gifts. Quiet time is a time to be alone with God. It covers building a personal altar and hearing from God. This includes daily studying and memorizing of God's Word in order to have a consistent Prayer life. As a child of God, your garment has to remain pure and white. There are practical ways of standing for righteousness by having a good fellowship with God and believers; keeping good company; maintaining boldness for the faith; rejoicing in persecution and living beyond compromise. It is necessary to take the yoke of the Master in the days of your youth. There are godly ways of setting our lives apart from the world.

Accepting the Lord's will and conditions for our life is a way of following him unto maturity, denying self, sin, the world and its pleasures. Worldliness touches evident ways of eliminating

standards of indecency in courtship behavior, examination malpractice, and immorality on the internet. We study daily to find out the way that the Word of the Lord addresses each of these issues. Diligence helps us to achieve success. It builds up our confidence interval in achieving true success. Hard work is one of the tips to becoming excellent. There are diverse dangers of building your life on a faulty foundation. There is a place of preparation, goal setting and obtaining a vision from God for life and writing it down. A man is an adult male human being; age is part of the attributes that defines you as a man. Therefore, it is not worth falsifying your age to prove that you are a man. Becoming a man is a process that enables an individual to get matured. It takes courage to act as a man. A courageous man takes decisions and abides by them irrespective of circumstances. Power and leadership can bring manhood out of a person. It is an abuse of power to enforce intimacy on a wrong person and that could be sinful. As you mature into manhood, you learn to adjust your lifestyle in order to tolerate people. By so doing, you cultivate a strong mind and a pure heart. You can discover who you are through prayers, continuous study of the Word of God and quality service in the Kingdom of God. Your ability to develop capacity is an indication of where you are going. You must be sensible, reasonable and responsible for people to pay attention to you. According to Keith Green, all roads in this life lead to the judgment seat of Christ; as we are bound to die once.

There are pre-requisites to bearing the yoke of Christ in the days of our youth. There is peculiarity in being a youth. There is a need to answer the call of the master in the seasons of youth; taking up the yoke and following hard after him. The peculiarity of being a youth is in the open doors through which we lay our foundations properly in life; and in the dangers of missing out in life from the days of youth. As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are the children of the youth, says the Psalmist. These opportunities and open doors are secured to make enduring decisions and choices for the future. It is a period when we surrender our rugged life to be sharpened as arrows for the forthcoming battle. Such arrows must be available in the quiver of the master in order to be properly equipped. Paul, the apostle regarded himself as a wise master builder as he laid the foundation with solid materials. If our degree certificates, marriage, business and pursuits must abide the storms, flood and winds of life, we must establish them on the solid rock and not on the sinking sand of cheap, fast and corrupt route to success. Hence, the Lord is preparing an army for His battle. He labors on our lives early in our youth to make us men that will speak boldly with the enemies in the gates tomorrow. The time of youth is a time to be equipped and endued for the labors of tomorrow. We have to build our lives on the solid foundation: Christ. It is as we surrender our lives to the master that He trims us for battle. We have to cry out to the Lord to make us arrows tried and sharpened for his use. We pray that he will establish our lives and vision for tomorrow on the solid rock and not on a wavering platform.

There are several dangers of missing out of our true purpose on earth in the days of our youth due to exuberance. The love of money is one of those ills that are dreadful amongst men. Many

people in endless pursuit of money, fame and personal ambition have abandoned the Lord's call on their lives. Jacob in the Book of Genesis, was in a typical youthful stage when God first called him, so he gave a long list of conditions and excuses and continued the way he was going. He found himself in a slavery of his own desires. While his ancestors obtained their wives as a favor from above, he enrolled into slavery with Laban for several years to get married to a lady that soon gave up the ghost after a few issues. In a bid to become rich, he used diverse mischievous means to amass wealth from his master; nevertheless, our God is merciful. Many people have also given themselves over to several worldly task masters who sit over their lives, simply because they defer God's call on their lives. But the Word of the Lord says that sin shall not have dominion over you. Stand fast in the liberty of Christ; don't be enslaved into worldly lusts. When a man misses God's call, he becomes a slave to worldly masters, piercing self with sorrows. Alternative routes to success could pose diverse yokes of bondage. According to Oswald J. Smith, we talk of the second coming of the Lord, half of the world has never heard of the first. We earnestly trust in the Lord to help us to embrace his call upon our lives. A repentant heart prays to the Lord to deliver him from slavery so he can be engaged in a divine call-up. There is indeed a peculiarity in being a disciple like Timothy who had his circumcision on time.

The Preacher in Ecclesiastes says, remember now the Creator in the days of your youth. The days of youth are days when our records are still clean and our lives still fresh: a clean slate for the Lord to write His agenda upon. By the philosophy of John Locke, it is still tabula rasa – clean slate. These are days when we are not yet marred by several circumstances that cripple men on their journey; and are still able to bend to fit into the Lord's mould. Samuel began to hear from God, and followed Him early in life. This was evident in his life to all Israel from Dan to Beersheba that he was to be a prophet of the Lord. This opportunity is given to every youth to choose whom to serve very early in life. As Moses made an altar call, the sons of Levi made their choice on time. They purchased for themselves an eternal inheritance and a place with God in all generations to come, to serve in His presence. So is this door open to all today to determine the path of their life. As a young person, life is still clean and not yet stained with abortions, bad stigma and several defeats that limit a man. According to John Piper, Missions is not the ultimate goal of the Church; worship is. Missions exist where there is lack of true worship. Lord, we pray to hear and seek you early so that we may secure an inheritance among the saints. The ancient Israelites preferred to stand afar off and have a preacher who enquired of the Lord. God in turn did not speak to them directly nor write the Law of the Lord on their hearts but wrote it on tablets of stone by the hand of Moses. What should have become a part of their lives became external. God wants to write His Law on the table of our hearts. He wants to speak to us directly such that even when He sends a Preacher he will only be confirming what He had already spoken in iteration.

When you have a personal altar with God, you wouldn't be a copy-cat; you will come out with a freshness that distinguishes you amongst men. You cannot affect your generation when God does

not have a place to incubate your life. Lot strayed from Abraham; even though he glued close to him for many years, he never had a record of a personal altar – a definite place where he can take strong decisions on serious matters. We pray that the Lord will not only give us assets but also access to His presence. You need to let go of all entanglements. The Lord still says today, “Whom shall I send and who will go for us?” as He spoke through the prophet Isaiah. The Lord makes His call available unto all men. The peculiarity of this call in the early days of a man’s youth is that there is always less entanglements for the man to let go.

However, there may be already in the man’s life cherished things to let go of. When Jesus called the early disciples by the sea, they had their boats and nests – their source of sustenance – to let go of. But the love of God compelled them to immediately count it all but loss in order to be properly positioned in God’s purpose for their lives. In the same way, our life is never without lots of goods that we cherish, but we must not be like Lot’s wife who couldn’t answer the call to escape damnation because the heart was caught up with worldly things. Answering the call must as well cost us something invaluable, if we must lay hold of the kingdom. The young ruler in the Book of Matthew could not follow Christ because he thought it much loss to count his wealth and ego dung. You have to let go of those attachments in order to follow the Lord with your heart. If we don’t let go of all entanglements and burden, that will draw us back, we will never be able to lay hold of God’s call purpose for us. We pray that the Lord will make us to see the futility of the efforts of the worldly wise man; so that we may learn to appreciate and secure the call on our lives. Francis Xavier says, “Tell the students to give up their small ambitions and come eastward to preach the Gospel of Christ”.

There is a time in a man’s life when the Lord calls out saying, ‘come unto me all you that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.’ God’s call upon our lives must not be misinterpreted as hardship or misery. It is a call unto possessing the presence of God and becoming a joint heir with Christ. God’s call on Abraham made him a blessing to all the families of the earth. Although he had to forsake his old country and kindred and head on to a land he does not know, but the Lord was with him. God calls men out of the land of sin and worldly pleasure to give them a place in His agenda. When he calls a man, he first of all weans the man from all his old desires and ambitions. Thus, He says come out from among them and be you separate. It is a call to forsake the world and follow Jesus – a call to leave family comfort, friends and mediocrity unto championship. This call is for every man that is saved in Christ Jesus. The call to the Kingdom of Heaven and its righteousness is not left for a few pastors and ministers. The door of access is open to all, only we cannot serve God and mammon but must leave the land where self reigns. The call is for all men to come out of their old ways and personal agenda to the higher place of a better life as an heir. You have to pray that the Lord may open your eyes that you may see the wonderful things in store for you as you answer that call today.

Submission has to do with placing oneself under the authority of another. A submissive individual will obey authorities without argument or murmur. As regarding Christian Leadership,

a godly leader must first learn to submit to himself to the leadership of the Holy Spirit. He must be able to discern the divine will of God and submit to it. The Word of the Lord made us to understand that Christ, although he was a Son learned obedience by the things He suffered. This implied that even when it was not pleasant, he submitted to the Father's will culminating to suffering and death on the cross. When the obedience of a man is complete, God himself pronounces the man as an example to be followed. Hence, God could boldly announce Christ on the mount of transfiguration saying, "This is my Beloved Son in whom I am well pleased, listen to him." For Christ is our perfect example: the good shepherd. As a leader learns to submit to the will of God in all things, he becomes efficient in heading God's flock unto a divine purpose. According to George Verwer, we who have Christ's eternal life need to throw away our own lives. Most times, God places us under authorities even as leaders. God is not an author of confusion but of peace. For there to be harmony in the house of the Lord, the leader must honor the will of the church too as the bride of Christ. He has to also honor the will of the elders and other leaders in the body. A good bishop by Biblical standard must not be self-willed; tending always not to execute his own judgment.

We have instances of leaders in the Bible who failed out of their inability to submit to spiritual authorities. Saul, the first king of Israel lost his kingdom as a result of his inability to submit to the counsel of Samuel, the prophet. On the other hand, other men like Naaman got healing of leprosy by submitting to Prophet Elisha's counsel to go and bath seven times in Jordan. Hence, as a leader learns how to submit to the entire will of God, he becomes effective in carrying His people along. Every faithful soldier learns to first of all maintain his allegiance to his nation against all odds. The Word of God says, 'Do not associate with those given to change.' Also in the Book of James it says, 'A double-minded man is unstable in all his ways.' A leader, as a faithful steward of the vineyard has to maintain a stable stand on his faith even to the point of loss. He has to also have an unwavering conviction on the doctrines of the church and controversial issues of the faith. Most especially, his loyalty in raising the flock under him must not be in doubt. A good shepherd does not abandon the sheep when the enemy attacks. Even as we are in a battle with the kingdom of darkness, a faithful soldier must not switch sides due to signs of defeat in battle. The actual defeat comes by yielding to the opposition party.

According to C.T. Studd, some wish to live within the sound of a chapel bell, I want to run a rescue shop within a yard of Hell. We see the renowned loyalty of Saul's armor-bearer, who fell on his sword as his master died. Remarkable and worthy of note is the loyalty of Jonathan to his bosom friend David, who did not switch loyalty to his father Saul in order to have David murdered. Also more worthy of note is the danger of rebelling against authorities in leadership. Miriam and Aaron in the Book of Numbers rebelled against Moses' authority. Although Moses committed an offence in taking a strange wife; but for them to question his authority by saying, 'Is he the only one that God speaks to?' resulted to instant punishment. Note worthy is the case of Korah, Dathan and Abiram with their two hundred and fifty followers who were swallowed up

by the wrath of God instantly for rebelling against Moses and Aaron. Loyalty to authorities as a leader has to include rulers and secular authorities because all authorities are established by God and whoever rebels against authority is rebelling against God. Many other instances abound in the Holy Scriptures including Judas, the renegade apostle who lost his bishopric position to Matthias. Christ laid an example of good leadership for us in John Chapter 13 when He washed the feet of his disciples and instructed the disciples to wash one another's feet. This was in correspondence to His word saying, "But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant." Even so must every Christian leader bear the mind of Christ, who being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made self of no reputation and took upon him the form of a servant.

Although the leader may have position of authority, it is ethical for him to lay it down at master's feet and render services of love to his brothers. According to William Carey, if you expect great things from God then attempt great things for God. It was a deliberate act for Christ to make himself of no reputation, even so, the leader has to be willing to sacrifice his self esteem and avoid any action motivated by self and vain glory. He must not be conceited to have an exaggerated opinion of himself or the measure of the grace of God upon his life. In order to embrace the flock, he has to do away with a haughty spirit; without treating others with disdain, scorn or contempt; that is the only way he can affect lives with the office. Of a truth, God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble. Therefore, for a leader to tap from the bounty of the resources that God has in stock for His children and render his services with much grace, he must humble himself to receive from God. Just like the Hymn writer says, "Humble yourself and the Lord will draw near you ... and his presence shall cheer you; He would not walk with the proud or the scornful. Humble yourself to walk with God." Many men of grace have failed in leadership; not because they were not called of God; not because they were not anointed with the Spirit, but because they gave themselves to self will and arrogance. The call to leadership is therefore a call to service in submission to the supremacy of the will of God; and authorities established by Him. It is a call to establish one's allegiance to Christ and his bride, the Church. The man that the Lord will use must not think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but think soberly, according to how much measure of faith God has dealt to every man.

The Nigeria Christian *Corpers'* Fellowship is revered as a fulfillment of prophecy which came to pass when the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC) was introduced in 1973. The prophecy attributed to Pa G. S. Elton foretold that the government of Nigeria will be paying the youths to spread the Gospel to the nooks and crannies of the country. The target of the labor is the rural area where the message of the cross has not penetrated, hence, the term RURAL on the core vision. The work takes the form of a Para-missionary outreach to the poor and needy. Hence, NCCF adopted the modus operandi of missionary work in the country. She aims at spreading the Gospel irrespective of language or culture, promoting acceptance by the use of charity works and acts of love. Her burden is rooted in the great commission which says "Go you therefore, and

teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” Her focus on rural areas is anchored on Acts 1:8 which says “... and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” The work of spreading the Gospel has been the burden in God’s heart for which Christ instructed His flock to pray to the Lord of harvest to send more laborers to his field. The mission of Christ is clearly spelt out and it says “For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Evangelism and preaching of the message of repentance is therefore a tool for fulfilling the ministry of reconciliation committed to the saints. God manifested His grief over the church at Jerusalem which remained in endless routines of church fellowship without a core vision of reaching out to the souls of the Gentiles in darkness. The fires of severe persecution drove her out of her comfort zone. Likewise the church, being at the same dispensation is mandated not to look out for ease but to do the will of the Father and finish his work.

Notwithstanding, many church groups have also set such wonderful themes as mission, vision or motto; but it has become mere confession without any passion for accomplishment. However, NCCF has established strategies for accomplishing her goals to deal with complacency amongst leaders. She instills the burden deep in the hearts of the hearts of the new gentlemen corps members via the orientation camp program irrespective of denominational background. She commences the Rural Rugged Evangelism shortly after the camp gathering baptizing the committed hearts into the vision early enough in their service year before they are dispersed for primary assignment. Youthfulness connotes strength and passion; hence, the youths express their ruggedness during the outreach as on a rugged mountain. This is a focus on effective work of ministry. Therefore, like early Christians, they try to express much compassion on their converts via sweeping the surroundings, bathing of children, medical outreach etc. The Gospel recorded that when Christ saw the multitudes he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Like most missionary labors, this work also comes with several challenges. The barrier of language, tribal and cultural differences between *Jesus’ Corpers* and host communities always manifest itself. Secondly, as we know, it takes the consent of established religious, traditional and government authorities for the work to gain much penetration and acceptance in the hearts of the people. According to Clarence W. Jones, the more obstacles you have, the more opportunities there are for God to do something. Also evident is the challenge of support for the work.

Trusting the Lord and basing her operations on Biblical standards, she tries to be contented with as much funds as *Jesus’ Corpers* can generate for the needed resources. Hence, capitation – a one month of the twelve-month allowances of the committed souls – are the basic support for the mission, although support is often accepted from worthy vessels. The place of prayer and ministry of the Word of God says “But we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the Word.” This labor has succeeded in expanding the Kingdom of God, bringing more sons to glory, especially in the remote areas of Nigeria. The living standards of the converts

have also improved through several assistance and charity works. Communities that embraced this mission have never been left without invaluable marks of up-surgings developments as the high powers never fail to reckon with the authority of Christ. This labor has promoted the eradication of idolatry, bad customs and evil from the face of our country as its beneficiaries are left with living testimonies of liberation, deliverance, breakthrough and renewed fellowship with God. Hence, she achieves the goal of the faith according to the Word that says, "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;" On the other hand, this core vision succeeds in giving all *Jesus' Corpers* a true vision to stand firm as shining lights and firebrands for God, giving them a perspective of themselves as missionaries to remote locations during their service year.

According to Sadhu Sundar Singh, from my many years' experience I can unhesitatingly say that the cross bears those who bear the cross. The fire of this revival is sustained by grace through the lives of such vessels of fire as have laid their 'all' on the altar of sacrifice. God uses as channels of blessing such dedicated lives as will not compromise with the world to be drawn away from their core vision with glittering offers of youthful passion during their service year. As the early saints they overcame the enemy by the blood of the lamb and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Answering God's call in your youth has some benefits. For the Scriptures says that if any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. Jesus made it clear that whosoever does not forsake all that he has cannot be his disciple. He beckons on every man that desires to become like him to deny self of its cravings and cling to the way of the cross as the true remedy to sin. Choosing to follow Christ implies that God has wrestled and won over your will and that our whole life is left in reckless abandonment to Him. Like Jacob who wrestled with the Lord at Peniel and surrendered, that is the only way we may know peace by yielding totally to his call. It is on that note a new name is registered for us in the Book of Life and our life on earth continually flows with an evidence of a new and resurrected life. We are certain that to follow, we have to forsake some things in order not to be forsaken. All that we counted dung for His name we will receive manifold more on earth even as we patiently seek to know Him more and expediently experience His glory. It is a lesson worth learning at this point, that to follow Christ connotes to forsake all, and this could imply that we will receive a hundredfold from Him. We pray that the Lord will help us to endure all the way through to reach the end of the journey successfully. We also do hope to experience that eternal glory even in time prior to eternity.

According to David Livingstone, "Don't think me mad. It is not to make money that I believe a Christian should live for. The noblest thing a man can do is, just humbly to receive, and then do amongst others and give." Many times you need to be certain of whose yoke you are bearing. For the Word of God says "Know you not that to whom you yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants you are to whom you obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness." The question is, who are you imitating? Whose image are you bearing? The truth

is that in bearing a person's yoke, you take upon him in thoughts, life, dressing, music etc. Both you and the leader should head to the same direction; what he eats you can eat; where he cannot go, you don't enter; what he provides is what you are contented with. Christ is calling us to take His yoke such that by so doing we will always be with Him and become like Him in our daily walk and decision-making. We have all borne the image of the old sinful life in the past being compelled to act according to its dictates. This is the principle that governs the world system. But many choose to remain under the yoke of such worldly influences such as worldly celebrities who seem to live in style. Their ideas of class and reputation are rooted in such life after the image of the old man. Check your life today if it is patterned after Christ or self. You have to learn to understand that your master is whomsoever you choose to bear His yoke – whether of untamed appetite and lust to bondage or of committed prayer and fasting unto liberation. Bearing Christ's yoke implies patterning your life to fit into His will. You ought to intercede in prayers to ascertain the personality of the image you bear. We pray that the Lord will make us willing to take up His yoke indeed and give us meek and lowly heart.

It is indeed an adventure worth venturing into to take up the cross and follow Christ. We were once dead in our sins, after the notions of the flesh, helpless in diverse lusts that led us captive. God in a bid to proffer a lasting solution to the condition, not just forgiving our sins only but dealing with the flesh itself, offered up Christ to die for our sins such that as we believe, we will be constantly putting to death every such lust and desires. He had quickened us from the bondage under the yoke of sin and has given us the privilege to keep beholding the finished work of salvation so that the grace of our Lord will continually flow unto us to keep us from sin. This cross bearing has to be continuous and daily. According to T. J. Bash, the two distinguishing marks of the early church were poverty and power. You need the wealth that the Spirit gives in order not to dwell in that poverty for long but to retain much power. This enables the new man within you to live his life freely without any hindrance. This new man is not under any yoke but sits together with Christ in heavenly places. Hence, in order to know a victorious Christian life, you have to walk daily by reckoning yourself dead to sin and alive unto God in Christ. He has crucified our former lusts and made us free to serve God. We have to live our lives daily by walking in that knowledge. I pray that the Lord will open your eyes of understanding to behold the full merits of the faith we share in the testimony of Christ's resurrection. You can truly follow the Lord by arming yourself with the understanding that two cannot walk together except they have an agreement. Many people look at Christ's criteria for following Him and conclude that no man can follow Him with that height of consecration. He himself said that with men it is impossible but not with God. Men always accept that one with God is majority. With God all things are possible to them that believe. Hence, when you are ready to go all the way with God and His Spirit abides in you, it is possible. His grace is sufficient for all who follow Him.

What it takes to count the cost of following Him is to prepare your heart for the outcome of taking the cross. You have to walk as though you expect the worst such that when the battle

seems too fierce, you wouldn't make peace with the enemy in defeat. Christ in building His church counts the cost of the number and the heart of the men available to Him in order not to have an abandoned project. Many men who have come to accept that their own strength will fail but trusted in him with a holistic approach because He is able to keep them made it, stood their ground and bore the challenges. According to Malla Moe, "What are we here for, to have a good time with Christians or to save sinners?" Walking with the Lord in total consecration, and forsaking all attachments is still possible in our day. Nevertheless, you have to set your heart to pursue God alone. We pray that the Lord will grant to us sufficient grace to run the race. I trust the Lord to create in us a heart that is able to walk in agreement with God. The Psalmist says, "Behold, as the eyes of the servants look unto the hand of their masters, and as the eyes of the maiden unto the hand of her mistress; so our eyes wait upon the Lord our God, until that he have mercy upon us." As servants in the Lord's heritage, we look up to Him for strength and for our needs. Faithful stewards of their master's vineyard don't have nor seek alternative sources to their master's provision. Chaste maidens who are not promiscuous with third parties rely on their mistress, and are contented with her care. This season, we fix our gaze upon the Lord's hand, on the cross from where strength flows to our inner man to renew our youthful strength. Our strength alone may not prevail to overcome the tides of life. All that pertains to life and godliness as we need them will be released from His hand who gives us freely. Our lives are to be spent waiting daily upon Him until he has mercy upon us.

As written in the Acts of the Apostles, the early disciples realized their helplessness without the Lord. We too have to gaze steadfastly toward heaven, we shall be there on the mountain close to Him until we receive sufficient strength to run today with His Commission; and not be weary to walk with Him without fainting or getting tired. We are not our own in reckless freewill, we have been purchased with a price; we are meant to live for Christ alone and be contented with what He makes available to our lives. We need strength in our inner man from the quickening Spirit because the nature of our human strength is frail. You will need to put away weights that hinder progress and sin that entangles and sets back. Christ our divine pattern has shown marks of His nature in patience, endurance and humility. The cross of Calvary is our victory over self and sin and that is why we don't need to compromise in the message we render to the people in words and action. He has placed us in the heavenly realm with God in His resurrection and victory over death. The time you spend in wilderness experience is enough a season to gather strength for the race ahead. You need to do these exploits in your youth to the glory of the Kingdom of God. The wilderness moments are for maturity stage. You need to grow by learning mercy, endurance and sound judgment. Being with the Lord in discipleship is not a loss. Others may be on a rat race about to catch rabbits in the hole but we know that tarrying with Him consistently with brokenness will bring us to the high place, the closeness where we will be properly endued to be established on the solid rock. Our sufficiency is of God and we are contented to settle down for Him alone in order to walk with Him from now to eternity.

The man that looks up to Jesus will not be disappointed in the faith. Three things accrue to him: hope, faith and trust. Hope in what God will do in the future makes us to cast our faith in what He is doing with us now. Abraham fixed his eyes on God and followed Him not knowing where he was going. One of the things about the man that looks up to Jesus is that he has a complete salvation. Jesus is the author of our Salvation; we have to keep looking up to him if we will finish well. A man whose eyes are fixed on the Lord knows what the perfect will of God for him is. The man never runs out of strength. We look unto Jesus by concentrating on the perfect law of liberty. By so doing, we are transformed from glory to glory. By waiting upon the Lord in prayers we access strength and make proper enquiry. The Lord opened Hagar's eyes and she saw the pool of water when her son Ishmael was starving, and opened Abraham's eyes and he saw the lamb of sacrifice in place of his son Isaac. All these have been there but the spirit of man as the candle of the Lord has to search. The woman that lost a coin searched with a candle to find it. You can search the Word in the place of meditation. You have to be steadfast in searching. There is a life totally yielded for Christ. That morning when Elisha was called, he did not plan to meet Elijah the prophet; he was still farming with his oxen. All the men that God used had to face a sort of divine interruption that changed their course for good. The way you are living your life is directly in response to the type of understanding that you have.

Knowing the terror of the Lord is like knowing that Hydrochloric acid is a corrosive chemical that can kill a baby, and keeping it far from him. You cannot participate in the death of Christ when you have not known a death to worldly things. It is a wrong teaching that makes one to believe that you have faith in Christ and yet covet a personal agenda for yourself; and go on living the way you were living before. According to William Cameron Townsend, "The greatest missionary is the Bible in the mother tongue. It needs no furlough and it is never considered a foreigner." All those who are baptized into his death were all men who share in the healing and victory that he brought to us; a deliverance from the flesh, sin and the world. His baptism is for a good purpose. Fear is the enemy of man. The enemy lays deposits of this element to capture the prey. With such little traces of phobia, he shatters the man and makes him an impotent folk. The man keeps yielding to his tone because his defenses have been broken down. Even his confessions of faith are futile because his heart has been clustered with such an enormous rebellious force. The enemy keeps driving the man to his direction as perfect love has been duly replaced. Only a heart that is made perfect in love can escape such timidity and lack of courage. I could imagine the days of David, how all the elders and men of war cowered in fear before an unbelieving host. Men lacked confidence in God and their hearts melted for they never knew how to face giants. Only men who have been with the master in secret are made champions outside the camp of training. The host of the living God, however, cannot be defied except there is sin or unbelief in the tent of dwelling. Only a person who knows his God can do exploits as a strong comrade. Irrespective of a man's age and experience, if he fails to look up and acknowledge that the battle is the Lord's, he is bound to bow to the wrong company.

When men in the days of Gideon hid in caves, rocks, pits, thickets and high places; it meant that they have admitted defeat without attempt. Such times when mighty men of valor began to hide in winepresses to thresh wheat, the enemies exploited so much liberty to plunder the land. Such quiet decay and secret pitfalls in men's lives cause their heart to fail and to lose the fire with which they should face the enemy. They lost courage even to face the foes with the sword of the Spirit, and hid the blessed dealings of the Lord upon their lives. This makes one to wonder at what happened to their boldness to slay the enemy. Of course, when men retreat in the face of opposition the cause is not farfetched: there could be an altar of Baal standing in the camp undiminished. The problem is not outside; it is the foreign idols inside the household that matters. There would have been rebellion somewhere in the man's heart for him to lose contact with Heaven. For the army of the living God to turn their back and flee from their enemy, they must have started desiring and gathering spoils from the enemy's treasury. Such spoils as spoilt the King Saul when he started flying upon the remains of the Amalekites. Can you really gather from the wicked parties without soiling your hands?

Perhaps the reason why the enemy has invaded the land this season, and mighty men seem to hide even in the caves of corporate fellowship in order to stand, is due to several dismantled altars in their lives. Some have been smoked out by their unbridled appetites and a cleaving unto their own personal agenda. Deliverance can be gotten as men break down to travail before the Lord for the little unpronounced idols that have crippled their relationship with God in the secret. It is as we lay all these hidden cravings bare before the Lord and permit him to put to death all these elements of fear that He despises in our lives that we can experience a lasting victory. How long shall you hide all those spoils in your life under the guise of personal consecration? Shall we not rather expose our fears to the Tutor and Governor of our lives who can bring them to the feet of the altar where they can be handled perfectly? The enemy has sown these tares while men slept; while we hurried up and down in search of our heart's delight. Why wouldn't fear eat up men's wealth when some people spend their time on dainties rather than search for the presence that brings revival? At times, churches even begin to divide among themselves in discord, making scriptural excuses for their failures. Some would rather neglect their duties and responsibilities showing indifference to the course of the cross. The scripture says, "And if the ear shall say, because I am not the eye, I am not of the body, is it therefore not the body?" Shall we not rather turn to the Living God to reassess and reset our lives so as to lay a solid foundation for His purpose for our lives? If you will take the lead on revival, God Himself will manifest. What keeps revival most times is shame, secret sin, lack of a clear conviction of God's direction, lack of willingness or readiness to accept responsibility, lack of understanding of the Lord's purpose for His people and perhaps lack of sensitivity to divine timing.

Faith comes by hearing the Word of God. Hearing implies allowing something to drop in your spirit. It means receiving a message. The only weapon available to the saints at the points of critical trials in ministry is the sword of the Spirit in the depth of our hearts. Though Joshua was

to fight and conquer the Philistines and possess their lands, the thought of war was not to become the clusters of his meditation. The inspiration of the Word is sealed to the one who comes with pre-conceived ideas. Moses was told of the backslidings in the valley right in the mount of communion. It is not by running after men, checking finances and fund raising. It is by pursuing the presence of God and by growing in intimacy with Him. According to C. T. Studd, "If Jesus Christ is the Lord and died for me, then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for Him." Profits are better than wages; profits earn you a living from an independent business, wages make you dependent on employers. An excellent man does not remain in the rat race of go to school, make good grades, get good jobs and get married. You can do that for about thirty-five (35) years and retire. Experience has to accompany certification. Life of fortunes is lived as a network in which nobody is insignificant. In life, you need one percent (1%) of a hundred persons and not just hundred percent (100%) of your personal efforts. Bill Gates said that if he gets a chance of starting all over again, he will go into the business of network marketing of people and goods. Today EdMark and GNLD lead in Network Marketing. Complete wealth comprises of health, time and money.

Of various choices of sacrifice, there are variables but only one matters – a sacrifice without blame and deceit; a sacrifice given with a heart of honor, reverence and worship. A good sacrifice ought to cost you something. Your body is the offering that God requires – take up your cross and follow Him even with your time and money. Our labor in evangelism is for the souls that are perishing. We gladly rejoice in being dedicated as ministers of grace. Our duty post is in making and raising enduring disciples. Wherever we find ourselves, we are messengers with the sole aim of reaching out abroad. The strength of your intimacy with God is evident on every of your expression. Intimacy is a close relationship that involves sharing your burdens with an openness of heart. The power of intimacy lies in the fact that there is constant growth as a result of more transparency – you constantly disclose more matters arising from recent encounters. The desire for more knowledge of God is the driving force for the pursuit of His presence. As a result, you are a reflection of how much of God that you know. This close relationship grows in obedience to God's word. The benefit is that you reign over the hurdles of life. It brings about a more consistent prayer life and flow of worship. It yields transformation of the society and a social change in the community. You need a correct persuasion for following the Lord because He does not commit Himself to mere men. Unless the Lord deals with what is in man that makes him rebellious, He does not use the man. He prefers to refine the crude nature and makes the vessels like Himself first before making commitments and grants. The Lord does not lower the heavenly shekels of the sanctuary in order to accommodate people.

One of the things that can divert your attention from pursuing discipleship is the profit that perishes with time. Jesus is the living bread that endures unto everlasting life. Many people that gather around Him are miracle seekers looking for free gain. You need to decide the gain that you want to pursue – whether the transient or the eternal gain. The issue is to first seek the

Kingdom of God and all other things shall be added unto you including sound health. He, who did not withhold his only Son, how much more will he not freely give us all things. The matter of fact is that those who choose not to make material gain their priority still not suffer lack of those necessary things. It is not that there are no miracles but that expecting to receive them always could lead to failure. The men who drop out of the race at an initial stage become nothing but multitude at last. The rejection of many does not make discipleship less effective in making men. Are you going to be decisive that for you, you want what the Lord offers? Only such hearts can walk with the Lord. God has a yardstick for his work, and a standard for the man He uses. He does not compromise His criteria for rating performances. Discipleship is a process of imparting the life of a teacher unto the student. It could be cumulative, life-long and systematic. It goes on until the life conforms to the image of the standard template of the master. Discipleship is a way Heaven achieves the everlasting purpose of making men conform to the image of Christ. If you are a teacher and your principles are not making men godlier then you really need to evaluate your measures. The gifts of the Holy Spirit were poured out to make men become like Jesus.

Life as a believer could be about how much of the Lord's life is formed in you, and not about how many meetings and conferences you have attended. The level to which your testimony is rooted in the faith is the level to which you help others to obtain a more glorious promotion. Like the Savior, you ought to desire to make many rich by the things you sacrifice – including time, effort, and money. For a popular preacher with jet to collect offerings from the masses, is it to make them blessed by sowing into his life? Indeed, Jesus said, "Follow me; I will make you fishers of men." If you have to draw men, you need to follow the person that makes men. What holds men that they cannot resist when you speak is what has been formed in you. Jesus did not change the apostle Peter from being an unlearned man to becoming elite; He rather focused on forming a life in him that draws men. What you need to be effective in life is not more certifications or titles but to settle down for a life with a vision of leadership. You have to pursue more of a divine presence and permit the aroma of quality life to ooze out – that is the assured way of attracting influence. When food is spiced and prepared, you perceive the aroma even if it is hidden. When Jesus called his early disciples, He didn't cast a yoke on their necks; they decided and voluntarily followed Him. According to Gbile Akanni, "Discipleship is therefore a ship that transfers a pupil from the world of the natural self through the gulf of human nature into the ocean of conformity with Christ." A sinner cannot develop to a saint even if all the principles of morality and ethics are applied; he has to be born again by the Spirit. That which is born of the flesh can be trained and taught how to use tools to study but could still remain worldly.

The man has to be a new creature. According to Count Zinzendorf, "I have but one person – it is He, it is Him alone. The world is the field and the field is the world." Even though the man can attempt to disguise like a transformed person for some time, the bad nature has the potency to raise its head again to show its real nature. To be born again is not an improvement on the old life. It is not a reduction of the excesses of the evil nature. It is a complete replacement of the

carnal mind with truth. The two lives cannot co-habit a tent. Before the new life can come in, the past ways have to be eliminated and terminated entirely. Even though the man is not physically indulging in a particular sinful habit, there is still a need for rebirth. The carnal mind is naturally sinful; if you deprive it of sin, it seems like a punishment and discomfort. The renewed mind does not dwell in evil thoughts because of the seed of God. If you keep a meat for a hungry goat, it will still pass it by. Temptation is virtually a procedure for the confirmation of what is within you. A cat will always rush at meat because it is inherent in its nature to eat it. You may cage a cat as to allow your meat to dry, but when you release the cat, even the living lizards in the neighborhood are at stake. When you remove the carnivore in a cat and put herbivore inside, then you can keep meat beside such a cat and it will be safe because another nature is now within. Are you a new creation man? On an MS Word document, the application interface will display a dialog "Do you want to save changes to this file?" If you are not sure that the file is saved, save it again, it does no harm instead of losing the contents to carelessness. If your life still manifests traces of the old life hinged on a past experience, accept a call to salvation again. In some people, selfish attitude manifest as a gentle personality because it does not want to be embarrassed or despised. In another person, it could manifest as arrogant personality because it wants to be noticed or have prestige. Discipleship only grows what has been birthed within. Have your old life been replaced? If not the same struggles of today will remain there after five years.

The natural life is terrible not just because of what it is doing but because of its nature. No matter how you try to make it do something for God, it cannot. God's wisdom and answer for it is to terminate it, not to improve on it. The death of our old life is only made possible by the death of Christ on the cross. The death has already occurred but it becomes active when we enter into the rest we have in the faith. Like a cook in a big occasion, she measures and prepares dishes for the eaters to come. If some do not eat, they have only created a surplus which could even be thrown out to livestock. God is looking for a life free of sin that He can pour all the wrong life of the flesh into even before we will come to the cross; and led him to the cross and he died. This actually finished the death of the flesh, whenever we are now ready for the rest, we now come into Christ. So that in one sense, the death of our flesh took place when Jesus died on the cross; on the other hand, the death became an active death to our flesh as we enter now. God's plan is that you cease from excessive labor today; and another person will start working in you. For some of us, we have not seen the evil of that human nature; we think it may still be useful; that is why we have not come to terminate it. If you are not born again, it were better you did not hear the Gospel of Light that changes men. The two offences: you have made the cross a waste; secondly, you have perpetuated the old life that God intended to put away. Eternal life is not just about the length of time it endures but the specie of life that wins. When your life is transformed, it will be Christ showing His love from your character. According to the Epistle of Paul, the apostle to the Colossians, you are dead; Christ is the life you live today. The man that was pursuing business has to pause now and ask the Lord; "What do you want to do with this body now?" He will have to direct the manner of life you exhibit.

There are three terms and conditions of discipleship, namely: self-denial, taking up the cross and following the Lord. At times, you need to forget yourself, lose consciousness of your ego and what you have attained. You may need to give up all rights to yourself and let go of what is legally yours. You give yourself away to the extent that you don't have any right to yourself again, as though you belong wholly to another person. You have lost the legal ownership of your decisions and actions. You don't have to act beside yourself; nevertheless, you don't have to defend yourself so much because it is no longer you alive but the Spirit of the Lord. Many rights: right to choice and personal opinion are what you voluntarily give up. Jesus did not hide the implications of following him to His disciples before winning them. He declares it from the onset, he does not cajole people. It is a new and transformed life that the Lord has come to live in us not an improvement of the old life. Our Lord is not a salesperson who deals in drugs without telling you the side effects. He simply asks "Will you also go?" A few can reply rhetorically "To whom shall we go?" A man who has not experienced the death of his old nature cannot give up rights to himself. Our life is no longer defined in material things, fame and mammon. The Lord placed the conditions for discipleship because he is building a church. The need to multiply men and women that can bear the coming glory is an expedient course. Our duty is to raise vessels emptied for God, emptied of self; so that Christ could find body to live His life in – men who can carry the presence of God into the government, universities and hospitals. Not a people trapped inside the church building as the exclusive institution that they can function properly – men and women that can bear the life of Christ into the nooks and crannies of the nation.

Wells that hold water for a long time are dug during dry season. During rainy season, it may still be shallow but already filled up with water, and dries up again during the dry season. Such wells easily collapse when the ground is wet. Well-diggers do it at the height of the dry season before the rains come. In a like manner, prepare men before the rains come, so that they are ready for the rains. Even if God sends rain when there are no vessels, it might cause erosion, and it will not last, it will rather leave the land with gullies. At times in the Scripture the Lord wants to visit a land, but He has not found vessels that can hold water; so He first prepares men. The continuity and the capacity of a well are directly proportional to its depth. A very deep well will yield more water for a longer time; while others dry up it continues to bring forth water. The purity of water a well can yield is also directly proportional to its depth. The depth of a well is a function of how much it has been evacuated. A well's depth which is a major factor in determining the value of the content is not dependent on the width. Evacuation that produces a very deep well is a continuous one, almost at the same spot pulling out debris around a limited radius. If you find the well is about to dry up, you dig it deeper. If you want to be one of the enduring vessels that God need for the forthcoming springs, there is a need for continuous digging. So even when we are evacuating and the debris seems not dirty, it has to be removed because it is natural and will still block the springing forth of spiritual water. Depth determines how long you will be useful and how pure your usefulness will be. Width does not determine all these. So, widespread knowledge of prosperity and faith does not produce water. When you finish digging out the top soil of sin

and of corruption that the flesh has produced, we get to the point of digging out layers that seem not to be dirty, even white stones that may block the water.

It is not width and breadth of knowledge; it is levels of depth of specialization that determines the outflow of divine supply. When you continue digging even as a professional, you will be an authority in the truth and sound axioms of the field. Of course, you may know the truth now to a certain level but as you continue, it unravels the more. Something may have attracted you to sound doctrine but when will you become committed indeed? It is a continuous search for the truth that makes men free. Jesus is an inexhaustible well; when you strike at a point and water appears, the people are blessed, and become durable vessels with inexhaustible capacity of ever pure water. If you stop, it will dry, get contaminated or will not yield enough. The dangers of settling down in secularity are that you lose sensitivity and urgency of conspicuously relevant matters. As you enter a lavatory, you may get accustomed to the odor if you tarry there. Don't be a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work. Don't dig intermittently here and there on many subjects. This is because even if you dig two feet on ten trenches, your acquired depth is still two feet. But a man that has dug six feet on a trench sustains more water.

Familiarity with recent topics and issues of deliberation are not the blessing; depth and continuity in relevant areas makes you invaluable indeed. Water doesn't spring forth because of width when drilling a bore hole, it springs forth from depth. If you continue with salient matters, your progress will be evident to all. I prefer not to start than to start and never finish. It is not enough to start; many people are just contented with doing so many things in the name of hustle. Many are left with so much abandoned projects and collapsed attempts. Jesus interrupted the vessels of old and they became apostles. Many times, you wonder why some of them seemed to be pastoral with their approach to evangelism. The Lord wins His battles not because of an overwhelming number. Men who can chase thousands are only a few men with a quality of life and consecration. Some men today have made conditions of peace with the enemy because they have been outnumbered. The Lord is saying, "If I drive the Canaanites, wild animals may encroach, it is better to let them just be there until men are formed." The Great Commission is to go and make disciples; it is not all about my ambitions but what the Lord wants from my life. The Lord will do unto us what He did to men of old to fit into His purpose in our day.

Every revelation from the Word of God comes like a spark. You then fan the sparks into flames that can help meet the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). You don't travel far with sparks; it does not guide into anything useful. It doesn't shine brightly and will soon quench with a cool breeze. The Kingdom of Heaven usually arranges some occasions as spark plugs, you then learn to translate it to a steady motion like an automobile engine and generate power. God expects us to build Him an altar. Sparks of revelation are not new things; they give fresh understanding of old ways. If you don't fan it to flames, you may soon be in darkness again. First, build an altar of remembrance of God's Word and dealings just like Jacob built an altar after a vision. At points of deviation he returned to the altar for evaluation. Secondly, you have to erect an altar based on

the experience God has given to you. Big fires start with sparks but not all sparks end up as fire. At times as a believer, give yourself a deliberate task of writing on a topic. For instance, “The grace of God has appeared to all men.” Use it to write your experiences in the faith with specific date, time and place. By so doing, you would be able to write your vision statement for the season.

Divine moments don’t reiterate like loops; they don’t quickly come back. Some men will say the opportunity comes; but once, and economists will say ‘Opportunity Cost!’ That is how you ought to write your vision, stating clearly in a way that other people can understand. By so doing, you become an established well dug in due season, durable, of large capacity, rendering pure water and ready to deliver showers of blessings. You have to dig such ditches in the valley along your journey in life to retain the rain of fresh water. Such wells have to be evacuated of self – its products (sinful habits), its attributes (esteem, ambitions and comfort) and the inconspicuous white stones of the flesh (religious dogma). You need to embrace discipleship as a path to maturity to Christ in all things. You need to understand it alongside the issues of the Holy Spirit and love. It may cost the forsaking of worldly comfort and secular contemporaries in order to follow Him. As well as total death to self and its image, prospects, acquisitions, philosophy and titles.

Esther in the Bible, after obtaining the favor to destroy Haman – the enemy of the Jews – persisted for the welfare of the entire people of Israel. We must not stop at levels that only seem to bring more profit to ourselves alone. We have to be willing hearts that travail for the children of God to receive their salvation. The enemy had set up his decrees to bring God’s people under the mercy of his wrath. The victory has been won over the enemy by the king who destroyed him. There still remains a duty to spread the Good News of the liberation of God’s people to stand up against his wiles and brute force. The appointed day must turn from a day of destruction to a day of victory in warfare. The Jews didn’t take spoils because it was the spoil of war against the Amalekites that spoilt Saul’s regime. Haman, an Amalekite they are not supposed to take his spoils to their detriment. You need to pray and ask God, that if you have found grace and favor in His sight, He should be with you at such an hour when you are most needed in His field to be a correct and a faithful steward of the vineyard.

For this reason, even while serving as corps members and leaders of NCCF, we had to continue building good clubs for educating children in order to catch them young. The goal was to erect moral standards at home; to achieve academic excellence; and to build all members (teachers inclusive) for the glory of the Lord. The program involved academics, Bible teachings, foundational classes, quiz, sword drills, teacher trainings and recreation. These did not go without fundamentals – basic pillars that guide growth which include godliness, respect, responsibility, morals, character, vision and excellent spirit. There could be categories of members ranging from unseen members who are heavily busy for the course; house members

who do ground work as at when due; and field members who go to schools and work also with financiers.

The Almighty Lord would not let us continue in a religious routine when the interest has been shifted. At times, it is not as if there is no language of confession but that there is no heart of repentance. If you carry a divine presence, you need to sever it from the wrong set of people. You need to pray with a deep persuasion that nothing shall separate you from the love of Christ. That is the way that the light of the glorious Gospel of Christ, who is the image of God will shine unto you afresh. By so doing the Lord will prepare you for the Gospel that you may be a vessel that will bring peace to many nations. You need to be rooted and grounded in the Word because it can build someone up. The Word and prayer define our ministry. Our devotion has to be anchored to God's Word. According to T. L. Osborn, "God never called anyone to a ministry that wasn't a soul-winning ministry – because the very essence of being a 'Christian' is to have Christ living, witnessing and ministering in and through you." The entry point to the faith is being born again in baptism. Just as a student acknowledges the position of a learner in order to acquire knowledge, so, it is expected of a fresh believer. As wonderful as your plans and suggestions might seem, you might have to lay it down for the Lord's will. It might take you out of that profession that you have longed for and passionately been hoping to dwell in. Just remember that Christ's call is not for the jobless but the employed. To become a follower of Jesus, there is a price to pay and it involves laying down all on the altar of sacrifice. Everyone that ever became something serious in divine agenda is serious-minded not idle men. All that became true disciples in the faith faced an interruption of their entrepreneurship and desired goals. Most times, the options don't give much room for freewill. Abraham laid down a sacrifice of his son; Moses forsook the prestige of a prince in Egypt. The early apostles were called out of their reasonable profession. The true heart of a disciple believes in: "Nevertheless, not what I will but let your will be done."

Only God's plan for you will work out in your life and not those beautiful dreams it seems you have for yourself. You need to plead for a greater measure of the presence of God such that all your expressions will move men to repentance. Such a firm belief will be able to heal men of all their infirmities. The final test of a leader is that he leaves behind a legacy for the people to continue. Such a leader with integrity is spirit-filled. The measure of your confidence in divine providence is that your heart is settled at those troubled moments of life. It is a royal challenge to arise to responsibility but you need to count the cost before delving into any adventure. The challenge you face as a leader only molds you to a greater capacity for the future generation.

You need the light of the Gospel to gain an insight in understanding leadership and spiritual authority. Leadership is first of all a call to follow. We follow Christ because He is the standard that God has placed for us to conform to. Our duty is to point the hearts and eyes of men to Christ. Any action, speech, dressing, quote or activity no matter how wonderful it seems that does not point the eyes of men to Christ could be of the enemy. Jesus is the way to eternal life.

The leadership of a Christian leader has to be equivalent to the leadership of the Spirit. The blind cannot guide the blind; they will both fall into a ditch. A good leader lives no longer for self but for the good of all. There is a victory you need as a leader over filthy lucre, ambition, self-esteem and self defense. Christ ordained for us an example that we should follow in his footsteps. A shepherd must have something to offer to the flock. You cannot offer what you have not collected in the secret place of prayer and fasting. Avail yourself at his feet in order to learn of him. A leader that cannot look up will lean on the arm of flesh. When a man begins to run up and down in search of bread, he begins to wither like grass. It is a personal decision you ought to make to either serve God or filthy lucre, Christ or self, faithfulness or uncensored fruitfulness based on the standard of the kingdom of Heaven. For you to succeed in having the presence of God, you have to cultivate the attitude of being faithful with your body, time, money and the message you teach others. You have to be faithful to the entire body of Christ because He is the head of the body; you ought to obey Him, His word and any delegated authority.

In any structure you erect in life, you have to build according to pattern. God's pattern is not an arbitrary sketch, it is personified in Christ. It is not just words. Whether in the workplace or as a husband, God wants to see Jesus formed in you. The pattern that God wants us to grow into is Jesus, from one level of glory to another. We are to attain the whole measure of the fullness of God. When the Lord gave all these gifts, it is to prepare God's people to be matured; so that people after listening to you will say, "It seems this person has been with the Lord" – because the Lord is the real portrait of true life while we are made in His image.

You need to persevere because if you do, the Lord will become resident in order to reign with you. The plan of God is that you will be conformed into His image and in everything you will grow up into Him. You need to be conscious of what you are living for. According to the Lord Jesus, "I came not to do my will but to do your will O! Lord." The question is: how that job, city or position creates a platform for me to do the will of God for my life? This is because leadership is not all about the position you occupy but the pace you set for your followers. I believe that the Lord's will is not just for a transient achievement but for Holy living.

The platform that the Lord makes for his people is a suitable church that will enable them to serve Him better. Beyond this, the people keep praying for His will over their lives to be done. At the well with the woman of Samaria, Jesus declared "My food is to do the will of God and to finish his works." You could be an evangelist, the Lord wants to see you bear fruit and understand the principles that will set you a proper footing for service. Commanding respect is not enough, there might be loopholes that weaken it. You have to give praise daily and seek power to fit into the purpose of God for your life. We pray for divine provision to live long enough to see the days of the Lord's visitation. We pray also that the Word of God will dwell richly in our heart so that we will not live for earthly things. In the Acts of Apostles, when deacons were to be appointed, they needed seven (7) men to serve tables but they didn't select the most experienced and expert cooks but men of honest report; men who are filled with the

Holy Ghost. You don't have to be ignorant, not only do you need men to trust you, you also need the Holy Spirit to find you a worthy vessel to dwell in until people around begins to perceive it. This is because he governs the stewardship of your entire soul, mind, heart and body, and intends to fill it up with love. In making a due confession, you ought to dig out the wrong things that you have done and beg God for the grace to forsake them. That is how to earn forgiveness of sins for a complete salvation of the soul.

Any position the Lord has committed into your hands today, see it as a responsibility so that you don't just treat it as a casual duty. Sanctification is what you attain by grace and our justification is by faith. This does not create a mindset of instantaneous cleansing that makes people hypocrites. This could make one to become arrogant, instead lay emphasis on goodness of life, and yet deal in love and affection in your relationship with others. To the pure all things are pure. The Holy Spirit will guide us to make proper propositions in our logic to avoid personal judgment. In bearing the core vision of the Gospel, note that you are a representative of the vision to avoid heavy load on your shoulders. As a believer, you need to be rooted and built up in the Lord in order to be transformed into His image to be transformed as He is. There could be freedom of thought, but beware so that no man will spoil you through philosophy and agnostic attitude. There could be freedom of worship but it doesn't imply false worship and disobedience to the commandments. Effective witnessing is by the power of the Most High. The place of waiting upon the Lord for His tender mercies cannot be overemphasized as a priority to soul-winning. Waiting upon the Lord can result in an experience that sets one on course for greater exploits.

When the Spirit comes, He gives much indwelling power to speak up. God gives immense gifts and power to deliver the captives and make them free. There is anointing that will relieve one of every cheer tendency to boast and judge others. He will guide us out of every evil seed of corruption. The total agenda of God is for us to be conformed to the image of His Son. For youths to be godly, you need to bring the Gospel to their doorsteps. That is not to cajole men but to renounce every hidden thing of dishonesty. The Lord spoke to Nicodemus on the emphasis of being born again as a believer. To liberate men from such a bondage and course, we need to pray and intercede for men since the Word of God makes it clear that the wages of sin is death. Paul, the apostle said, 'from henceforth, let no man trouble me for I bear on my body the mark of Christ.' He was not bearing the mark of the beast rather a mark that shows how much persecution he had endured for the faith.

The Epistle to the Galatians Chapter five laid much emphasis on fundamentalism and condemned not only the Jews for tearing up their brothers in the name of religion but for deciding to punish whoever will not dance to their own tone. All things work together for good to them that love God. All things are for the children of God to see and love to cherish the presence of God. Whatever be the case the Lord's name shall be exalted. To love is to cherish the

relationship you have with one another. Tomorrow is very remarkable and we have to stick to plans to meet with expectations.

The Lord shall loose His people from bondage even today. If they don't respond to His call, even stones and monuments shall arise and begin to follow His path. You have to arise in order to shine and pledge to the Lord that you will not follow a path that you will soon forget – a path that lacks relevance. We pray that the Lord will send men as laborers in those places where they are needed most to shine as lights to the glory of the Father. It is evident that many men still bear a corrupt nature inherent in their thought patterns. Provided a man sees Christ in you, you ought to manifest a new life in the Lord that all will see and acknowledge that there have been changes in personality. Jesus himself felt some compassion for so many who wallow in darkness. For instance, several folks with distaste for Biblical dogma spend endless hours on the social media rather than on edifying episodes that could strengthen their faith. Sin is a reproach and a shameful habit that ruins a man's life even in his youth. It is possible to start well and then fall into the hands of a wrong group in a deep search for fulfillment and satisfaction. Every need in a man's life ought to be met if he remains in utmost hunger for more of God and not in the fleeting pleasures of sin.

In the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, the rich man met the conditions of total well-being of his flesh but not the salvation of his soul. For instance, he could have been fed to the extent of having a large paunch, but his spiritual meal was still milk. But Lazarus rather fasted in order to remain significant in the heavenly agenda of Israel. The original intention of God for mankind is not to entirely eliminate them as recorded in the days of Noah and Lot when creation was punished with flood and flames respectively. The Lord loves his creation and has given His only Begotten Son for their sake. It is our role to now believe in the Messiah for the Salvation and total redemption of our soul. Our fellowship is with the Father; a holy and acceptable worship of believers together. It is not a carnal congregation of brothers with worldly lusts but an equal yoking of the bond servants of Christ. We have to experience a true touch and divine healing of the power that flows from the throne. Any relationship and business with sinful unbelievers amounts to nothing but a futile dissipation of strength and life. Fellows who are borne in the same ship must maintain oneness of Spirit, heart and mind in order to achieve their goal of meeting the Lord on the Last Day.

It is evident that while some Christians profess a doctrine based on their convictions, another set profess theirs based on a different denomination. But in all these, it is the presence of God in our worship that makes it acceptable and makes it count. The early disciples had a fellowship where they shared things common. This amounted to a true fellowship of a large church, with the Lord performing great signs and wonders amongst them. The spirit of a genuine church is not in the size of a large physical structure that might lack a divine touch among the congregation. Closeness, however, could be built as different wings and units begin to form smaller societies under the body in order to reach out to individual souls.

God does not work with a man who does not value time. A man buys trust with punctuality. Our motives ought to be for a passionate hunger for godliness and the presence of God. What you need is the master, when he shows up like light every abnormality and darkness will give way. The Lord dwells in men and not in beautiful houses. There is an appointed time for every testimony from above. The importance of punctuality is that it helps one to overcome the temptation of failing to meet deadlines, and the tendency to be absent from important meetings. It helps for personal recollection and works for an organized and a relaxed mind prior to meeting. Punctuality is a sign of diligence. Lead and leave an example for the future generation. Punctuality implies doing something at the expected and planned time. Doing what the Lord says is the only way to have your miracle. To have a miracle of salvation, you need not be ashamed of repentance. You have a part to play in order to earn a miracle. That is why you must catch lateness early before it ruins the vineyard; for it is better to be late than the late anyway. A youth that is being led by the Spirit yields to the power of God. It is a call to separation from the world. Sharing in Christ's glory is the benefit we get by sharing in His suffering.

You need the sparks that the Spirit gives to be in charge of your daily activities. You need to belong to Christ by partaking in His dimension of life. You ought to know the Spirit you possess. We have to put to death the sinful nature – the flesh. Like the early disciples, we ought to continue steadfast in prayer. We have to face challenges as moral believers. You need the power from prayers to overcome the wiles of the devil. A person who is not steadfast in prayer will fall victim of diverse evil in the society. We do wage warfare against principalities and power, and ought to push further in supplications until something definite happens. He that made us has an omniscient knowledge of our destiny before birth. The joy of the Lord is my strength. You only have peace when your relationship with the Lord is standing firm. Youths make up the vigor and power house of a lively society. Nevertheless, we ought to put God first and make ourselves available for service.

Even America, as a world power will caution nations that test nuclear weapons. Yet for the Gospel we are not expected to be so fundamental as to take risks that endanger the life of others. You don't just pitch tents and canopies to retreat while several soldiers are still in the battlefield. Today, not only soldiers but also the clergy and masses die as a result of religious violence by some sects like the Boko Haram. We are asking God for open heavens, for a just course – so that many more sons will be drawn to glory. We don't need to have a multitude of congregation who cannot even fast for a temptation of soft drinks. It is grace that keeps a believer from falling; the mere mistake of marrying a wrong partner can put one out of course for life. There may seem to be several attractive things in the city, it is not sufficient an excuse to ignore the rural places and build a career totally in such locations. Some accursed people will rather live in promiscuity to make ends meet, just to keep dwelling in developed places. It takes a deep impact of the Word to call some callous hearts to order for they are like cankerworms that drain wealth in an

economy. The world we live in is not for ease, nor silver, nor for a generation that have left the footprints of the ancient paths. Some still call themselves believers though they love the world.

The government of recent times has tried joining efforts with some church denominations to promote harmony in the society with a movement they call the Justice Development Peace Commission (JDPC). Skill acquisition is necessary to overcome the temptations of being a fraudster in business. The adult literacy course for the masses is a program to assist the aged to get learned even with the difficulties. The JDPC at times campaigns for women's rights in order to reduce assault and battery. It is also expedient in some situations to organize town hall meetings and public seminars to promote peace among different kindred and facets of people. Healthcare and support programs for the less-privileged can help to solve marital challenges through counseling sessions. Microfinance Banks try to create accounts for proper implementation of such agenda to achieve the goals. Loans are also given with interests to eliminate poverty. The challenge lies with people who find it difficult to return loans and dwell on borrowed finances. Over the years JDPC has attempted to consistently defend the course of the poor. This helps to denounce oppression and reduce the suppression of the voice of the weak. They promote justice, peace and charity with a logical conclusion for care.

The vision of this statutory body in the society is perfecting justice, peace, development and the dignity of the human race. The mission statement is to foster structural development and empowerment. Indeed, our charity has to be practical like the Good Samaritan. The aim is to educate and empower those excluded and abandoned by the society through the creation of facilities. This is done with the objective of promoting a just and free society. There are fundamental human rights including the right to freedom of speech; a right to vote and be voted for – your vote is your right, don't sell it. You have the power to choose a party and a representative. We are encouraged to look into agriculture, not necessarily with hoes and cutlasses. Farming is not an adventure for the poor and dirty; a society that neglects it could plunge into famine. A large number of commercial farmers in South Africa plant orchard for financial profit. This has led to the production of wine and brewing. We need training to have self control to avoid sycophancy and hardship.

After the year 2000 A.D. conference in America with a host of the United Nations Organization (UNO) including Nigeria and up to hundred other countries, world leaders came up with the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) which ended in 2015. They consist of eight primary goals which include to: Eradicate extreme hunger and poverty; achieve universal primary education; promote gender equality and empower women; reduce child mortality; improve maternal health; combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases; ensure environmental sustainability; and develop a global partnership for development.

Anambra State formed the ANIDS as a body in charge of this vision and the implementation towards the purchase of buses for schools and Christian bodies. At the expiry of the MDGs in

2015, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been formed to continue this vision till the year 2030. Some faith-based and civil society organizations have formed delegate bodies to represent them on such issues. Philo means love and Sophia means wisdom; hence philosophy implies love of wisdom. Such wisdom needs to be founded on true charity and fruitful knowledge. Some High Level Political Forums (HLPF) was launched prior to the expiry of the MDGs by the United Nations. They came up with about seventeen goals of the SDGs funded by the Addis Ababa Action (AAA) group in Africa. The triple bottom line of the SDGs include: Economic development; Environmental sustainability; and social inclusion and governance.

Hence, to sustain is to keep on going without breakage – continuity. The essence of SDGs is to end poverty in all its forms; to end hunger; improve food security and agriculture; to ensure healthy life and promote well-being at all ages. These goals try to ensure inclusive and inevitable quality education; to ensure gender equality and women empowerment. It includes the assurance of the availability of potable water; sustainable and reliable energy. The goals include insurance of economic growth for employment, building and fostering industrialization. This will help to reduce inequality within and among countries; and help to make cities and human settlement inclusive and sustainable for life. These goals can further help in the protection of human rights and improvement of living conditions for all especially the less-privileged. The CARITAS are a group of successful candidates in the society that go on delegation to intercede the course of the poor in the community.

A Christian friend of mine once said that there are three keys to spiritual prosperity: being in a good relationship with the Lord, consistent prayer life and sacrifice. A sacrifice should be able to cost much from the treasury of the donor. It is our duty not to relax in mediocrity and criticize the affairs of the government. When you begin to break out of the accepted religious doctrines and traditions, the next tendency is to speak of a new vision with vigor as though there is new revelation you had overnight. Leadership must be filled with goodwill for the people. You need to help people to discover their potentials and add more values to their lives. When you lead and people are not following then you may be only taking a walk because a man that is running alone is not in a race but simply doing exercise. The goals you set have to be realistic in order to be developed with a leadership mentality. A good leader is fast and yet slows down to carry people along. This can be achieved as we create a balance and a borderline between personal interest and professional needs. There should be sufficient room for the people's interest and the business of the organization.

The power to win and to shine as true lights is inherent in every believer. The moment you begin to dwindle as a candle flame amidst a strong wind, the tendency for zeal to quench comes to effect. One of those political moments on campus while I was the Director of Finance of the Nigerian Association of Computer Science Students (NACOSS), the Staff Adviser never wanted us to spend so much for accountability sake. Several projects were not approved and we ended

up saving six times the initial amount we met in office. It paid off to abide by the elderly counsel; with that fund we were able to attend conferences and software exhibitions on behalf of the University chapter. The need to arise and challenge embezzlement is fostered by leaders who preserve a good financial balance for their successors. Some projects may call attention at the initial stage but you need proper analysis to know which is worth the investment. It takes much air for a burning light to shine brighter in deep darkness. Never mind the peer pressure you face today from fellows around you, it could shape you for a stronger testimony in your profile tomorrow. The need to run for an office while still a student have made many aspirants to lose sight of their final class of degree on graduation. For this reason, some Vice Chancellors like Prof. James Ekpoke would counsel final year students to focus on project and convocation and shun every distraction. Distractions on campus could range from any activity that does not hold much value outside the four walls of the university.

Today it may seem impossible to make a difference; but the purpose you discover about your life now could help many who have been struggling with all manners of lust. Favoritism, nepotism and corruption might have eaten deep into the office of a few dignitaries in the helm of affairs. Notwithstanding, we shouldn't be slack in aligning our priorities as though there is no room for merit. Consistent and diligent effort can always help to overcome every such bias in a system. There are several ills that some people could hold unto to conceal their weaknesses. The fact is that the best results in a system are not necessarily attained by the ones that never failed. You pick up from your failures; merit has a way of portraying excellence in a free and fair manner. I recall an incident in my first year on campus when a particular lecturer gave a test in a fixed class. A lot of us were absent and were never given the chance for a make-up test. The class representative Egbaji Joseph would always try to liaise between students and staff to create a balance. All to no avail, the general performance was poor; however, it was a one credit laboratory course. Nevertheless, that single poor performance in this course could not stop me from getting the Shell Petroleum Development Corporation (SPDC) Scholarship after my 100 level. I had to put more effort in other courses that had more credit units to maintain a good grade point average. There were several other occasions that nearly warranted to dropping out on health grounds, but I had to sit for all my papers even though they were supplementary examinations to maintain my position at the top of the class.

After the major semester examinations, the Class Rep who later became the Director of Socials for NACOSS would always try to organize a social event perhaps at Tinapa Center for relaxation. Those were usually moments when everybody tried to be friendly, at least, to forget some sad news that might have spoiled the mood during the semester. Those were occasions when we did some swimming and played volleyball on the white sand. It is a pity that some freaks could dwell on such recreation to drop out of school. There was this particular young lady in class who would always claim being the most social and exposed even in the Department. It made people to develop an opinion of her as a city brought-up that could hail from some parts of

the country like Lagos where being an out-going youth is rather a positive strength. It happened that the Academic Staff Union of Universities (ASUU) went on a nationwide strike for about six months. To an utter dismay, she came back heavily pregnant and had to put to bed as an undergraduate student without any news of proper wedding. The peer pressure and the tendency to boast of high social involvement can overtake some youths. The environment we adapt to is not towards a cheap compromise; it is to make us higher beings with much potential to impart to the welfare of the society. Losing societal values because there are no parents or guardians in close neighborhood is not the essence of tertiary institutions.

It is better to have a proper home training in parental abode than to live in the ghetto and boast of street life. The population of the world is rising; productivity and not mere reproduction ought to also increase. But what matters to some people is to have more offspring without family planning. That would only lead them to a baby boom generation that may not be able to control their fate. The mistake at times lies in the error of some parents who think they have handed their wards over to the university community to train for them. Some youths only misinterpret the campus as a land of liberty where you need no consultations or advice from constituted authority. When teenagers exhibit much courtship behaviors too early in their career, the probability of dropping out of the race lies ahead. Such compromises are the reasons why some people pass through the university and leave with a third class or less for not catching the vision of being a quality graduate early in life on campus.

At times, students would complain to me of the corruption in the system. The effort I make would be to sit them down and offer some tutorials, not just on course work but also moral justifications of being decent. The truth is that we have all left our parent's houses to become learned people in the society. Out of security consciousness one would leave a distant land to visit his hometown not knowing the challenges he would have to face there. Sometimes several funerals will pile up as though they were regular ceremonies for the living. It is true that students are not just in school for 'A' grades. On the other hand, the class of your degree reflects the overall rating of all your activities and who you were on campus. Public schools have a way of creating transient trends that try to dissuade many novices of the need to work hard. We try to convince some youths that the older people that try to gain stability in the system are not the errors we try to correct; but that you as a citizen of the country should not connive with evil. This is because most times some city girls that already harbor their own levels of indecency would rise up and say that matured men are trying to molest them. Frequently, they only fall prey to their own kind, leveraging the faculty of their accusing gestures. Perhaps, some folks used to wonder why some of us would take leave at some occasions to see how agriculture is improving in the rural areas. Education is to improve the standard of life we met in the society. It is not better off to remain in system until you become a stumbling block on the paths of the upcoming; it pays to lend a helping hand to those in less honorable professions. The journey of a thousand miles begins with a step, every progressive motion counts.

The change we seek in Nigeria could also affect the Power sector. When you check the Oil and Gas production in the economy and observe how the prices fluctuate, then sustainable development could still be far-fetched. Some people lecture to raise better breeds of students while many others are clamoring for positions with academic politics. It could be a fatal mistake to neglect duty and dwell on the fundamentals of office. When the infrastructure is gradually fading and getting moribund; and we are still scrutinizing the nooks and crannies of a person's local government of origin before granting an appointment or award, then equity and merit is lost and we magnify tribalism. Our fate does not rely on men, even when they seem to have been promoted to materialize other people's dreams. When jokes go beyond boundaries, it becomes wild jests. Today, most graduates are searching for jobs with an audacity of hope that lies in the fingers of older leaders. That is why every institution is requesting for reference reports and recommendations before they can admit a person they might not have known. When we join hands to build a nation, then the parameters of measuring the progress of the economy becomes of much values to all and sundry. The real deal is to overcome indolence and thereby avoid insolence from the younger generation in the future. Whoever is going for a battle must be prepared in the flesh and in the Spirit that it is not just a game of chance but a true fight.

The network of citizens who really desire change is such that progress is a function of true faith. That is not to eliminate social activity but to heighten the morale of the participants and recognize the role of spiritual values. What differentiates a believer from the worldly counterpart is that even in the place of chat, the real time communication is guided and the thoughts are based on an established reference. Even in the use of cutting-edge technologies with a wide audience and broad content, you have to shine as a light. One mistake you should not make is to let a piece of device or equipment to dictate its full purpose of use. You have to mastermind the implementation so that it does not pose harm or corruption to the users. You have the moral obligation to make it limited as it ought to, in order to optimize your own potentials.

The evidence of having received an honor is not in assuming all the powers of an office. Several arrogant folks for the sake of short-lived positions think of themselves as equal to legends who have been of that dispensation for long. Dressing nurtures the attitude of the mind; hence, you don't need to quickly start addressing yourself with some huge titles and codes of conduct. It is neither wise nor professional for a young upcoming person in career to behave in an arrogant way before his contemporaries or age mates because of some positions or office. While I was serving as a Permanent Staff of NCCF, some leaders who seem to be overwhelmed with their position and education will always put on suit and begin to assume authority over their fellow corps members. They do this even while others have gone out to the creeks to seek for lands in need of development. In a moment, they are already looking for platforms to do public speaking. And if care is not taken, they will frame your gentility for an advantage with experienced people. But we need to be instruments of change, starting with lowly vacancies to avoid assuming another man's job in the economy or encroaching into people's office too early. At times, it

could breed youthful exuberance mounting the podium underage in a bid to mimic clergy and leaders. This sort of package has become a weakness on the part of young leaders who fail to identify with family until it is late.

It does no harm to admit being of a lower rank and at a similar level with your mates; it pays better to motivate and challenge your peers to a visionary life. The fact is that no matter how you magnify your judgment of yourself, the financial equivalence and income remains the same. This humble disposition helps one not to assume equality with tutors and mentors. You could admit being an amateur or novice today so that tomorrow you become professional; student today, professor tomorrow; laity today, clergy tomorrow; and passenger today and driver tomorrow. In essence, it pays to accept being a follower so that you can gradually mature into a leader to the witness of all who may have been taking note of your progress. Jumping of steps even in Mathematics could result to the wrong answer or conclusions.

The Almighty Lord will grant us liberation from all manner of unexpected hatred and malice. Perhaps, there are several bodies willing to fund the studies of some diligent student who wish to go far in academics. Applying and sitting for their exams could motivate one to seek for admission in some top-ranking universities. Mere pursuit of such offers seems to be greed to some people. When you pursue excellence for the dignity of manhood, even neighboring ladies begin to harbor some friction and grudges as though your aspirations interfere with their success. There is an equal ground for fair play, none the less; gender equality should not be abused. Teaching and learning is for all. But knowledge is for the person who is also willing to raise lives after acquiring it. How many of our learned ladies are found in the academic profession in the tertiary institution? As compared to the number that enrolled as students to get the degree, it is limited. The rest has filed their qualifications for some other personal interest. That is the reason why several of the young ones lament of molestation because only a few matured women are willing to remain and give back.

Education is not a basis for some people to lose an understanding of their age and class in the society. While some matured people are facing some traditional courses like agriculture, some ambitious minds struggle to be exempted from such productive labor. Some fight for the power to oppress even their intimate fellows in the community but one day they will realize how deserted they have become by being as cruel as a nursing dog driving a stranger. Scholarship bodies like the Commonwealth and Chevening open applications during the August to November period to allow academic-conscious graduates seeking support for postgraduate studies in the United Kingdom. The quest for a good sponsorship to the Ox-Bridge caliber of universities is neither over-ambition nor a sign of poverty; but a willingness to accept help in order to embrace a better living and secure the future. People suffer when they lack knowledge and information, hence, it takes sufficient light to rigor out of the dangerous weapons that some are using to loot our inheritance. If we fold our hands and sleep, some daughters of Jezebel and sons of Belial

would not mind to reap the harvest of the labor of our fathers. The ultimate search is for hearts that would not mind to show love instead of leaving their loved ones in a reckless abandon in pursuit of wealth and power. The Lord will not fail to disappoint hypocrites in producing their replacement in divine agenda.

The rate at which some public officials are hoarding jobs and appointment for their relatives is becoming alarming. It is high level of nepotism against the younger generation. It could be unfair for a few privileged people to sit on the right of others to point out minor errors in applications and documents. Some would capitalize on such negligible reasons to pose much delay and cause injustice to their applicants to see if they will run out of patience. At times, you could be in a position of merit and some are consciously probing to ensure that you are denied the privileges that should be granted to you. Some parastatal government offices use favoritism to stagnate the progress of the labor by bringing in their own locals quickly into the system. It is very discouraging that while the patience of many is being stressed, they expect the masses to give up on the change that they deserve. The Lord will grant his people open heavens for showers of blessings to erode our enemies from their shaky foundations. We need to survive for the system of our economy to advance and make progress. Some would hold a piece of national cake so high with scrutiny telling their candidates to come today and tomorrow. Some push to the wall even persons recognized in character and learning; their aim is for one to lose heart and make a wrong utterance or action. The way such people are ruling the system with partiality will soon make them the victims of the change that the whole economy is yearning for. The ample opportunity for everybody to succeed is there, however, a limited few are fighting as elephants that trample on grasses.

Nevertheless, there is no hurry in life; whatever seeds a person sows, he will reap. It takes the Spirit of God to endure what goes on in our public offices without deviating off a tangent of corruption. Several people who thought that unrighteousness is an alternative to uprightness have rushed to their early grave in desperation for material gain. No matter what the enemy proposes in enmity, the Lord of Hosts will see us through. Some have stretched the limits of our salvation, but the best is yet to happen for a better testimony. Notwithstanding all the temptations, the Lord will yet open greater doors for his people. The year is yet to unfold several miracles to the people of God. No matter the shackles of bondage hindering the breakthrough of the children of God, there is no limit to our destiny.

Not as though we fast and pray without goals. We live daily facing frustrations that come as a result of various forces even amongst family members. Several tensions begin to arise and some want to point accusing fingers on other people's health conditions. At a point, you have to admit that some people's care is not worth the peace and freedom you enjoy being left alone; but enough of the mediocrity and the tendency to shy away from responsibility. Some do business but refuse meetings that encourage us to be organized entrepreneurs. Some ignorant souls get

lost in an adamant religious loop of activities with a traditional sentiment to settle down for less. According to an African pop musician “There is nobody that cannot make it in life.” That is more reason why we shouldn’t relax in endless routine of eating and drinking, even for funeral rites in the vicinity. If we dwell at ease in merriment, hardship and suffering will thrive and we will remain the slaves of bondage under diverse lusts. We ought to use our various careers as platforms to eradicate poverty and eliminate every bias that developed nations use to stigmatize our race. The African youth deserve the access to state-of-the-art facilities for better training in advanced countries, in order to further the development in our nation and not get lost or fade into oblivion with unrestrained oversea struggles at diverse lands.

CHAPTER FOUR – FAMILY AND FELLOWSHIP LIFE

Preamble: It was the very first 16th August in the last decade of 20th century/2nd millennium - a unique day with tears of joy, as another baby boy was added to the family. Less than SIX MONTHS afterwards... another tears flowed! This time, tears for real – one that won't be forgotten soon. The family had been torn apart.

A PREGNANT WIFE with her few months old baby, and mother-in-law had been chased out into the dark, scorching, harmattan-ridden night, to abandon her TWO OLDER CHILDREN with the perpetrator.

How was the baby going to survive a long cold night - journeying back to the village? How??? The long agonizing journey ended in hysteria. The baby is dead! A young mother and her family are uncontrollable as a marriage barely more than SIX YEARS has ended in this tragedy. Well, God must have been seriously touched that historic morning as he revived that baby, after much travails from the weeping family.

Anyways, that was me. My fate had been sealed for the village!

THE NEXT SIX YEARS was solely lived with grannies - a quiet, sickly boy that had found perfect solace in sleep. Will he ever become fit to start formal schooling? May be; May be not.

After SIX YEARS of infant solitude, primary education started - in a public village school.

Endless sit-down-strikes and intermittencies left mum no choice, but to transfer US to a private primary school nearby - in the village. At the age of 12, primary education was over.

What could have inspired the proprietress of that private school to advice mum to invest in OUR education? Where was the money going to come from anyways, even if she buys the idea?

Well, it seems my fate was not sealed for the village after all. It all boiled down to what a single mom with 4 kids, was ready to pass through to heed the advice she was given.

FEW MONTHS LATER, after much hassles by that virtuous woman; I finally stepped beyond the borders of that village for the first time, since that fateful divorce journey.

Secondary school journey had just begun! WELCOME TO FGC OKIGWE, aka, the Canaan land - the land full of milk and honey. The most memorable SIX YEARS of my life till date had just started. But before you knew it, it was all gone!

SIX YEARS had gone bye; friends had been made - memories to remember. Most importantly, wonderful grades had been achieved.

It was time to move on to the next level. However, the question again was: "with the wonderful grades, how do THESE KIDS further their education?" Well, some things defy human understanding.

Needless to say, FEW MONTHS LATER, undergraduate life ensued: Welcome to Africa's most beautiful campus. Without knowing anybody, not even been to Osun State before... admission was secured: Department of Architecture, OBAFEMI AWOLowo UNIVERSITY, ILE-IFE!

On 30TH NOVEMBER 2008, B.Sc. kicked off, and by early 2013 - kudos to ASUU strikes - it was over once again. (Wonderful) M.Sc. grades made.

JUST EIGHT WEEKS LATER, after the usual long vac., M.Sc. journey started - still that village

boy.

By early March 2015, M.Sc. was over as usual, PhD grade met. The only question was: "do I want to further?"

Not done yet:

JUST FEW DAYS AFTER M.Sc. final defense, 21-day NYSC camp experience followed.

Welcome to Ikare-Akoko, Ondo State - no connection, no rigging. Yes, I was a secondary school teacher for a year. Come 14TH APRIL 2016, NYSC was over. Well, this time I also got the needed qualifications, because just 4 DAYS LATER, the cert. was ready to serve me right:

On 18TH APRIL 2016, I came to Abuja for the first time. Why? I have been invited for a job interview - the details of how it came about equally justifies that these are all miracles.

The next day, I was back in Ondo state to pack for good...

And BEFORE THE NYSC 3-WEEK TERMINAL LEAVE WAS OVER, I'd fully resumed work - in my current workplace.

The same sickly boy that started schooling a bit late had gone from primary to postgraduate level - non-stop!

This is not Nollywood - not the wedding party - this is my life!

I've never felt compelled to share this, because it's rather personal. But then, anytime I look back and reflect how it all began; I realize I owe some real testimonies: "The testimony of a village boy!"

The memories of the village life in my childhood days still haunts my thoughts, with a touch of nostalgia:

The days WE went hunting in the bush;

The times WE went farming with granny;

The moments WE played with tires, half-naked.

All these damn memories still seem like yesterday.

I still see some of those childhood friends, and I tend to ask myself:

Why me?

Why all the speed in my life?

What have I so wonderfully done anyways?

But then, I realized God spared my life that divorce night for some serious reasons.

Nothing else can explain this drastic metamorphosis, because I know it's not by my cheer effort.

This is the first year in the past 20 YEARS, that comes with no formal education ties for me - no primary, no secondary, no tertiary, academic engagements of any sort - the first 26 YEARS of my life had taken care of all that!

So, I warmly welcome myself to the second phase of my life.

In this phase, boys have turned men. No more GP, no more school projects, no more theories, not even thesis! Now we're talking professional, practical, and mission-oriented matters.

Welcome to 2017.

The Testimony of Udeze Daniel (M.Arch OAU Ile-Ife) on January 1, 2017.

This piece of life story by a brother whom I spent the first seventeen years of my life with has inspired me to write on the family structure in the elite African society. He was quite a patient brother that carried me along all through childhood that we started Primary one the same day even though he was older; and secured admission in Federal Universities on merit the same month. We transferred to a private school together at Primary Three and finished basic education together. The spirit of excellence started together as we took delight in Mathematics and Fine art. We would normally draw pictures and cartoons from books and newspapers and show to parents, neighbors and teachers. We perfected the artworks that at a point we took all the Nigerian Currency notes and drew them of the same size as original notes with various colors of ballpoint ink pen and gave the Proprietress of the institution – Kiddies Montessori Nursery & Primary School Nnewi. During the Primary School Send forth Awards in Primary Six 2002, the management gave their judgment and awarded Dan the best Fine Arts student and me the best Mathematics student.

In the West African family setting, a misunderstanding between couples who stay apart could arise as a result of the forces of Grandparents in the town who seek the attention of their blood wards to take care of them at old age. With both parents living independent and doing well in their businesses, education was never interrupted for a minute even though we spent much childhood days at the feet of maternal grandparents and paternal grandma. It was never a disadvantage learning discipline and culture from them; it was a motivation to fill up the gaps that some kids received as silver spoon. Throughout primary education maternal grandma will always wake up at midnight to say her prayers and see us awake with kerosene lanterns doing assignment at midnight and her first question in vernacular would be “Haven’t you slept yet?” We will say in unison, “No, the teachers gave us assignment!” We might not have been the most punctual for the lack of vehicles. We might not have been the ones with the most delicious lesson meals and snacks. Be sure, we were known for neatness and excellence. I remember the likes of the daughters of Oboh and Okonkwo who claimed to be born with silver spoon living in the parents’ mansions. Little did they know that my father has several of those mansions even in that same local government area and community; I rather stayed in the humble abode of grannies and answer my father’s family name Udeze. Today, I have seen many of them marry and go into their homes even before they graduate and become NYSC discharged.

One of the Form Teachers in Primary Six when asked if I could be nominated for class prefect or represent the school in a debate gave a negative response. To her, the simple fact that my name rarely appeared in the list of noise-makers could mean that I stammered. I only preferred a silent attitude and giving answers in class only when a teacher asks the question directly to me. We work diligently to be sure that some derogatory opinions never become realities. Since that period I never try to shy away from leadership responsibilities. However, my choices even in Colleges of the roles to play as a school delegate in competitions often boils down to written

Mathematics Competition. I remember once, at SSS1 when I had to sit for National Mathematical Center (NMC) Abuja inter-state Maths Competition. I scored up to 92% at the written stage but the moment the next phase moved to oral quiz, I gradually withdrew. It is not that I had some phobia for public functions. Indeed growing up amongst elders created a sort of introvert attitude in my social life. Thank God, today I am a university faculty member who delivers academic lectures to undergraduates on campus.

It was not a coincidence that when we sat for the common entrance examination to Federal Unity Schools that only a few of us including Dan had “YES QUALIFIED”. Many others in the same page had “NO DISQUALIFIED”. I still keep that little slip amongst my documents. It was indeed a challenge, a very great task getting enrolled at Federal Government College (FGC) Okigwe in Imo State as both of us were the first of our parents’ wards to get that admission. Mum had to go and solicit for funds with several of her husband’s family people and kindred domiciled in Lagos. Eventually, we started school about a month late because we also had to travel to the neighboring State for College Education. That term, I was at the twelfth (12th) position in class. It was a blow, it had never happened but you can be sure I am now in a school with Students and Teachers from all over the country. The next term I rose to the second (2nd) position in class – a little improvement. To regain the lost glory, I had to make an average of 91.5 in the third term to be awarded the Best Student Overall (Academics) JSS1. I never missed the first position again from that day in 2003 till 2008 when I left college. That same award I maintained for four out of five sessions until I had it with a plague and cash prize from Federal Government College Okigwe Old Students Association (FEGOCOOSA) at the thirtieth (30th) anniversary of the College in 2007 when I was in SSS3. But you can be sure I had a competent brother Dan who took the award with two ties with his hostel mates Ajah Anayo and Duru Emeka when I missed the award to severe toothache (gingivitis) at JSS3. The trio had thirteen (13) A’s in the JSS3 NECO and I had eleven (11), although I still received one of my usual awards Best Mathematics Student – never lost it for a day in College.

The Principal granted permission for all JSS3 students awaiting their NECO examination to remain in the school premises during the holiday period. This was as a result of an unusual date for the exams scheduled a few weeks after the resumption of the third term. He believed that if the exam class were asked to go for Holiday, the performance would be poor; they should remain in the premises for revision. It was quite a very wonderful time as some of us for the first time were in the hostels without seniors bullying us around. Notwithstanding, several school activities were not observed and feeding was not as it used to be. I was one of the students that fell ill on health grounds. It was toothache so severe that I couldn’t bite any food nor even use toothbrush on my teeth. My gums were swollen and all I could rely on were provisions. I was just coping with studies with hope that the exams would soon be written so that I can go home. It affected my performance, but not to a large extent. My mother was the person from my family who

visited to supplement my provisions, even though it was against the regular calendar of visiting days.

Federal Unity Schools were held up with much regards in standard of education; not just because they provide boarding facilities but that they try to make quality education affordable and competitive. The school management maintains some schemes with which they recognize good academic performance and sports activities and encourage competitions amongst students. They ensure that there are subject teachers for each class and enforce the habit of having complete set of textbooks in all subjects. The daily calendar was such that school activities ran from at least 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. As early as 7 a.m., the bell goes for breakfast and the prefects try to ensure that all students are present in the dining hall. By 7:30 a.m. the bell goes for the daily general assembly, and both staff and students even the Principals were expected to be in the Pavilion on time. A staff bus at times helps to convey staff members from the Staff Quarters to the assembly ground. Before 8:00 a.m. the assembly is over and classes start for the day. By 11:20 a.m. the bell goes for break and most students flood the kiosks and canteens to buy snacks. After a break of thirty minutes, classes continue until the school-over bell goes by 2:30 p.m. This is when hostel life commences fully for the students till the next day. The lunch bell goes immediately, five minutes after school-over. Four O'clock p.m. is the daily time for evening prep – a time for students to return to the classrooms and read on their own without any teacher or practical sessions. The bell for daily sports goes by 5 p.m. and all students are expected to be at the sports field whether participating or not. This was usually short-lived to an hour. By 6 p.m. the bell for evening meal goes; the last supper for the day. An hour after that, by 7 p.m., the bell for a two-hour evening prep goes. At times, it could be from 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Then the school power plant supplies power till lights-out by 11 p.m.; when all activities are concluded for the day.

The dining hall was a large center that can hold all the junior students or all the senior students at a time. Hence, it was traditional for junior students to eat and leave the halls for senior students except perhaps during some breakfast when they could be serving a light tea. The school menu had a stable feeding calendar. Every Monday morning all students were served bread and tea with a boiled egg. On Wednesday and Friday mornings, the same is served without an egg. Tuesdays and Thursdays breakfast were usually hot jollof rice served without much desert or appetizer. Saturday morning was usually graced with Yam and Stew while Sunday morning is a combination of Beans and corn pap. Most lunches were comprised of garri and soup, mostly two varieties namely, melon or draw soup. The school doesn't fail to serve students rice, stew and fish on Sunday afternoon to remind them of the treat they get at home. Dinners were made of more varieties ranging from beans, jollof rice, porridge yam, yam & beans, rice & beans etc. The dining hall master Mr. Adeyemi usually ensured that every student is allocated to a table of about ten students with a table-head who shared the pot of food. Mr Adeyemi was also my favorite Mathematics teacher who took me to several competitions to Owerri and Abuja including the Cowbell Competition, NMC Competitions, and Olympiad Competitions. I always tried to make

him and the school proud by getting some awards, medals, certifications and cash prizes. However, I never allowed external competitions to draw back my class performance and final O level results.

Life in the College classrooms was never boring; each student had his personal locker which contained his books and stationeries. Each class had a form teacher and comprises of A to about G. The junior classes were larger with average of fifty or more students while the senior classes had about forty or more students. This was because the school management would always place some strict criteria for promotion to the next class based on annual average score and character. Some students were asked to repeat a class, others advised to withdraw. Bad behavior might also warrant to repetition of class, suspension, expulsion or even rustication from Federal Unity Schools. Before such punishments bad students were first sent home to invite their parents. Offenders in cases such as extreme bullying of junior students, breaking of bounds and travelling without signed exit cards, stealing, staying in the hostels during classes, embezzlement of school fees and failure to make payment, homosexuality or sexual abuses, examination malpractice and insulting of staff were severely punished. Other minor offences could include using mufti clothes in hostels, smuggling of food from the dining hall, failure to resume school in the first week without cogent reason, truancy and nonchalant attitude to classes and other important school activities like morning assembly, damage of school property, loitering the staff quarters and bushes, and absence from the right hostel especially during Saturday morning general inspection.

All students knew that you can lose promotion to civil offences, exam malpractice or poor performance. So we worked hard as teams during the prep times, and independently in the exam hall. We were trained to reason independently during terminal exams; and up to tertiary institutions most of us learnt to live above cheating. I would always tell some of my classmates who still did, that cheating can never make them beat me in class, just as I told some of undergraduate course mates that sorting would never make them beat my CGPA. It was always a legacy to set the pace for others to follow. College was highly competitive with several intelligent students. Notwithstanding, if I realized that the normal classes and preps were not sustaining my records I would light the midnight rechargeable lantern. It worked, after the first two terms in JSS1C; I didn't give up the first position to anybody till after JSS3C when I joined SS1A with my elder brother. Again in SS1A nobody came first or second until me and Dan left the class at SS3A. The school had a tradition of recording test scores for continuous assessments (C.A.). There were first C.A. and second C.A. in every term. The form teachers would compute the average score for each student in the C.A. and the first five students will be called out at the assembly for handshakes while the last five were also called out to be identified. This was done twice a term before exams for the first C.A. and the second C.A. I wasn't so frequent in the C.A.'s because I always targeted the terminal exam scores and annual average; and so gave other people the opportunity of making the first five during C.A. Nevertheless, by the grace of God, I never appeared in the last five.

In College then, there were about seven (7) hostels: Charity House, Honesty House, Peace House, Unity House, Victory House, Faith House and Hope House. Each student belonged to a particular hostel and wore their checkered shirt and brown trouser/skirt uniform; usually long sleeve for seniors and short sleeves for juniors. Every Saturday, a team of staff members went round the hostels from about 9 a.m. on sanitary inspection. They took note of the cleanliness of the hostels and awarded marks to the hostels; and on Monday general assembly the results were announced according to the neatest hostels. This usually stirs up competitive cleaning of hostels on Fridays after school hours by 1:30 p.m. – a little earlier than other days. Each student was expected to submit bucket(s) of water to the house captain who shares the work to students mainly from JSS1 to SSS2. Failure to submit water on Friday or on other days of hostel cleaning would usually attract severe spanking from House prefects. Those memories haunt at times; it was a nightmare remembering that there was need to submit water and do some chores. Several circumstances surrounded this because the only school water bore-hole was about 500m from the hostels. So you have to fetch the water a night before the day of submission and ensure it was secured till when it was needed. There are chances of somebody playing sharp and taking your bucket or jerry-can even if it were just empty. So whenever there was need to submit water, you have to secure a good number of buckets first, and then fill them with water even if it implies hiding it under the bunk and sleeping on it; perhaps about three times a week.

Seniority, bullying and forceful extortion were pronounced in College, although subsequent school administrations have tried to ameliorate these. If you were not the type with endurance and hope, you would even consider dropping out for perhaps a Day school. Being a junior student was like finding yourself answerable to as many authorities as seniors in the school. In fact, you never really became a senior until you were in SS3; because the higher you go the more punishment you deserve for a light offence. A prefect can forgive a JSS1 student the offence of missing the meal served in the Dining hall; but an SS2 student should know that if caught he would suffer severely for it. I remember missing afternoon lunch and attending the night meal, and was identified by a school prefect for being absent for the previous meal. I had to report to his dormitory after the meal; the spanking was so much that he had to flog me under the toes on a bare feet. It doesn't matter if the activity you missed was labor or good meal in the dining hall. As a new student you only get the explanation of "That's school life!" You may equally hear this statement when you just dropped an item and looked away and in the next moment it disappears forever. This made most of us to etch our names or initials on every of our properties with a permanent marker. Even at that, if it falls into the wrong hands the names would be wiped out to destroy evidence of ownership. But you can't write your name on the provisions, so what senior students will do would be to extort the item with a tone of command like a police officer on duty.

Some would say "Dorm Boys! I need soap, after the counts of three!" Now, if soap does not appear after the counts of three, it was regarded as insults; and all the nearest boys around will face the next brutality of the moment; either with canes or bare knuckles. Then some of us

dreaded entering the hostels in the afternoon when seniors were like lions in their dens waiting for the next prey to come around. They were either with clothes to be washed and ironed; or with empty buckets that needed to be re-filled. So if you just venture uninvited to their presence, they can send you to the borehole or give you clothes that needed to be washed, dried and ironed before the next morning assembly without washing machine. Some were waiting for resumption time when every junior student around them should drop dues at their feet; else the entire term becomes a nightmare. For that reason alone, some would wake every junior student from SSS2 downwards, by midnight on a special occasion when everybody is in the hostel. They may give a short speech and say “Some of you have not been sweeping the hostels, you have not been fetching my water or ironing my clothes; and some of you are gypsies – you have not been sleeping in your dormitory; hence, tonight is red night!” They might just take time to harvest quality Dogoyaro canes and start displaying animalistic tendencies on the body of their juniors. Anyway, some have lost their admissions by so doing. They can equally point at any of your provisions or property and start making a demand as though the juniors are suppliers in the chain of the hostel economy.

I could remember my first night in college hostel; I started hearing names like Senior Magmus, Senior Barima etc. guys that had reputation and titles in seniority. Then I was allotted to the room of the Deputy Head Boy. The first night, I was gently sleeping on my bed when at lights-out somebody from nowhere came and asked me to shift that he does not have bed. I was sleeping at an up-bunk, so I shifted for the person to find some space, and he was lying next to the wall. Before morning, the huger guy just pushed me down the bunk and I sustained some bruises. All I got from friends was “Sorry, That’s school life.” At another occasion the Deputy Head Boy wanted to announce his presence to the hostel; then I was in Charity House. So he woke everybody in the dorm one night, made his brief speech and started his *red night* – your strokes were according to your class, more for seniors and less for juniors. All we were told afterwards was “Welcome to *Feddy!* The land flowing with milk and honey: Canaan land!” You needed to have some balls in other not to become a gypsy that hides in the bush or drop out before your time. The only option was academic excellence irrespective of the trends in the hostel. What they would normally tell you was, “Soon you will get school and it will be your turn.” That simply implied the hope of becoming the most senior in class in the college. Some resorted to having school fathers who could defend them in the face of trouble.

Then, being from an affluent home was not really an advantage or distinguishing factor. It doesn’t help anyone overcome the brutality of seniors or become more excellent in class. It could either place more pocket money in your wallet to drop more dues to many people in a bid to escape trouble by looking generous. That helped us to an extent to focus on our individual personality and talents. Your parents were not there to defend you or ask if you missed meals or were beaten by ravaging seniors. What I admired about being the senior in College was a time when nobody drives you about for school activities; you learnt to manage your time. It was a

time when one could secure a box room or cubicle and create more room for regulated studies with powerful lanterns. It was a time when you are exempted from much labor, and exercised more influence. Most importantly, it was a time when nobody harasses you about with bullying. Mine was a mixed school with both boys and girls so there were also social events like award nights, dance and drama night etc. Most of these events were mostly at night, so I lacked interest to an extent in being active but merely present. The school also held sports to a high esteem. We never missed the annual inter-house sports comprising of track and field events. The games included football championship, volleyball, basketball, badminton, table tennis, discus, hammer and javelin throwing. The track events included races: 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m relays, 5,000m race etc. It also gave room for some pageantry during the festival for the senior class. These sports activities prepared college delegates for the Federal Colleges (FEDCOL) games – a nationwide competition.

College life was made so disciplined especially in the hostels by the school prefects. At times, they could all go on duty and rain hell on defaulters in junior classes. Most of the times, their targets were usually SSS2 and SSS1 students who may miss school activities or come unprepared. To them, slight offences matter much. For instance, a student coming to the dining hall with incomplete set of eating cutlery is at fault; or a student without badge on his/her uniform; or a student on manual labor without good cutlass for boys or broom for girls. It was a time to also check neatness and punish offenders. They also took attendance on various occasions even in the dining hall, prep time in the classrooms and manual labor. At such occasions once the bell for any activity goes, you are not supposed to be at any other place but at the right venue. Some would take time to make such announcements with good grammar. For instance, “There will be a very mandatory manual labor on Thursday by 4:00 p.m.; and as such once the bell goes fly straight to the assembly ground; once you see me coming start running; once you see me running start flying; once you see me flying start somersaulting; I don’t want to see you gallivanting or perambulating around the hostel vicinity. If I catch you: Rubbish to the skies! Immaterial to the moon! ” They meant business, and once the bell goes, they stay at one point and stay “Lie down flat, I don’t want to see your face!” or “Start frog-jumping to the assembly ground.” Immediately, even up to a radius of 100m all the junior students will take the instruction if they didn’t want to incur wrath.

The College was a lively place that offered a fair play for all students; although it was always the survival of the fittest. Closing of a term and going for holidays usually brings much relief especially to junior students who will be exempted from hostel life for a season. The mere thought of resumption and returning back to the hostels used to bring much panic. To a junior student then, it was as though there were wolves in the hostels waiting for you to come back before they pounced on you. It was traditional for the boarding house masters and prefects to check you at the school gate on resumption to ensure you came back with all the listed properties prescribed by the management. You are expected to present your hostel belongings including

complete set of school uniforms: at least two pairs of day wear, two pairs of house wears, and a pair of Sunday worship white upon white. These must be accompanied with leather sandals and belts to avoid seeking other people's own. They also check to be sure that you had your mattress, pillows, bed-sheets, pillow cases, buckets, Gerry-cans, pajamas and some contributions to the House. They ensured you had your set of provisions to supplement for the food provided by the school without stealing or forcefully taking other students'. You are also checked for a complete list of books needed for your class. I was in the same class with my brother then and it was expected of us to present these things individually with names on it to prove the owner. In most cases we bought everything separately including textbooks.

As part of the discipline of raising youths with an independent ethical lifestyle, parents and guardians only visited once a month on the first Saturday. The Visiting Day was usually a long-awaited day for refurbishment and a taste of meal prepared at home. The College Dining Hall can so provide three square meals that you fail to eat your mother's food for a complete month. It was usually very tragic if your family fails to visit on the appointed day; other students will really express much pity for you and show some sympathy. At least, if parents cannot come they can delegate to another family member or a guardian to send some provisions and pocket money. Apart from the taste of good meals, parents also replaced consumed provisions and misplaced items on this occasion. It was also an occasion for students from affluent homes to flaunt the wealth of their family. But the school management always places a premium on what is permitted into the hostels. As a matter of fact, you are not expected to take edible cooked food or more than two set of provisions into the hostels. Visitors were not expected to cross the boundaries into students hostels for any reason; they are expected to lodge any complains to a staff member of the college, perhaps the Boarding Housemaster of the student.

Apart from parents and guardians visiting their children and wards, other general events were at times merged with visiting days. These may include Parents & Teachers Association (PTA) meetings or The Annual Speech and Prize-giving Day. The PTA meetings were held at least once a term to create a forum between parents and teaching staff members. This platform enables parents to air out the complaints laid by their wards and resolve issues arising from them. It is also an avenue for the school management to discuss with the parents on issues bothering students' welfare and possible reasons for school fees increment. For instance, the Principal, Dr. L.D.W. Kwagga, often raises alarm on student solidarity and vandalism. At times, he can mount charges for damages or incorporate it into the fees. The Annual Speech and Prize-giving Day is also a long awaited day in a session. Awards and open handshakes were given to the overall best student in each of the classes JSS2 to SSS3 based on the best average scores obtained in the previous session. Awards were also given to the best student on each subject in every class. The school was so impartial that they could call a student ten times if he merits ten academic awards. I remember being called up to four or more times in some occasions; and my brother too taking

some awards. Some people could become curious to know why the Udezses were taking so many awards in College.

Excellence never comes by chance; you have to diligently earn it in order to remain consistent without losing your crown to another. From SSS1 till SSS3, I and Dan were in A class and at the College Thirtieth Anniversary he took the Best Technical Student College Awards with a plaque and cash prize from the alumni, while I received the two awards mentioned earlier from the alumni too. Actually, the alumni gave out only eight (8) awards at that ceremony for the students, and we had three. I never allowed the instabilities of family background to push me into the class of many. My father never came for even a day's visit to any of my alma mater; he totally exonerated himself and delegated that responsibility to Mum, Mrs. Bernadette. In College you are only entitled to a visit from Parents and Guardians once in a month. The rest of the days you remained in the Boarding House. Seniority and House chores were like hell as a junior student. You had to learn to endure the cane from seniors and prefects on duty. For the experience, even as the Best Student I never coveted the position of prefects or Head Boys; they were not really a motivation but were becoming bullies in a semi-military environment. I rather became a pioneer President of Independent Corrupt Practices and other related offences Club (ICPC) at SSS3.

Some members of the ICPC had come to campaign for the need to have such clubs in Unity Schools to check the activities of some senior students and staff members in school premises. I picked interest since the leadership had a national interest at heart and not just an avenue to become a dreaded senior figure amongst students. Some students were fans of football that they don't mind breaking bounds to go watch football in town. Some were so addicted to eating from restaurants outside the school that they will put mufti regularly and start violating regulations. It starts with some bad influence: from going to town without exit card to shave hair on Friday; to going to watch Champions League; to going to the game house to play the Play Station II or III (PS2 or 3); and to several indecent places. On the other hand some young staff members had formed the habit of chasing students around even those they meet outside the premises of the college without exit card or on mufti. Some formed a group they called ECOMOG to catch students who loiter around the hostels during assembly time or classes. Initially, some had good intentions but at a point it all got corrupt with some seeking something out of people's pocket. So many students indicated interest in the club and we founded it. I was voted in as the President and Ajah Anayo who had the next higher votes as a Vice President. We had some other executive members and we all reported to a particular teacher who taught Further Maths to senior students and lectures at Abia State University (ABSU), Uturu. Our modus operandi was to report corrupt activities to him through petitions.

We often held meetings at the open pavilion on Fridays where I addressed the entirety of the members regularly and we made some constitutions to guide the body. Our intention was neither to leak information about students' private lives nor to indict a teacher. Actually no petition goes

to the staff adviser except through the President. Those were one of the few Student Clubs that is affiliated to a government body, ICPC. The rest were JETS Club (which I was initially a member of), Press Club etc. It wasn't as though we were saints hunting thieves; it was rather to correct the height of molestation, oppression and the mediocrity of corruption in the community. We handed over properly and the leadership was not an announcement of an underground-selected post holders. They were rather voted into office by an open free and fair election by the members. We had to equally take down minutes of our meetings to revisit them later. It proved to be a better approach to improving student-staff relationships. Reports from the events that go on in school were discussed in the meeting without mentioning more names than necessary; from the conclusion, an appropriate petition was drawn.

The people that inspired me the most were the likes of Mbadiwe Somadina who would not vie for the post of a prefect but to remain the usual College and State Delegate in Mathematics. By emulating him, I also became a regular college and State Delegate up to representing Imo State at the National Mathematical Centre Abuja with a Certificate of Excellence and cash prize at the age of fifteen (15). I rather learnt from seniors who set a target for their desirable SSCE result in WAEC and met it. I used to hear of people who make up to five A1s in SSCE, although I never heard of people having all A1. So I set my own target to achieve A1 in all my subjects, except perhaps English Language. To me then, the latter is not my mother tongue. For this reason, I decided to sit for eight subjects as permitted by the WAEC. Instead of bullying junior students around college I would rather work towards my target, to etch the name on the hearts of the next generation with a positive impact. Thanks to Dr. L. D. W. Kwagga, my Principal for his regular handshakes to awardees and his transformation agenda to minimize bullying amongst students while maintaining respect and discipline. Even as a Northerner, he built the new Chapel – The St. Luke's Chapel of Grace, the Open Pavilion and a Dual-Entry Main Gate within his tenure while I was a student.

Many fears muddled up towards the end of College education for continuity towards the University. Friends began to ask me "Do you think you would sit for the JAMB UME while still in college." There was not much confidence in family wealth. I would usually own up by faith and say God will provide. To me, if for the sake of my two older siblings already in the University my family asks me to wait, then I would work towards securing a government scholarship. During that season, together with Dan and Chris my elder brothers, we went for holidays in one of my Dad's houses in Otta, near Lagos where he resides. The vision for the mission was to secure WAEC and JAMB recommended texts on every of the eight SSCE subjects that we would sit for that period. Indeed, there is no room for excuses in life but to lay hold of opportunities to success. We had to let go of every bias and sentiments and seek support for studies.

In college, many science students developed this flair for Medicine and Surgery as though that was the most honorable course to study in the university. Already, the classes were divided into

about five sub-faculties: Technical (A), Engineering (B), Commercial (C), Science (D, E, F) and Law and Arts (G). I and Dan remained in the A class where Further Maths and Technical Drawing were almost compulsory. To me there was no need offering a subject if there is no hope of making A1 in it. Even though some teachers also spoke so well of MBBS program but I never desired becoming a medical doctor. My desire was to study an ultra-modern course on cutting-edge technology. By the Grace of God, about eight years after College, I have become a faculty member in a Federal University that lectures and assesses students from almost all faculties in Computer Science courses including the so-revered Medicine and Law students.

The target I set for SSCE was attained on first sitting, seven A1 and a credit in English Language. Performance shouldn't be a bottleneck in attaining desired goals, the bigger challenge should be funding. After College education I and Dan was ready to make separation to different federal universities. We sat for the JAMB UME and POST-UME and came up the first name in merit list in each of the schools we applied to as first choice. Politically, we were not at so much favor since the schools we wanted were in distant geo-political zones. The Head of my Department, a man that had a Master's degree from Manchester (Prof. E. E. Williams), at first rejected my O level results for clearance saying the he didn't see any grade for Biology. According to him, I can go home and sit for GCE and include Biology and perhaps re-apply for the admission. He could justify his claims by saying that I had been admitted into the Faculty of Sciences (now Physical Sciences), and that I would offer at least one Biology course along the line. Little did he know that I would be the first graduate that the University would award first class honors in Computer Science in the records of the school and retain as an academic staff.

In order not to argue with a HOD in the faculty, I simply approached the next higher office: office of the Dean of the Faculty of Sciences. His approach was to pull the JAMB Brochure for the discipline to find out the requirements for admission in Computer Science by the National Universities Commission (NUC). He then redirected me to the sub-Dean to treat the matter; I never saw staying at home for another year as an option. The sub-Dean pulled the Departmental handbook for Computer Science to find admission requirements. It simply spelt "A credit in English Language, Mathematics, Physics, 'Chemistry or Biology' and any other science subject." Lo and behold, I merit the criteria by having A1 in Chemistry and Further Mathematics, exempting me from the Biology criteria. Indeed while an undergraduate student I offered not less than twelve (12) compulsory Maths/Further Maths courses and only one compulsory Biology course. The argument couldn't derive a valid syllogism to withdraw my admission, hence, the Sub-Dean directed the Head to grant me clearance. He granted the clearance with the condition that I took his advice and still sat for Biology in an O level GCE. This I did when ASUU went on strike and added more feather to my cap by having an A1 in Biology WAEC GCE, altogether six A1s in Science Subjects, and two B3s including English Language, without sitting for Technical Drawing again. The Lord who did it before definitely did it in my life again. Success is not by chance; it ought to be consistent.

You must have noted Dan using the term ‘village boy’ in his testimony of 6-3-3-4 education at a stretch, non-stop until M.Arch award to him at OAU, Ile-Ife. Some distant cousins and friends usually have this notion that if you grow up around your grandparents, you become a local person. Being in the city should not be a weakness in making sound judgment. To be frank one of the reasons why I preferred University of Calabar even to some loud ranking schools especially in the South-West Nigeria was the location in a cool moderate city with much historical relevance to education in West Africa. You can be sure my B.Sc. project supervisor was a no-nonsense white Professor, Zsolt Lipscey. I learned to submit to elders and relate with senior colleagues by staying close to my Grandfather and his kindred. You prosper by helping elders live long. You can be sure once we left the corridors of the boarding house or campus, we return to the service and discipline of wise old sages during holidays. It is not a sign of weakness growing up in your place of origin; you rather learn to appreciate your heritage and culture lest somebody elsewhere convince you that his Local Government Area or country is preferable to your hometown. In it all, we were never myopic with our ambitions even though we found ourselves growing up amidst elders that may not have appreciated formal education themselves but perhaps gave their support to the next generation who did.

Where some people see as my village remains the home town of the Late Chief Odumegwu Emeka Ojukwu. It remains the clan of Igwe Kenneth Orizu III (CON). The community some may regard as their village remains the home of Dr. Cletus O. Ibeto (CON), the CEO of Ibeto Group of Companies, who I see in church often at St. Cletus Catholic Church, Nnewi, Anambra State. I speak of Nnewi-North because it is still the LGA that houses the third largest automobile market in the world including the INNOSON Vehicle Manufacturing (IVM) and two campuses of the Nnamdi Azikiwe University (UNIZIK). It could be cheer ignorance to migrate to a seemingly populous city and lose regards for your town and place of origin. You don’t develop the city by under-developing the rural areas. What makes the difference is your attitude to changing your environment and your mind set about the circumstances around you. Today Donald Trump is the successor of Barrack Obama, the 44th White House President of African descent. From studies, even though Obama’s Parents were polygamists to the extent that his father re-married in Kenya and his mother to an Indonesian, he remains an astute leader with records. Similarly, even though the Trump’s family suffered much wreck from diverse failure in marriages – to a count of three serial monogamies, he never had to lose election to the opposition of women like Hillary Clinton. He still emerged the 45th President of the United States with much wealth in real estate business to prove his emotional and financial stability.

Dan told his testimony as being born a few months before a failure in marriage. But I was born rather some months after the incident making Dan a year older than me. Some inquisitive college mates would always probe to know why we are not twins but seem to take the same pace in academics. I had to let some of them know that he is a year older than me but we started schooling the same day due to circumstances. Believe me, existence and child-bearing is never a

coincidence. I was rather born and named in the presence of my grannies who took absolute responsibility. Irrespective of the humble background I knew I was not from a poor or dishonorable home. God might have destined life to start from a low estate just like our Lord Jesus was born in a manger, but we have the freewill to wriggle out of the mire. Just like my elder brother my education was never truncated until I was awarded a first class and retained as a lecturer in a Federal University. Determination could mean that your friends boast of family wealth but you rather earn scholarships to remind them that Mum and Dad's wealth is in their pocket but I need to start earning mine early. There are several of such mates who would always want to prove that they were born with a silver spoon, but I let them understand that at times we lower the silver spoon to drink pure water from the fountain of all things.

Part of the Sustainable Development is to eradicate extreme hunger and poverty. Actually, the poverty you permit today remains with you tomorrow. People make reconciliations over poor relationships in the past, but a failure in your credentials today becomes a certificate you never like to flaunt. Amidst all the frictions in marriage, my parents would always take decisions to favor their children. When my father was training his first two children in the university and both me and Dan finished College, we thought perhaps he might ask us to wait for them to finish. But he rather said that anybody that passed JAMB UME and gains admission into the university would receive his sponsorship. Automatically, we were up to four in the university for about two sessions. Within a period of eight years, we all graduated from Federal Universities without anybody having less than a Second Class Degree. This is similar: some students who give excuses of frustration on campus as a reason for poor performance. But one of my course mates and a roommate on campus, Enebeli would always say "There is no excuse for failure; do what you can when others are still struggling to pass to avoid a faulty statement." That's true, nevertheless, I would throw a caution to the statement that it is not a do-or-die affair, to avoid giving it a desperate connotation.

You see a guy struggling on campus to the extent of bagging several scholarships in order to foot his bills. It is so as to secure a class of degree that might elevate one from poverty in the next few decades. Ladies might also want to go for the guy that has much physical things to flaunt – that's not a temptation to look flashy. You rather build a profile that should have a global reference so as not to waste your gifts and talents on campus chicks that tend to kill the vision. Just like I never had to attend Biology classes in College but had an A1 in Biology in GCE, at times, you need to find out what is required of you as a youth in order to be successful while not seeing instructions as stumbling blocks. It is a test of ability for a faculty member to demand that I sit for the Biology examination, of course when I eventually took a four credit Biological Science course in 200Level, I still had an A. It is also a test of obedience, because eventually today the Professor has become a senior colleague in the office. Reading became a culture as we try with vigor to achieve what has soon become our own meal ticket. As a man, you need to perceive exactly where the world around you is tending to so as not to lag behind. Not that we try to fit

into the mold of the world but that we maintain relevance in the dynamic era of science and technology.

Africa is not in darkness. Irrespective of diverse irreparable bridges that have broken in our lineages in Africa, we still don't choose polygamy but look through the eye of the needle to define clearly who the true family is and who is a stranger. Things might not be perfect in the family tree but we still climb the ladder letting other generations have enough legacies to see what we try to repair even as we build. Some people may know you so well that they might begin to tell your story the other way round, counting the ancestry of both the living and the dead. Believe it or not, you shape your world by writing down your goals and putting in all your potentials to attain it. Yes, you can! Once as an undergraduate on campus, again I set the target of bagging a first class honors amidst all rumors of victimization and tribalism in the strange land. Of course, you may never remain the best, but you avoid falling out of the range of the best. Like I said before, Barrack Obama met polygamous parents, but he set pace of proper family planning with his Ivy League potentials. Like you know, life is not a bed of roses; some ladies will still lurk around to label a successful man some scandals. As in Obama's case, he might have begotten a son, Luther Obama out of wedlock; but not that he married several wives as the past generations in his ancestry.

Several battles are involved in making a victorious family life. It was never easy passing through the four walls of the university. I had to also allow the university to pass through my experiences too. There were seasons when my family suspected an illness making them to withdraw me from campus on health grounds. Actually, it was not an ambition meeting some targets. It was a need to scale through some hurdles that the enemy has placed on the path of success. That was a period when I took notice of campus fellowships and the Peace House Discipleship. Some course mates noted an extremity in some of the doctrines and religious obligations of some of those religious organizations on campus. They had to inform my family that it seemed my choice of books had changed and that I soon became more radical in my approach towards faith. My family just had to take me back home for both medical and spiritual relegation. I was out of campus for almost a semester and I came back reformed with less religious burdens in my views about Christian obligations. I sat for all my semester exams through supplementary provisions by the school management.

It was after this exposure that I started partaking in extra-curricular activities on campus like students' politics. I was barely into 300Level when the incumbent president of the National Association of Computer Science Students (NACOSS) in my school chapter, Comrade Agala approached me before his handover that he would like me to be in the team of his successors. At first, I lacked interest but he told me to pick the form about three thousand (N3000) Naira only; and he would do the rest to ensure my victory. He informed me of my oppositions but emphasized that they seem to be arrogant and that he would have me as his preferred candidate for Director of Finance. One of my course mates, Enebeli that heard of the political interest

decided to be the campaign manager and create some awareness. I was beginning to develop cold feet towards delivering a manifesto as expected of all the candidates. It so happened that during that same period the Head of Department had nominated me alongside other three students to the Resident Electoral Commissioner (REC) of the State Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC) to serve in his office as Data Aggregation Technicians. So on the day of manifesto and elections, I was unavoidably absent due to the INEC appointment at the State Headquarters. Nevertheless, I won the election with about double of the opponents vote – a total landslide. That was the incoming 400L best student, Idu Dave Charles.

So was it; throughout my 300Level, I was the Director of Finance for NACOSS. You can be sure I was not there to pilfer the funds but to manage the finances. Already I was being paid by INEC as an ad hoc staff; I was on Shell Petroleum Development Corporation (SPDC) Scholarship; and was also given the Etisalat cash award for best Computer Science Student alongside others. So I had much for my personal expenses. All I do is sign students' receipts for payment of dues and release funds approved by the President for expenditures that will benefit the members of the Association. The administration didn't meet much finance in the purse, but we handed over with about 500% increase in the wealth of the organization making it about six times richer. After that tenure, I simply became a NACOSS Delegate in final year to Conferences like ISPON Tinapa Conference with several software exhibitions. With such opportunities I won some medals and certificates by representing the School at other Schools and Locations.

Participating in some of these events exposed me to much social awareness. But my target in it all was to graduate with the best class of degree. I was made to understand that family may never sponsor some of you personal goals. So the next inclination was to secure the future by earning a degree that would qualify me for scholarships for further degrees. Even though I still attended parties, sports events, clubs, swimming pools and played chess with friends, anybody that crossed the borderline towards affecting my CGPA negatively was FIRED. Verily, I need to be HIRED tomorrow for greater heights, so no room for mediocrity. You need to identify where you belong so that you will be able to depart from wrong influences that leave you in regrets all through life. There was no time to point fingers at even Lecturers and say they are the cause of my failures. It had to increase my efforts and by God's grace placed the records right for the next milestone. When eventually I noticed my family handing off from sponsorship, I was already getting an assurance of securing a good job. I wouldn't say my lecturers were saints, in fact, several students including indigenes lamented over the rate of failure and frustration. But to God be the Glory, I maintained a testimony: corruption and money will not get us there; it has to be by merit and grace all through.

I spent some of my days in the university hostel, Malabor Republic. In fact I started my life as a student there. It was another rugged ground with several great minds. It might not have been paved with gold, but it nurtured golden laurels. At times, we spent much time on informal

debates, deliberations and arguments in the halls on issues of education and the need to break records towards top-ranking universities. Most of us were almost from families of similar social class. There was a need to struggle and campaign for certain rights not with violence but on a peaceful demonstration with the right parties. We usually say, *Aluta Continua, Victoria Ascerta* – meaning the struggle continues; victory is sure. You don't hold a loaf of bread or a plate of food without sharing with a neighbor. You don't hold much money to visit a canteen without carrying a fellow *malabite* along. In college, giving was by discretion and some guys earned the integrity of being termed stingy. But in the university halls, we were more matured to know when a brother was in need. Some people borrow often without returning; you take precaution against next time. Nevertheless, you don't turn the person down entirely. You had to be sure of who you were dealing with because some had been in the halls for up to three years but still lacked matriculation number with a Department.

It was not poverty staying in the halls, it was experience. The ladies, the *malabresses* might visit hostels between 4:00 p.m. to 9 p.m. But you had to be sure of the lady you were bringing to the halls because they can still see you tomorrow and say “Hungry *Malabites! Malabites* like beans.” They may not have observed whether the halls were dirty; rather they take note of what guys eat in the halls. There was usually this relaxation spot between male hostels Halls 4-6 and female hostels Halls 8 & 9. It is called the Love Garden. It is surrounded with tall trees forming a canopy over some concrete chairs and table. You could sit with a lady on a good date and share some drinks or watch match with guys if you were a Football fan. Just beside it is another horticultural spot, called the Prayer garden. I spent much time there at 200level as though I would say all the prayers I needed on campus in one session. Several fellowship teams held open air meetings there. I was a cool brother in fellowship in 100level. But I also had to define my path when it came to final CGPA. Whatever association is not directly improving my grades could be deducting from it. Much time was spent on fellowship meetings that at a time I sought for a personal spiritual growth and privacy. I rather patronized Christian literature than sit all day sharing Rhema. So the Prayer garden was preferable to noisy fellowship activities because it harbored so much serenity that you wouldn't want to leave. It consists of ridges of assorted flowers and several layers of trees.

That is not to say that I didn't participate in the fellowship on campus but that I absconded from the leadership responsibilities to save my grades. To be frank, some fellowships dwell on much extra-curricular activities that could affect academic standards. Originally I partook in NFCS – Nigeria Federation of Catholic Students meetings; then Youth Fellowship of the Central Chapel; then NIFES – Nigeria Fellowship of Evangelical Students leadership meetings and finally the Peace House Discipleship. At that point, my faith was becoming a distraction to my studies that I had to make a choice on why I got admission into the university. To me, my final class of degree will tell what I did on campus. So I could lead a quiet life and relate with presidents of fellowships like the CU – Christian Union, SCM – Students Christian Movement and SU –

Scripture Union, and even the Joint Campus Christian Fellowship (JCCF) instead. When serious meetings were organized, I could sacrifice to miss lectures for a few days and follow some brothers to Gboko, Benue State for camp gatherings like Students Congress or Men's Convocation. Around the campus I would usually honor invitations of leaders of DLCF – Deeper Life Campus Fellowship because they seemed to have integrity in business. One of them in my class eventually became one of my project colleagues and contributed two functions to the server side scripts. We understood each other because he often took permission as a Prayer Secretary; but I would visit him at the hostel from my house off-campus in final year to be sure he was carried along. At times, we spent the all night discussing project progress.

Malabor, the major Hall area was a busy place booming with diverse activities ranging from academic, religious, business, romantic, social and sports events. Some people want to be noted for creating awareness; but the question is what type of awareness do they want to create? In college, some people will go to the dining hall and rush food, and some friends will hail them "Create Awareness!" Some even got it as nicknames *Creator!* In campus, several youths seemed to be at a stage when they were trying to define life and destiny. You see some that have become maniacs of attention-seeking posting their names and images on bills and printed papers around the community. Some would even attempt to damage the original paints on the walls to have their names crested around. Some brothers in Discipleship will call it, *self* or *emptiness*. To the elite, you need to leave a record for the next generation to have your name etched on their minds forever. If you actually do something great, people will embarrass you with loud ovations when you didn't expect them to recognize you. Two aspects that have aided many to veer off another tangent of ego are Campus Politics and Campus Fellowship. Both parties seek for leadership positions but some by taking arrogant and bold measures to get what they want. Some will even popularize some small unions and associations to give themselves a title.

These are the generations of undergraduates that should recognize that Africa needs a new breed of products from our universities. You go to some global ranking tables and the name of the entire nation is absent in the ranks. Not because we are not into education but because some of us are not seeking the right form of recognition. You see some students stand and blame lecturers for their failures and say that one faculty member tried to frustrate them. There is a deep need to leave mediocre excuses and build profile. An average student in the campus takes courses from about ten Departments before graduation by at least thirty different lecturers. Of course, a few may hold some bias against you but not in every case. If you failed, it could be in your choice of attitude towards them. It is not to give so much credit to the advanced world for the way they omit African countries in their charts. Some of those charts are political information produced by the same people to advertise themselves as the best above all. It's only God that gives the right honor and recognition to any system. The moment you seek even to submit a form of personal information to some of these institutions for admission they begin to pilfer your money by seeking your bank details. It is not supposed to be so, a system built on merit should not quickly

be insisting on material gain for the least of favor. We thank God for some African institutions of learning because they have not compromised in being ruled by money from application stage. However, it is high time we stopped seeking selfish profiles and build the overall image of our institutions and nation.

Notwithstanding, we fight hard to meet the standards obtainable across the globe. Some fellows have also used religious envelopes to wrap they financial mediocrity. Instead of working for an improved standard of living, they quickly dabble into affairs with women and early marriage. In most cases, some do so without tangible personal achievements to boast of, like houses or personal properties and assets. It's alarming that it was the same lectures we received, the same fellowships we attended and the same sermons we heard but they have used it to put Africa in more danger of educated families with poor family planning and much offspring from humble background. Much spirituality cannot excuse ignorance. No rest until success is achieved; more so, one success defines the milestone for another goal. We are patriots who wish very much to develop our fatherland. But we can't do that by getting ourselves tied down to diverse marital affairs and family responsibilities that are uncalled for in the society. While some travel around the world for better education, job and business, some hide under religious umbrella to hatch another breed of illiterates. It all starts by the simple thought of settling down when a country like Nigeria still boasts of perhaps just a Nobel Laureate (in Literature). Enough of the situation; where several graduates return to the same error of settling for less without industry experience or Capital.

Family life is so much an investment that you don't gamble with it thinking you will win. Just like several programmers who have also used technology to provide automated solace for the gambler on the streets with such platforms as NairaBet, MMM, 9jaBet etc. It is a pity that with all the attempts to make some men see a proper use of knowledge, they still engage their thought on fruitless ventures that does not encourage skill but fraud. A business built on probability without data will soon crash. We labor day and night to erect a stable economy based on ethical and professional reasoning and diligence. But the activities of some nefarious politicians and desperate clergy will crumble the value of the currency and liquidate foreign reserves. Database technologies that would manage academic and financial accounts get diverted into poor business ideas. These are desperate investors who gather knowledge without having a proper orientation of its use and land the whole economy in a mess. Why blame the government when some private investors will never accept some regulations. It all starts from the undergraduate classrooms where some young adults mismanage talents and nobody cares to guide. In the next generation monopoly markets and Capitalists begin to emerge to seek selfish affluence.

Our courses in the university do not lack quality but some level of coverage. It would have taken a few more efforts to standardize the activities of the academic community and create a balance in order to attain some global ranking. There is hope for Africa; that's when we build together as a nation. In a case when the West also run after the same error of seeing themselves as superior

and others as inferior, then the loop of political charts will continue. We can't deceive the Kingdom of God by making divine allocation seem to appear in only one corner of the economy. It takes much effort to build but even less time to diminish the entire outcome. It was in campus that some of us became fully aware of what is written in the tables of academic ranking in Nigeria, Africa and the Globe. We are not ignorant; indeed such information affects our allocations and reputation amongst nations. It may look like we work all day in oblivion without anyone taking note of our efforts. It appears as if our education has been downgraded to nothing. But we don't relent; some fingers of civilization have written and signed those charts. It takes some time of concerted attention and effort to reverse what some might have told as honest lies against our future. I say, their predictions are not right when they devalue even our currency and make our sweat look like water that is common in the rivers and much like the rain. If we fold our hands and watch what seems like an unchallenged defeat, then some hands could equally rewrite our history as though there was never a civilization in Egypt before the modern world.

We can achieve more when we eat less under the sun and labor with our turn to achieve the best under the competitive planet. What you have at hand is worth more than what the man you have never met is brandishing on the internet as the best. The sun shines twelve hours for each person on the planet. Some use their own hours to quickly publish themselves at the top as though others are below. No! We use our turns to defer sumptuous meals to the moon when no man has the sun to work. What you do with your twelve hours under the sun determines who the world sees you to be on planet earth; also how long you can stay awake to utilize your blessed man hours. It's not a sermon on fasting and prayer; it's a revolution that implies letting go of that plate of food at least till the sun goes down to meet the day's targets. The Day is pregnant, until the sun goes down it could yet bring forth some change. That is the philosophy of change under the sun. The world can't be changing when you are feasting or fisting a lady under the sun; rather by fasting to earn more glory in the land of the living. Africans need to make hay while the sun shines. It's not in procrastination to latter times. When I was younger, senior students and prefects flogged me to ensure I don't miss free food in the college dining halls. At a more matured age, my mother and some family members except perhaps my father used forceful measure even drugging to enforce regular meals. But when freedom is more in the decisions I take, I rather choose to say, that more food under the sun does not bring change or wealth. It only depletes the reserves for the future.

When you rise in the morning with the sun shining, make pact with the creator that it's yet another day to defer meals and sign deals with the Almighty. That's the way to rule like princes that feast not in the morning but laugh last. I had course mates that boasted most of drinking in beer parlors and clubbing all night. Yeah! At times, I went with them, I am not a sadist. Nonetheless, with all sobrieties, I maintain a discipline of not exceeding my limits. Sorry to say, on the day of Convocation several of them were absent. What are you celebrating between matriculation and convocation; the best students rather celebrate convocation not casual parties

around town. Every moment could be a high mood; but if some G7 countries like USA and Germany make you appear like the consumer in the industry, you need to strive to maintain a continuous supply of what you even produce. One day they will be honest to themselves in confessing that even the Oil and Gas you explore for the machines they manufacture is invaluable. The judgment of God is inevitable; let all men be liars and the Lord truthful. Some economies apply indomitable forces in bringing us down but we remain indefatigable in facing the challenges they pose. Our music industry and entertainment is heading towards global edutainment; nevertheless, we don't relent but recommend our geniuses who labor to achieve even a piece of original work.

Some people will empty our labor market by taking our best manpower with simple advertisements of scholarships and outsourced jobs in distant lands. Many go to such lands unprepared and find themselves wailing out of lack. The fact is that a man that has not learnt to fast and forego food to achieve some goals in a day may think he's still eating his bread beside a brother but a total stranger. Some nations are heathens and some communities are strange. You wouldn't like to find yourself in an obscure location without much experience or good neighbors to assist. That's why several people are encouraged to complete the National Service before seeking foreign training. NYSC will usually expose you to the type of treatments you get outside your local community. So if after serving in another state you wish to go to another country then you can equally magnify the treatment and form a picture of what it could result. This will reduce surprises. Some with good intentions have ended up prisoners and beggars in foreign lands or doing a dishonorable service to survive. Let no man despise the economy we labor day and night to establish. Our country remains in jeopardy when men don't believe in their efforts but dance to the tune of world leaders tooting their own horns. You can get a man under an air-conditioned working environment at the comfort of his country roaming about in a foreign territory with a mere exaggerated criticism of his country.

Every race has its choice of technological development. You don't term a man poor because of his use of technology in the area where it suits him the most. For instance, Nigeria appreciates good vehicles and communication technology but not fancy laboratories with state-of-the-art gadgets. The most recent models of cars in the global economy quickly becomes trendy our markets. The latest Computer operating systems, mobile devices and televised news broadcast systems like GoTV quickly sells. But you don't change a man's orientation to spend so much on imported technology when he has his to sell. Africa is not in darkness; we may not choose to maintain constant power supply because it comes with its own hazards; we may not maintain a constant network service because it has its own security challenges; but ignorant talks will get some people thinking that it's a big achievement to abandon family and plunge into no-man's land seeking fulfillment. Believe it or leave it, the day you learn to fast in your country and approach other economies with their strength and weaknesses that day you find more rest for your soul. You need to establish a feeding calendar to determine you elastic limit in enduring

hunger. What you cannot do here today in your economy, another may only take you to his economy to sap your strength of what he wants you to do for him with your physical energy. This simply implies that for the sake of world peace, any vacation or step you take to another land for business or pleasure has to be retrieved back to origin for the uniformity of development.

You see faculty members in the lecture rooms and offices working to produce publications that solve their national problems; you undermine them to the detriment of your career. It is not for us build castles in the air; it's time to appreciate our resources and manage them in solidarity and patriotism not with dogmatic bias. Again you ask yourself, apart from religious obligations of tithes and offerings, how many man-hours do I invest daily out of the twenty-four hour clock? You cannot be more productive than the amount of time you spend awake and working. At times, you fear that your health may break down, but even the electronic devices you use at work rarely break down after working for fifteen hours. You need rest perhaps, but sleep is sweet to the dozy soul. Some end up getting the jobs of sweepers in the neighborhood after younger generations have taken up the white collar jobs. You wonder; what was s/he doing when others gathered their profiles? Maybe they were sleeping away their man-hours thinking tomorrow will cater for itself. Every moment provides yet another opportunity to improve on the future. You need to study yourself out of poverty and ignorance before it sticks like a magnet. Never let promiscuity and indolence raise its ugly head in your life to cripple the potentials within. Some people think it's by flexing muscles. Use the skills you have iteratively while deferring food until the sun sets to another economy and success will identify with you. Gluttony and excessive sleep kills a generation. The moment you give into a lackluster attitude, you lose the rank and file of your contemporaries. It's not right to boast; rather we speak by faith of testimonies!

You need to fight a battle against sleepy eyes under the moon. That there is no power supply at night could mean, we work rather like the Chinese man on contract in a strange land, to light up the environment at night and work as though you were in another economy. I learnt to use powerful reading lanterns to set targets for even the WAEC and beat the records by predicting my results. Recently, I entered the WAEC office and a lady in the council seeing my SSCE asked "What diet did you take to write these papers so we can encourage the younger generation to eat in that manner." My result might not have been the best so far; nevertheless a target was met. To me it was not the diet but the habit; waking up without giving excuses of power failure. My College might have given light consistently from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. but it was still not enough. Even till university that culture of having a white led bulb or fluorescent rechargeable lantern remained with me so that I don't wear lenses too early in life. For this reason, I do most of my reading during the day to minimize any need to study at night. However, even if there was a need to study or not, watch with a candle light to keep wake and conscious of the progress of your success so that you don't celebrate another birthday unawares. Some non-entities and thoughtless world-lings achieve some popular and celebrated records; how much more elites in

the society. *Don't say good night to the lamp yet when it is still willing to give its light; a day might come when you need it to shine but it might have retired in assisting you.*

If we don't learn to manage the power supply available to us in the economy, we might not be able to generate more. Don't be afraid of men that fail you today; the day you succeed they will be the ones to introduce your profiles. It might frustrate to realize that while we labor to build our education in Africa, some people in other parts of the world take the glory as the best. Come to think of it, actually, best in what – in research, or academics? Perhaps, best in rank-making. We could yet be the best at silent labors – leading in reading but yet humble so as not to fumble with large assumptions. We could be the best in making education a reality to humanity without forging some high-sounding knowledge out of it. We could be the best in making the world see that the tertiary institution is an integral part of the society and not an excavation for some geniuses and laurels who are exceptional thinkers. We invent yet we relent in making it look like a new thing under the sun. You don't argue with a neighbor when all he wants to prove is that he was the best, he is the best, and will still remain the best tomorrow. He may evaluate himself and get a pass mark; but two people cannot go insane at the market place simultaneously, one has to be a sycophant. Let's build our heritage without inferiority; some nations will boast to insanity not when they see that you have remained the best in what you do best – ignoring self-made ranks and sustaining your natural development. Some prefer buildings that are taller than average trees; tell them to also fly and perch in a nest. We can fix our air-conditioners in a simple house and place inanimate gadgets on those tall masts to struggle with birds. Catastrophes like the 9/11 only strike a man that stages a dance show before foes in the name of advancement.

However, we don't write our destinies; divine providence could open some doors for us to achieve our dreams. I recall some years past in the NYSC Orientation camp at Kaiama in Bayelsa State. It happened that I was very regular at the evening Christian fellowship of NCCF. On the last day of general worship, like in the tradition of the organization, they had to announce the next State leaders and permanent staff members of the fellowship. This had to be from among the Batch 'A' corps members who were barely three weeks in camp. Within that short season, some of us had been interviewed up to thrice by the former leaders. On that last Sunday of camp, I was simply mounting the Samsung Camcorder taking video coverage of the events. When the State President (called Papa) started announcing the next leaders by simply mentioning their tag numbers; I heard him call BY/14A/0282. Then he said the person with that number should step up as the next State Evangelism Secretary (Rugged) and a Permanent Staff of the Organization. Rural Rugged Evangelism is the core vision of the fellowship; hence, the person at this position is regarded as the core visionary and a spokesperson on several occasions where he ought to bear the mantle.

There was neither room for excuses nor a time to start withdrawing from responsibilities. All of a sudden, I was called to serve at the Family House in the State Capital, Yenagoa. I never tried to give timidity a chance but rather started from minor duties until I had to perfect my skills in

using the Public Address System (PAS) frequently. I was given a whole file full of job description and several handover notes of predecessors. A quick observation I made was that apart from two ladies in the team who seem to be raised in the South-East Nigeria, the rest were all Yorubas and South-West graduates who formed ten out of the team of thirteen. My role in the State included regular Morning cries with megaphones; together with other evangelism wing members. I learned to wake up in the morning and visit several Secondary Schools to ensure that Assembly is conducted with morning devotion especially for the Christian students in the State Capital. Most times I had to prepare ahead of time for a brief charge for the students if called upon by the Principal or a Staff member to do so. At other times I simply visited when the students are having there break-time fellowship to organize them. There were occasions when we had to organize a film show for the students to motivate them on decent living.

Being a speaker had never been my strength as a leader; nevertheless the organization I worked for made it impromptu to invite you to a gathering, even to daily morning devotions and house events and ask you to mount the stage. That implied that I had to be prepared every moment for something to offer. Before then the only public office I had handled as an adult was that of a Director of Finance of a student body that had to deliver financial reports during congress meetings. Now it means that whenever the whole state had to embark on evangelism, I would have to start *scouting* for the right community. At times, I had to visit about five communities before each outreach before drawing conclusions with the State President. Only a few people like the State Prayer Secretary (*Powerful*), Olajide Stephen shared my burdens by following me to some of those communities. Bayelsa is in the Mangrove swamp sharing borders with the Atlantic Ocean. Most of the journeys were on speed boat with life jackets. Prior to that call I had barely entered the speed boat once in Lagos to Ibeche beach with friends. Now I had to travel frequently to countless communities in Southern Ijaw, Brass and Nembe LGAs on water.

Before going to a community, as in the tradition of the State *Rugged*, I had always carried along some letter-headed documents for the Community Development Chairman (CDC), the clergies in the land, the Local Chiefs, youth leaders and school Principals. This is done when a particular community had been finally chosen for a full three-day *Rural rugged*. We had to schedule each journey according to the timing of the boats that go in that direction, although our funding is from the fellowship purse. None the less, we were always expected to give financial balance of the journey as prompt as we deliver the reports of the trip. Usually, we first locate a *Corpers' lodge* in the community or similar provisions because it is practically impossible to finish the mission in one day. We had to visit each of the community leaders in their houses one after the other to share the vision with them. We tell them of the expected number of corps members in attendance, the possible relief materials – books, mosquito nets, clothes, buckets, eye glasses, drugs etc. We explain how we hope to conduct free counseling, prayer and medical outreach for three days for all members of the community. We tell them that we wish to conduct evening crusades and hence would need to get their full approval. When eventually we are accepted in a

particular community we fix date and theme and communicate in writing with the signature of the State President and Evangelism Secretary to the leaders in the land.

I remember on one of those occasions after visiting some communities Kalaba & Ayamabele in Yenagoa, I lost my mobile phone that evening. That day we arrived the community on a third visit (I and *Powerful*), and met the community members running around the rural area with a coffin of corpse on their heads. We met some dwarfs and aged people that barely could hear any language other than the local Izon language. We decided to finish every business and leave the village that night without sleeping over. However, we insisted on carrying out the programme in that land. There were several challenges, but that was supposed to be my last official *State rural rugged*. On the day the occasion was to start, I had already spent up to three consecutive days and night of *pre-rugged* in the land with a team of *Jesus Corpers*. Unknown to me my family members had been trying to contact me on phone to no avail. So they sent my eldest brother Chris from Port Harcourt to come and pick me up. They were bent on withdrawing me temporarily from the NYSC on health grounds. I tried to resist to no avail. They secured the permission of the NYSC State Corps Welfare and transported me back home the same day with some strong medications and injections. I didn't expect this, but to me I had played my major role of *scouting* and *pre-rugged* before that incident. I stayed at home with my family for about three weeks before returning to my Place of Primary Assignment (PPA).

Already I had witnessed two previous *State rugged*s, about five *Zonal rugged*s and a crusade within my tenure in office. The first *State Rugged* was as an incoming executive at Opuama community in Southern Ijaw LGA across water; that was the *Baptismal rugged* for Batch 'A' 2014 when I joined the service. We numbered up to three hundred (300) corps members, and most of us attended on a wooden market boat of large capacity. It took two full market boats to convey us from Yenagoa Jetty to that land. Some of us got to the community around 11 p.m. because the boats were slow and the rivers were winding. The second *State Rugged* was at Oweikorogha also in Southern Ijaw LGA across water. I spent up to nine consecutive days in this land during the course of the *rugged*. As the incumbent *State Rugged* to decide on the venue for the Batch 'B' *Baptismal rugged*, I chose this community for being close to the land even though it still took about three market boats to convey the attendants. We had to invite guest ministers including patrons and alumni leaders. Usually, we made better provision for the medical team and the two most senior executives (Jolaosho Oladapo – *Papa* & Oyedele Peter – *Uncle*). We lodged most others in a secured school premises provided by resident Principals. I usually worked together with the State Publicity Secretary (EIC), Akinsanmi Oluwasanmi Isaac to design the banners for the *Jesus Match* around the community with NYSC band. He was quite a competent guy – he was equally a best graduating student in his department with first class honors in Microbiology. Although he was not a computer scientist like me, rather a *hobbyist*; he was computer literate enough to do most banners while I did render some support.

To organize each of the *Rugged* was indeed demanding. I had to send out messages to all the zonal leaders across the State giving relevant information about the date and venue. It was also my duty to mobilize the NYSC band for the matching to be done with trumpets and band around the community. Most demanding was the area of convincing medical corps members to be present including nurses, medical doctors, optometrists, pharmacists, medical lab scientists, dentists etc. You have to also ensure the total welfare of their feeding, transportation and accommodation. Most times, some community leaders start sharing with you some tragic incidences that have befallen their land in recent times with hope that your visit should bring blessings. I needed to sign funds to maintain some of their damaged bridges and pipe borne water system. Many of them lamented that even though the Incumbent President of the country, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan was from their State, there were not yet roads access to their lands. We tried to offer our little explanations: that while much construction with scaffolds is going on at the State Capital and a major bridge has been built between Yenagoa and Southern Ijaw, the peculiarity of the terrain makes it increasingly difficult to link up all those lands with proper road network.

Of course, most of those communities even though oil rich are only accessible through boats. There were so many rivers, creeks and swamps around them making it very complex to construct bridges. For this reason, eighty percent (80%) of the houses in that local government are built with mud bricks and thatched roofs. They find it difficult conveying cements and building materials to the rural areas. Only a few elites could achieve such feat. However, much development was going on in the local governments on land. Much of the activities of the fellowship that season were channeled towards opening up those lands with at least education and the Light of the Gospel. Indeed even true religion was hard to find as the lands were infested with many white garment places of worship and shrines. You may not find any Roman Catholic Church but there were a few missionary Orthodox churches. Most Pentecostal church pastors and church planters in the area lamented over the negligence of their Overseers to their welfare. Most times they withdrew after a season to the State Capital or land.

There were some communities like Peremabiri also in Southern Ijaw that was renowned for communal clashes and poor leadership representation by politicians. I visited the community with *Powerful* but barely spent a night before retreating. It was already granted a military checkpoint for entrance and exit from the community. It was said that all the corps members sent to the community by the NYSC had redeployed due to incessant occurrences of violence amidst their youths and leaders. We barely met a young Orthodox clergy who briefed us on the challenges in the land and the tendencies of even the pastors to be caught up with scandals with their young ladies. Again, this land was a few hours on speed boat from land. We never returned there; we went there in the first place on the recommendation of some Yenagoa ministers as a land in need.

I recall a few trips I took with my predecessor, Boyejo Damola, a transitional *State Rugged*. Some of these trips were to expose me fully to the duties of the *Rugged* before his Passing out Parade (POP). It was part of our duty to cater for the welfare of members of the fellowship and generally corps members posted to distant lands and obscure locations. We got reports of a particular community Keme-Ebiama, also in Southern Ijaw, in the forest-thick oil-rich regions. Some corps members were posted there with no nearby banks and good transport systems. The community was indeed severely underdeveloped that most of the *Corpers' lodges* had never been maintained for up to thirty years and were surrounded with pits and mud houses. It was very difficult to find even a pit toilet due to the high water table. Many members of the community resorted to using the rivers for lavatory. At first, we set out from Yenagoa to locate the land. We had travelled about two hours on speed boat before meeting a military checkpoint between two oil companies across water near the only community with Telecommunications mast in that region. They waved all the boats back to remain in the next community till the next day, that it was too late to further the journey. We had to enter the community and look for corps members and lodge in their place till the next day. We introduced ourselves as State executives of NCCF and got some support while still putting on our NYSC ID cards and fellowship uniforms.

Early the next day, we commenced on the journey with another speed boat and eventually got to Keme-Ebiama. We spent two days in the community relating with, interviewing and organizing the corps members in the land. Many of them would simply decline and say they are not interested in leadership but would love to be part of the fellowship. The state of their lodges were terrible, some had their roofs half-open or leaking with walls full of spirogyra. We successfully established a fellowship amongst the corps members and appointed some executives. We invited the Coordinator and Secretary of that new zone to the State Family house for the forthcoming State Conference and General Council (GENCO) meeting. They honored the invitation and that was how a zone was granted to that arm of the fellowship.

My last trip with my predecessor was the most risky. It was to a community with a handful of corps members who were posted to a land without motor-able road access or clear river access. We trekked so long into the swampy slippery bush paths. We barely arrived before it was dark. We interviewed some of the corps members and found out that there was no hope of having a fellowship of united corps members in that land since many of them had several different denominations and religions, even Muslims. We decided to return to the Family House that night. It was already dark and the slippery tracks had water-logged swamps beside them. All we did was to pull off our shoes for more stamina on the slippery dark roads. At a point we began to wonder whether we were lost in the bush, without voices, houses or meeting people for about thirty minutes. We barely made it to the land on foot before 11 P.M. and arrived at the Family House about midnight. At times, I felt cheated as the *State Rugged* (core vision). Not even the National Delegate Conference (NDC) members or the drivers (TOSMAN) had to embark on

such *scouting*. I was made to understand that apart from Plateau State where the Headquarters of the fellowship is located, it was only in Bayelsa State that the *State Rugged* is made a Permanent Staff alongside NDC Delegates and TOSMAN because of the **peculiarity of the terrain**. By so doing, he is as well exempted from routine PPA duties like other regular corps members. It was a principle that we don't commission rural rugged evangelism in any community without corps members. Evidently, some of those lands had treated corps members harshly before they fled. So the moment we visited a community and do not receive good treatment or fair news about NYSC activities in the land, we dusted the sole of our feet and left the land. Some of those interior dark places are still infested with idolatry, extreme poverty and hunger.

The first *Zonal Rugged* was organized by Amassoma zone sited close to the Niger Delta University (NDU). The Coordinator of the zone was an active graduate of Nnamdi Azikiwe University (UNIZIK). They led the *rural rugged* in a community Ossiana in Southern Ijaw. It was about an hour on water from the Amassoma Jetty. I spent about six (6) days in the land because I had to join the *post-rugged* team after the major program. It was another community infested with huts and retarded development. There, I took notice of the Drama Director (*Prophet*), Ekukwu Faith Onyinyechi. She was a lovely lady and proved herself gracious in leading the state drama crew. Although fragile and tender in attitude, she was a grounded graduate of the Madonna University Okija, Anambra State. People usually confuse her for a pure-bred Igbo girl but she is from Rivers State and loved mixing with brothers in the house. She was one of the first people I met in camp. We just arrived at the NYSC camp and there were up to six stages of registrations. The crowd was much with little orientation and several people were busy jumping the queue. I stood my ground patiently and noted that Ms. Onyinye seems not to be perturbed with the rush. Then, we had never even started the Fellowship. But we still met at the Fellowship and became State Executives and were posted to the Family House. We thank the Lord for safety.

The next *zonal rugged* was held at Angalabiri community by Sagbama zone. The coordinator of the zone was an astute Yoruba brother that had some discipleship foundations. While we were on the journey to Opuama State Rugged, I collected a book *Silent Labours by Gbile Akanni* from him and returned it to him after reading it on the evangelism ground. It was much risk going to this community Angalabiri because at the entrance of the village lies a very narrow bridge over a very deep stream. The bridge was very old with barely and side rails and could hardly accommodate the two side tires of a car. However, we crossed it with a Toyota Hiace minibus. Each time we passed there, one could hardly look down the sides of the bridge; the sides were very steep. We thank God for the driving Skills of the Travelling and Organizing Secretary (TOSMAN), Akinuoye Tolulope Isaac. He was a young graduate of the Achiever's University and was vast in Technical knowledge. At the crusade ground, I was called upon by the *zonal Papa* to minister for about ten minutes before the guest minister of the day would mount the podium. I was given an interpreter who translated everything I said to native Izon language. We

tarried for the entire three days at the house of one the top Christian leaders in the town with a Living Faith Parish in his compound.

The people of Sagbama were good fishermen who made nets for fishing purpose. At night, we usually came out, and did prayer walk around the community as is in the manner of the prayer band. Very early in the morning, we did the Morning Cry, and since this community had working loud speakers of town criers mounted around it, we had to pay a few token to use it briefly. Part of our duties those *rugged* days were to go from house to house preaching, praying counseling and doing sanitation and charity. Many of those communities received us well, although we had to walk in groups since we were new to the land. The major rule for every participating corps member was neither to buy anything from the community nor accept gifts. We were self sufficient and came with all that we needed for the few days; the welfare wing had to always run the *Mama's shop* for corps members who may want to buy basic edible things on *rugged ground*.

After that zonal rural rugged evangelism, the Sagbama zone handed over to another set of executives because of the passing out of some leaders from the NYSC program. This next set of leaders insisted on hosting another *zonal rugged*. As the *State Rugged*, my duty at every GENCO Meeting in the State Family House was to defend the course of zones who may wish to host evangelism and assure that the State grants support with banners, drugs, NYSC band, medical team and *Jesus Corpers*. So they held the program in Ebedebiri community. It was a community on land, not quite far from the East-West Highway and was motor-able without any need to ply with boats. The turn-up was not so much from the community but every phase of the program was carried out. I didn't have to stay till the end of the three days because NCCF Bayelsa was hosting a two-day crusade concurrently at the Patience Jonathan Stadium, Otueke, Ogbia LGA. I needed to be present in the program; hence I returned to the Family House and together with the TOSMAN, we drove down to the venue.

My role on that occasion was to join the Bible Study Secretary (*Rabbi*), John Stephen and conduct a series of interview for the zone. It was a time to appoint the next set of leaders for that arm of the fellowship. We interviewed non-stop until dawn since the *Corpers' Lodge* was a big one. The incumbent President of Nigeria as of 2014, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan is from that community. Hence, the lodge attracted so much influence from all over the country. There were several projects involving the construction of a new one-storey lodge for the corps members there. It was expedient to strengthen the fellowship there since it was gaining much population as compared to the one at the State capital. It was a lodge much equipped with sports and recreational facilities compared to other lodges in the state. There was another occasion when Nigerian Fellowship of Evangelical Students (NIFES), Bayelsa State Chapter hosted a three-day outreach in Ogbia LGA and invited NCCF. We honored the invitation and went with a medical team and some Family House Executives. It was a fulfilled season counseling and hosting impactful meetings with people in the rural areas who needed it the most. We didn't host a rural

rugged in Ogbia because it already was receiving some quota of development from the government and needed not much relief.

After that season, I attended a good number of zonal interviews with other State leaders. There were some zones that were going moribund due to incessant changes of leadership and the need for good succession. The fellowship committed each zone to a State Executive to intercede on their behalf and visit them when necessary. As a permanent staff I was assigned some of the tough zones that needed dedicated attention. I had to visit Oporoma zone in Southern Ijaw with the Out-gone Drama Director, Chukwuemeka Ogbonnaya who was still in the house. We spent all night at the lodge settling disputes arising from poor relationship amongst leaders in the lodge. There was a serious challenge getting corps members who were willing to succeed the incumbent executives. We had come all the way from Yenagoa, about forty-five minutes on speed boat from the Ayama-Ijaw jetty and were almost going without the chances of appointing new leaders. Several gossips in the lodge could hamper the growth of the organization there. We left the community and went to Otuan community about forty-five minutes again on speed boat in Southern Ijaw. We were able to set up a leadership committee there although we had to merge some positions to get a full team. We returned to the Family House a few days later with the list of incoming leaders in Otuan but nothing to show for Oporoma.

Together with the President Jolaosho (*Papa*), a graduate of Animal Science, Federal University of Technology Abeokuta, we set out on a second visit to Oporoma and Otuan. He equally was a young first class graduate with the fear of God. Both of us seemed to have shared some childhood experience in Ogun State where he studied. My father resides in Otta LGA, where the former President of Nigeria Olusegun Obasanjo hails from. So we blended on certain issues of convictions and academics. Only both of us went on this journey, but we insisted on achieving results by faithfulness. It was believed the Core visionary and the President will not embark on a journey and return with sad news. Instead of saying nobody was willing to serve; we visited the house of the patron of the fellowship and appointed acting executives. In NCCF, a leader must be willing to serve before you bestow any position on him/her. With that milestone, we invited the top delegates for the GENCO meeting. We also visited Otuan again to see the patrons and strengthen the fellowship there since they needed some encouragement.

Another journey I embarked on with *Papa* was to Eweleso community in Nembe LGA. The Chief Patron of NCCF Bayelsa, Engr. Dika Moses hailed from that community. He was the State Minister of Works and Power at the Secretariat in Yenagoa and an Evangelical. He often hosted State Executives in his house for Dinner and gave much time to counsel leaders and supervise their major projects. He equally assists in times of fund-raising to guide corps members on where to solicit funds while making his own contributions. He was a well-built man that graduated from Ahmadu Bello University (ABU) with his wife. We had scheduled that visit to find out if that community can be considered for the next *State Rugged*. Several corps members were also posted there but it was several hours into the creeks. We had to travel on the Fellowship Toyota

Hiace for a long time until we stopped at a community where a Toyota Hilux Van was provided for us. We continued the journey to Amakalakala where there was a speed boat jetty to the nooks and crannies of Nembe.

We entered a boat that headed for Eweleso, but the few passengers apart from our escort were mean-looking native guys who jumped in while the boat was on the move. At first, I thought it was an ambush but at a military checkpoint on water, everybody was asked to raise his/her hands before the boat was granted free passage. Boat-fare in Bayelsa rivers was quite expensive compared to land. We got to the community and were taken to the private property of the Chief Patron. There we had a closed-door meeting with the Local chiefs on the possibility of coming for a three-day outreach. The community was buried in the heart of Mangrove swamps with trees whose roots were exposed to the sunlight above the rivers. It was quite scary at a point having a closer look at the vegetation with forests mixed with flowing water and winding creeks. Some of the lakes were brown and we wondered on the cleanliness of the water that can take up to three hundred corps members in three days. However, the schools and the lodges for the corps members were in a better condition. Our major challenge was the complexity of the journey from Yenagoa down to the community. We thought it will be more suitable for a *zonal rugged* where we may not have to invite many new corps members from camp and across the state.

We have really survived many challenges in this scheme of NYSC, only God will reward the sacrifices of corps members. It is usually touching to visit some remote places at times and find fellow corps members you met in camp posted to some terrific locations. As a man, you have to be vigilant in life in order not to allow your destination to be determined by the posting of some hashing algorithms. At times, you pity people who were not wise in the choices they made in camp and ended up in some dreaded communities. I remember a brother from the Institute of Management Technology (IMT) Enugu who was also very fervent in camp and was also part of the Fellowship. Most times, whenever it was evening time and NYSC free dinner was clashing with the fellowship program, I would tell him I was going to the fellowship tent not the dining hall. I had been eating from those government dining halls from College at the age of eleven; now I was at least double my age, I should think otherwise. I had an interest in the core vision of the fellowship and participated fully in their programs in camp. During the interviews both of us had our turns and were interrogated for similar leadership positions; perhaps twice or more. I rarely missed any of the days of meeting in camp not because I was so good a Christian leader but at least I had some orientation from the university.

The long-awaited day in camp had come and people received their posting letter. I saw my friend from IMT and asked him about his posting, he said he was posted to Twon, Brass LGA. I wept in my heart for him because it is the land we all never wanted to hear of because it was the closest to the Atlantic Ocean a few hours on speed boat from land. It's not just that he was not given any position in the fellowship, but that no organization nominated him for a good posting to more developed locations. As I attempted talking with him, he only mumbled that the area is

known for oil exploration. After a season while serving in the Family House, I was chosen by the leadership to go to Twon Brass with Olajide Stephen (*Powerful*) on zonal interview since it was time for their handover. It happened that I met my IMT friend as one of the interviewees alongside several others in the same batch with me and *Powerful*. He eventually emerged the Zonal Evangelism Secretary to Brass LGA. The Fellowship there was strong and they agreed on hosting a rural rugged evangelism. We held hands and prayed with them and left after a few days.

Twon Brass was quite a big land and several people regarded it as an island on water. The distance was so far from land that at a point you cross all the rivers and began to bubble in the waves of the blue sea. The width of the water at that point is so large that the boat will start galloping while passing several small islands, without any good estimation or sight of the borders of the waterways. There were several patches of land in the extreme border of the oceans. But surprisingly, you will still see vehicles in the land when you cross all the water bodies. Their market boats were almost the largest compared to other communities. I remember seeing a large white fish – the size of a small shark – with diamond-like eyes caught by fishermen occupying an entire boat. We also noted that the water supplied to the lodges were brown in color, so we deferred having bath with it until we left.

When Brass zone was ready for their *zonal rugged*, the State gave their support. We invited a guest minister and a past State General Secretary, Nnaemeka Bethel from Abuja. The State TOSMAN dropped us at Ogbia with the Fellowship white bus and returned to Yenagoa. We departed for Brass but along the line the speed boat stopped in the middle of the river. It took some time for the engines to kick back to life and we proceeded. When we got to Twon Brass, we had to join the rest of the corps members in a wooden market boat to Egweama Brass where the program is to hold. It was the furthest land I visited during my stay in Bayelsa State. It was quite a dreadful land; to my amazement some corps members were still posted there. Their arm of the fellowship was regarded as a sub-zone to the Brass zone. Egweama people are renowned wood carvers and you will see their exhibitions as a protected clan from a distance while approaching the land. They also carved and built gigantic wooden market boats.

The moment we stepped into the land we were ushered into the palace of the traditional ruler. We made our obeisance as a sign of loyalty and promised not to do any activity that will harm the members of the community. We were given accommodation near the Navy base, schools and ancient missionary churches in the land. We commenced the program with a *Jesus Match* around the land and noted several sites in the land. It was a rural area with a Navy Base booming with Orthodox hymns from a distance. The rivers were deep brown as oil mingled in blood and several local myths surrounded the nature. Several aquatic animals and plants surfaced from the shallow bridges and dried waterways. The land like in many communities across water was full of huts; however, there were a few popular rich men. The Redeemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) flourished in the land with a support of the wealthy men in the land.

One of the high points of the program in this land was the counseling session. It was a dense environment in an old missionary Orthodox church that dated over hundred years. There were cemeteries around the building and many children flooded to receive gifts. The community turned up for the free medical outreach which was preceded by the prayer and counseling segments. It was slightly discomfoting, counseling aged and rural people ranging from farmers and fishermen to artisans. In some cases, you may need an interpreter who could be a youth with some level of formal education. The major medical complains were waist pain and rheumatism. We thank God for the patient medical corps members and optometrists who took time to check their blood pressure with sphygmomanometer; tested their blood sugar level and eye sight before issuing free medications and eye glasses. It was quite philanthropic as we distributed Gideon's Christian literatures and gave out relief materials on the last day of the crusade.

The State General Secretary (*Uncle*), Oyedele Peter was in attendance. Initially, he was doing a book launch of his publication: "That I may not cause pain" in the Family House when we departed. At first, I never wanted to attend this program because I already was running out of strength; but by the injunction of *Uncle* I had to attend since he may not be there on the first day. He was an English and Linguistic graduate of Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU – Ile-Ife). Most of the products of this school in the house use to flaunt their ego with some air of superiority because of its current ranking in the Nigerian Universities Commission (NUC). He was quite a little older than some other executives and loved wielding authority when he wants to delegate a responsibility. He showed up on the second day of the program with a few corps members and a guest minister. After the whole program, I made some mobilization for corps members that would love to attend the Annual National Conference of NCCF at Mangu, near Jos Plateau State. We spent about three days in Brass before returning back to Yenagoa.

There were some other leaders I made zonal visitation with. Together with the State Sisters/ Welfare Secretary (*Mama*), Adebimpe Oyewusi we attended the Amassoma *corpers' lodge* for a ministration. I had been invited for an event to minister to the corps members and was assigned to go with *Mama* since state leaders don't travel alone. Adebimpe is a graduate of OAU, Ile-Ife who studied Psychology. Most of the corps members in Amassoma were serving at the neighboring University, NDU. It was one of those places I would have loved to serve – the campus. I gave them a charge to be of much positive influence to the undergraduates they met on campus. We had to return to the Family House that evening. It was a large lodge and an active fellowship; they still invited me to speak on another occasion, even though the leadership delegated another executive who was a graduate of University of Ibadan (UI).

On another occasion, I visited Okolobiri zone with the State Assistant General Secretary (*Auntai*), Ukoh-Kalu Eberechi Jane. Eberechi is a graduate of Madonna University, Elele campus where she studied Petroleum Engineering. She was very beautiful and was not initially in the executive team. She was included when the former *Auntai*, an OAU graduate that was picked in camp declined after attending the first rural rugged evangelism at Opuama. She seemed to have

grown up near the Peace House camps in Gboko, Benue State where her parents lives. Both of us were the only State executives from the South-East. *Papa* had asked me to go with her to this zone for interviews and the appointment of new executives. It was on a Sunday evening and half-way into the interviews, the coordinator of the zone asked me to address the Fellowship that evening. Even though it was impromptu, I had to leave the interview sessions to Eberechi and mount the podium. We had to finish the task that evening and returned to the Family House without staying overnight.

After most of those official visits, I had to go on a safety inspection to Imiringi with the State Music Director (*MD*), Adebayo Emmanuel Olumuyiwa. Adebayo was a HND holder and an RCCG youth minister who resides in Lagos. We had just finished taking an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) course on Oil and Gas exploration in Nigeria conducted by RCES Oil & Gas Ltd. We had to visit the Kolo-Creek Power Station and some Shell field offices. It was a certification course which included field work. We contacted the Chief Patron to find out suitable locations for such inspections. Eventually we were directed to a community on land with fleets of Oil and Gas companies, gas-turbine power plants and construction companies. We lodged in the *corpers' lodge* and visited the field the next day. We met the Safety Officer who took us round the facilities and permitted us to take snapshots of some equipment with our Smartphone. He treated us well, took us to the staff canteen in the estate and entertained us alongside the staff members of the company. After the inspection, we sat for the written examination and got certified in Occupational Health and Safety as specialists in about eight courses.

Another most important aspect of the labor in Bayelsa was the completion of the State Family House project. This three-floor building construction had been ongoing for about four years before we got enrolled into the service. However, the team was set to commission that house before hand-over. We had to raise fund by soliciting around financial institutions and organizations that had some integrity with the government. We got the support of Pharmacies, Banks including the Central Bank of Nigeria in Yenagoa, Churches and Government Ministries. We had to make good affiliations with corps members in the state capital staying outside the house to gain more support. We had to establish the fellowships in places like the Ekeki *Corpers' Lodge* and the Federal Medical Centre. It was obvious that we met the house barely roofed but we had to forge ahead. We were able to get about three hundred bags of cement and secure some metal scaffolds to do both exterior and interior plastering. After that, we went ahead to paint the building according to the blue print of the plan. We tiled the interior of the three floors and did some plumbing and electrical wiring. Other two existing older house were renovated before a date was fixed for the commissioning. It was a major event that attracted the Deputy Governor of the State with some principal officers and patrons. This was achieved just a day before our official hand-over to transitional executives.

After the service year was over, the next step was going over to submit applications for employment with my alma mater, UNICAL. But you never expect that to come without some challenges, within the household and the office. We don't look at the faces of men to dish our cakes for them to eat with theirs. Such moments when some people make fun of your misery, smile at your face and watch you stay over eighteen months without any salary from the right source. Some men smile at your face and sit on your destiny as though their time will never get exhausted. Where you regard as your village could yet be another's country; more so, another person's planet. So your tribal sentiments and tendency to get other people pissed off at work will not make the world abandon their positions for you to occupy. Some have so influenced and been influenced that they never honor the place of merit but nepotism and affluence. The language of equity to them is like a lost art. You wait upon the Lord and leave them to leave office, and then take what is yours. The position you have not gotten today could be that there are some people that are yet to handover their offices for another to approve your rights. Don't struggle with men, their time will fly and they will surely fade away. They only want to push you to the wall to see if you will compromise like many. But we know that even gold is tried by fire; so we don't take chances or meddle in the affairs of undisciplined folks who will take your share and cast to their wards.

We are not tale-bearers that reveal secrets; we come to do the business of the Kingdom. When men sit on your kingdom income and think that you will run out of divine provision, they only realize that the horn of oil for your supplies never runs dry. We are not biased Christians with denominationalism in our hearts; true faith is what breaks through ages of superiority. Some boast in experience, but even the strength of the youths will fail just as the wisdom of the old. Glaringly, some men send their wards to advanced nations and tend to defer other people's progress; they don't know! The progress of the chosen ones is obtainable from the Almighty; rather to become colleagues with people that may not like your face because it is the Lord that blesses a man. Some make strict policies and violate it in order to see their own blood lineage through trouble. We watch the downfall of such an era where men think they can sit on the affairs of others and dictate the rule of the day. Now it has to be by divine will not by the forces and decisions of men who can't read the handwriting that is on the wall. Who told them that we came in compromise? It is a make believe! When men labor for the best and avoid mediocrity, some think you are dull; better to operate on divine orchestration. I grew with elders and learnt obedience by experience. That could be the experience I boast of, in the portfolio of African character. However, it is not for some who curse at old age instead of bless.

When I was due to go and apply for a faculty job; I only needed full permission from some elders. One elder knowing that my Alma mater is a federal institution said, "You need to start with private institutions before working for the government." I obeyed and went forward to work for a private school before taking an appointment with the government school. Just about a month before I went for Thanksgiving for the appointment, the elder died. He never saw the day

I delivered lectures in a university; he didn't actually bless it when it came. We mourn for such souls and wish them rest. It is the Lord that uproots obstacles; we don't argue with them. Some have sworn that they will not sign you into office. It is because they will eventually hand over for your turn to come; and it's going to be timely. Many have rushed to their early graves. The world is not a ground of competition where men resist other peoples' fortunes. I told a friend that the goals we set and the future we aspire to achieve is attainable; but the only obstacle is permitting corruption into our affairs. The sky is your limits when you don't misappropriate the energy you need for education and the future in fruitless wasteful ventures. You can focus and get what you want in life by determination but the moment you begin to compromise for lower standards you acquire luggage in your journey that eventually give you a pot-belly. A man that has developed a paunch may no longer run marathon.

So we rather preserve some youthful strength for the right moment to avoid exuberance. There is hope for the living, we can always look at the clock and see the one thing that there is still time for and not that meal we've been having since birth. Tell those impatient ladies that a child like Ivanka Trump is enough to replace them in the whole agenda of life at the top. Yeah, I say so because the mother Ivana would have been the First Lady of the US but another has occupied that position and only the daughter is seen in the picture. It doesn't matter the aspirations you have before you delve into some major responsibilities; the moment you have conceived some offspring count some ambitions lost forever. You may never have more capital to invest into that vision again – it dies a natural death. The labor market is such that you learn to keep pace with your neighbor to avoid chasing wind and catching nothing. Arrogant folks will always spoil a system and create much damage for people to over-labor themselves in the system. The Lord will vindicate us from all malicious attacks of the enemy. You can be sure, your position is what another man will not take; they might have occupied their posts the way they like but not yours. That's why we endure to attain our goals without assuming that somebody has placed a replacement there. It's only a dead man that the enemy attempts to replace; but not when they see that you are confident of the one truth that your portion is awaiting an appointed time. Some addiction can rob you of divine heritage but you need to be defiant against such habits. Timeliness could be lost in the hive of unwanted company.

When you listen to the media, you will still hear the voices of some young celebrities. Ask yourself, "Are they sleeping?" I don't think a man can be sleeping and making popular songs. What speaks for you when your presence is not felt physically? You may not be in the White House, but there are some achievements that can send echoes of your philosophy to the nooks and crannies of those high places. Don't blame the man on duty at the Power Holdings when the light goes off, he could be saying "It's your time to also generate the power, so that I too can pay." You have to choose what to generate for that man to pay his bills to you too. But if you sleep off and say, 'Oh! Lights Out!', then poverty may knock at your door tomorrow with bills waiting to be cleared. But don't just be in the darkness generating more offspring to increase the

bills. That's only a population increase not power supply. But if you rather generate some chicks in the poultry, it could be a commodity to retrieve your bills from the Power Holdings instead of holding them in high grudges after supplying power. Let's make a more learned generation that first raises the children that some people have brought forth already as a responsibility instead of also competing in who has more children.

At times, while teaching at a Private High School, I see some young mothers quickly come in the morning with a number of chubby wards, drop them off at the gate and dash off. You may not see them again until after school hours when they return with a flashy car to pick them back home on school runs. I begin to wonder, who are they dropping these kids for in the morning? If you desire so much good babies, why don't you become a school teacher raising them? One day a government will come that may not tolerate that wisdom from some city-dwelling parents looking for the route to their office early in the morning after begetting sons and daughters. I will look at myself and say, God will disappoint such people one day and they will drop these kids and realize I am no longer the School Teacher that will babysit their kids for them to run off with their flashy cars and assume more descent jobs. Perhaps, I would predict the economy and make progress towards lecturing, so that if they were hoping to add another bouncing baby boy for a school teacher then they had better found a replacement. But if they had some regards for me as someone that raises quality lives, then they had better brought up their youth to the campus so we can have lectures now like adults.

Some African women are actually getting enlightened but rather using it to under-develop the world with their wisdom. Some have this mentality of graduate from the university, marry a rich older guy and ditch some peers, get a car from my spouse, beget sons and daughters and move to a high office. Only a few are even willing enough to become lecturers from the same universities where they were trained. To settle down for School teaching too could be a Herculean task. I advocate that more nursing mothers and parents in general should enroll into teaching jobs without believing that there are some 'School Teachers' out there who would give their kids formal education. Some simply wanted to make wealth but never also thought that they should do formal family planning to avoid creating more responsibilities for the world. Actually, you can't eat your cake and have it; you ought to sacrifice one desire to receive another honor. Some may turn around and start giving scopes of how much fees they paid, all such excuses are whining! With such people in the economy, we would have fewer teachers and more students. They simply cause much traffic in school premises without real good intentions for the state of education in Nigeria. They want the most flashy cars as well as the good number of children; what a sharp contrast! Which economy survives by losing manpower and creating more dependents? There is a need for change in the way some city-dwellers plan their family.

There is hope for Africa; when we all sit and correct ourselves of the minor deceits we commit in our hearts when a large land mass is yet to be cultivated. We need to channel energy into the right ventures else catastrophe might strike. You don't expect a teacher to be trekking and

earning ₦ 1000 daily income while you dump kids at his feet and drive off with the hope that all is well. One day, you may lose your wealth paying fees and the teachers become the drivers. Actually, when I made an observation of this economic cycle, I never spent more than a term in those sorts of schools for affluent parents. They can afford to dash off and pay any amount of fees just to escape the disturbances of their own children seeking for knowledge. They prefer that to sitting for a minute to explain to their wards why 1+1 in decimal is 2, but in binary 10. Not that they are illiterates; in the real sense, illiterates are not good drivers of fast cars. But some of them have applied the knowledge of economics that most of us did in the university to attempt that genetic alteration to the economic cycle of Africans. They will prefer to run good fast food restaurants and shopping malls or sit in the bank and retrieve the fees from the Teachers and pay it again next time. That loop of rich parents of good children with poor teachers will one day meet a finite loop condition where the iteration fails to execute.

Obviously, such children keep complaining that the school has changed a teacher and brought in a new one. But repentance and charity begins at home. If we join hands to fight the ills in the household then we might not act like people that have lost conscience in the larger society. The family is the atomic unit of the society; if our motives are wrong from the foundation then the structure begins to collapse. When you rob the children of quality education because of lack of self-control then we will have a multitude of half-baked youths in the next generation. The time is coming soon when the government would have to advise every spouse after marriage on the number of children expected of them at their current income level. It poses danger to the larger society to raise several kids from a low-income family sustaining the loop of poverty. The allocation of inheritance that would have gone for one goes to many. It is a revived form of polygamy; for some men raise more kids than even polygamous parents from a married partner. It is factual because even though a President of the United States (POTUS) like Donald Trump married thrice on serial monogamy but has a total of five children, namely: Donald Jnr., Ivanka, and Eric from the first wife; Tiffany from the second wife and Barron from Melania Trump, the First Lady. It is amazing how some men justify why they Biblically married one wife but are having as much offspring as Israel in the Book of Genesis. It is an error even if you mask it with religious explanations. Some men have learnt to speak bogus constructive sermons but have not adopted the discipline of birth control. They can give you spiritual reasons why the use of condom is unscriptural but soon fall prey to ignorant training of kids without the advice of experts. The ball is in our courts to correct the errors of the baby boom generation that existed before now.

Resources can be channeled into proper use by eliminating early the chances of increasing population through recreational ventures. We should rather raise more billionaires with economic independence out of the youths around us instead of quickly thinking of our own numerous children. It could be selfish living without impacting the lives of the younger generation with the hope that you will create the impact in raising yours. It is not greed to rather seek a higher

financial estate instead of more heirs to gather around the table on the little that the Lord has provided today. When men think of industries and education and channel the manpower into fruitful innovations, the world would be a better place to live. Productivity is in having more tangible goods and services that improve living conditions not in proving your fertility with excessive reproduction. Our mindset need to change from the conventional ideas of having a large nuclear family setting. The problem with some negritude of newly married couples is that they quickly lose vision of all the assets they desired of acquiring and soon begin to settle for less. When manpower is utilized for the invention of ingenious works, originality becomes the offshoot of contentment. It is disappointing to see some people who even gained some foreign training from the advanced world venture into the low estate of settling for corruption.

Some will attribute such failures to pressure and norms. When a lady feels the pressure to prove her fertility, it is not in quickly convincing the world that she can quickly become a mother. It's rather good to perform some experiments with livestock rather than babies. It is necessary that young couples manage some animal farms like fish-farming, poultry, and even goats. This is because if you get acquainted with how to multiply a bird into several birds and you observe the outcome, then you will have an experience of how it could go with humans. Ability to raise those chicks to adult stage will give one a perspective of how difficult it could be dealing with infant mortality. There could be a need to run such projects in order to reason deeply before increasing the amount of babies in a family. The ability to cater for those animals and keep them well-nourished and healthy will tell if a couple is ready to raise humans instead of animals. The psychology of multiplying the population of the livestock in a farm and the mortality rate can be used to draw valid conclusions on the living conditions of a family when the table becomes large and adult power decreases. Today, schools are becoming investments to some capitalists who would even take advantage of these new trends and make a fortune from taking care of people's kids. In order to meet with the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) of eliminating hunger and extreme poverty, we may be in need of fewer schools and more farms.

When we have more livestock in the farms and more vegetable in the gardens while putting energy into useful non-recreational activities, then there will be more food on the table. About a decade back, if a family paid Ten Thousand Naira (₦10000) for a teenager in a college, he can receive hostel accommodation and three square meals per day. Today, some parents pay up to a Hundred Thousand Naira (₦100000) for a child in school and s/he receives a meal per day without boarding facilities. That's the attempt of the Private sector in trying to intervene in the education of the baby boom families who also trust their income level so much to beget more heirs. At the end, they still have to go and pick the child everyday from school. In the next few decades, if birth control measures are not taken on newer families, then there will be further drop in the standard of education. This could mean less value for even the certificates that graduates receive at the end; since it also becomes common by the number of awardees of such degrees each year. Today, half of the world is clamoring for peace. We need to invest more time making

peace in the relationships that have existed over time, not to create more trouble with dependents who are seeking a way to survive. A time shall come when people will need curriculum vitae on their qualifications in Family Planning Education before wedding. Some people only create problems for others to solve; I think some people need separation measures to avoid giving the next generation less support.

Some techniques are also needed in ensuring that parents of a certain number of children still remaining at the same income level they were half a decade ago are regulated to save the world. The world could become a market place of goods and services but not of souls who came into the world without orientation. The fact is that some people lack maturity in staying with the opposite sex. So even if the women around some men are their legal spouses, the society needs to intervene with a proactive measure to avert overpopulation early. The recurrent effect is that there are more career teachers and faculty members who seem not to have had many children while doing service to other families. It is not that the facilities of learning are moribund but that they are over-stressed by the influx of more youths in need of knowledge. Some parents assume that releasing funds to their wards is enough to meet the needs of training them, but they don't even raise a finger in going close to the classrooms to render some services. Eventually, some turn around to point out their disappointment in their high expectations from the academic environment. The campus is not a prison where you sell out youths in a family to survive while you exempt yourself of the close responsibility of teaching them quality discipline.

We don't experiment with child-bearing; we should rather curb the excesses to avert more quarrels. Some parents would even increase the prices of the goods and services they render in a bid to make both ends meet in trying to raise their kids. This has ripple effect on the economy, as the value of the currency drops, the exchange rates go high and inflation ensues. Recession sets in when our productivity is not meeting up with the rate of population increase. At the end we complain and blame the government and leaders. Some nations have placed birth control measures and their economy and value of the currency also stabilized. You cannot predict what happens to the bank account when one living soul has been added to the population. It quickly depletes the foreign reserves and many plans begin to crumble. People should also be made to suffer for the pains they bring upon humanity with their pleasure-seeking adventures. A time shall come when people will have a limited number of children to send to school irrespective of their income level. This is because more children even drop the intellectual ability of the next generation and some of them fail to even secure admission. At the end, you see some of these generations hiding under the umbrella of the private sector that quickly accommodate their ills.

Today, you may look at the family structure of the POTUS, Trump family, and you also see the complexity of human relationships. Several failures in sustaining marital vows could still be managed alongside success. Even if you have found yourself in the midst of a mess while still alive, then you can turn a new leaf and the sky is still your limits. My mother still had a child after I was born, but that was after at least seventeen (17) years when I was already admitted into

the university. Several things might have muddled up at the early stage of her marriage, but where there is forgiveness, there is hope. While we still live our lives seeing our weaknesses and imperfections, we embrace love in the neighborhood as the way forward. Don't settle for less, or resign to failure because someone made you to see how you have missed it. Don't drag the message of restitution to another extreme of damaging your achievements. Two wrongs don't make a right; the world will tell if really you are a changed person. Some preachers have also tried to talk us into destroying the things we acquired while we lived in some level of ignorance; I will rather say, do same things you did wrong some years ago, but this time do it right. That's a better way of correcting mistakes. Some types of messages could get a youth burning his credentials zealously, and end up seeking retrieval the next moment after some things have turned to ashes.

If a plane crashed and lives were lost and you now changed your mind that planes were evil inventions. Before you go on a restitution campaign of operation destroy all planes, think of building a rocket to see if it does more good; perhaps it can take one to space or the moon. Because you may end up coming up with more drones and missiles than better planes if you see your mistakes as a crime. If on the other hand, you found yourself in a planet where all things were right and nobody ever had to quarrel or disagree on certain terms, and then don't settle as though the devil is asleep. If what you have is not helping you to attain some exceptional abilities and excellence, and then check what seems like a comfort zone for it could be another peaceful compensation for the cold heart dwelling in mediocrity. I used to convince most of my friends in College who came to me with some Mathematics questions seeking answers that every academic problem has a solution but that you only need to patiently derive them with the right research methodology in order to arrive at the best solution. You don't just give up because you tried to solve the problem but you couldn't; you need to persist until you prove the person who set the problem sane by giving him/her a correct answer. With such an attitude, you will discover that all human problems have a solution even though there are errors that seem to defy logical sequence of reasoning and algorithm development.

CHAPTER FIVE: EDUCATION, BUSINESS AND POLITICS

Preamble: Once upon a time, in a country like Nigeria, the President is a Northerner and the Vice President from the South-West. So it goes that our politics influences our business organizations even in the international market. You discover that by Forbes.com ranking of billionaires, the richest person in Nigeria also emerges from the North and the second richest from the South-West. It doesn't happen coincidentally, it's the way we make allocations when we enter office. One might argue that some of these rich people had been ranked of much wealth even before the incumbent government leaders entered office. However, in such times of recession, monopoly is sweeping our markets and fair competition is not encouraged. One producer supplies cement and some opposition party in the guise of government officials begin to shut down their services. Someone might have biased their motives to quench other rivals in the production sector so that he alone will emerge at the top. Even the American economy suffered such moments when capitalists in the Microsoft Corporation remained at the top in the early decades of the 2000 millennium for more than seven consecutive years. In their own case, it was not also mingled with tribalism such that only the people from the geopolitical zone of the incumbent political leaders gained business rights. We need to do business at the speed of light so that some older hands get replaced quickly by emerging cutting-edge materials. Development in Africa must not be impeded by selfish entrepreneurs who are ranked more powerful than government leaders. It's only in a continent like ours that the richest is also most powerful as though the elected officials are mere bench warmers or figure heads.

Business is not all about buying and selling of goods and services. Some people, once they begin to count money in their outlets soon begin to imagine that they are in good dealership. Merchandise must also enhance good organizations, and such bodies have to spend quality time in board meetings. The error that some people make is to lose the executive committee and assume all the positions. It makes some men to feel in charge when they seem to be taking all the decisions and making all the policies. Some people choose to do the trade in such a way that they lack knowledge of the current exchange rates – that is the level of ignorance. Some others receive their wages in hard currencies, so they feel indifferent about the price of a dollar in local currency but may even take advantage of soaring exchange rates. Money helps to strengthen education; that is the way to equally apply academic knowledge in bringing new products into the market. Today technology has radically changed the way we do marketing. Instead of

displaying yourself with the goods, you spend much time designing the bills and recording some pieces for the media. It takes us back to the drawing board where we plan more and talk less.

When you are myopic, you begin to reason that rejecting formal education will help you focus more on business. That is old fashioned. Actually, settling down for the local language will give you the local customers in the neighboring markets. People need someone to trust; even your services might not be embraced when your integrity is not established. When you see far, you begin to envisage a coverage whereby you can fluently address the international connections and outsource opportunities to foreign personnel. Being redundant will make you settle down for some mistakes that past millionaires also made. Now, the world is talking of self-made billionaires not petty traders. At least, we encourage Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). Therefore, you have to take risks for the investment to grow. Gone are the days when youths admire serving as apprentices for some informal mentors. They will rather get employed under an elite manager that can be a referee in their career. When you discover that the choices you are making are not going to take you far in the nearest future, the closest alternative is to find solace in skillful jobs not in artisan handiwork.

The close resemblance between politics and business is that they have limitless leadership opportunities. You can explore them in your career without running out of motivation. We watch and wait because we don't want to miss the divine moments. Men that run late in every affair fail to catch up with even the ones that God has placed in their paths to lift them out of the jungle of wretchedness. When you rise up to bring about a new nomenclature in the industry, top players are not too quick to embrace the change. They will always allow the time of trial to prove that the target is invention and not just imitation. More so, innovation could sound wonderful but it has limitation. The propellers never think beyond the foundation that has been laid and the structure that has been established in that area. You have to discover new grounds and refuse defeat. When Forbes.com ranks the richest in our nation to also be the most powerful in the nation, it implies that affluence wields much influence in our society. So many political leaders have sold their birthrights in the playground of campaign. So much integrity has been bought over by diverse means of soliciting for funds. When we doze in the broad daylight like children observing siesta, then we wake up to face the same giants glaringly dominating us to the face.

There is not much time on our side to be asking 'what is the secret behind all these records?' When you set counter-records, past glory becomes history. So many half-hearted masses will chicken out while waiting for their turn in ministerial allocation. It is not for us to take up arms and start agitating as if someone has taken our rights. You cannot feel marginalized except you have first given place to timidity and inferiority complex. It is for us to prepare while waiting, so that when the chance is eventually given again we will not trample on it. Quality breeds don't resemble local offspring even in the genetic content of their cells. Whenever the originality of your work is being challenged, it implies you have to go an extra mile to prove your patency. The rate at which some young ladies freak about flashy vehicles is alarming in our major cities.

Some of them don't even want to finish a degree, before demanding for car keys out of the pockets of their suitors. How many eventually get to manage a private jet on the long run. So quick they are that they even want to park better cars than their Doctors at lecture rooms. But God will vindicate our tertiary institutions from the threat of such developments. There is a need for fresh specie of young adults that know their place in the community.

We cannot be abandoned in the obscurity of lands that fail to appreciate good talents. As a matter of fact, when you refuse to meddle with inferiority the entire universe acknowledges your competence. Virtually, some renowned global giants in the Computer Industry started to develop some arrogance in being College drop-outs. Some of us never wanted to see that as good vision even though we held them in high regards. Our technology may lack appreciation but it still harbors a touch of the negritude. No matter how you diversify in a bid to create more impact, the overall evaluation of your efforts is buried in the resources in your own country. Our country needs more patriotic minds to run the affairs of the economy with equity. The vacancies you secure with nepotism for your relatives may ruin the entire family if it fails to materialize in their hands. When some top-class pioneers have taken enough from the global economy and wish to return, they begin to coin some philanthropic terms to make them look generous. It pays to serve one master, not robbing Peter to pay Paul. Some politicians came into office to remove existing academic scholarships and tell us of n-power free jobs for the multitude, looting the whole capital down the drain.

We shouldn't labor in a hard ground for long. Even though many seem to have amassed much spoil by duping their partners to quickly arrive at fast solutions, we stand fast in not bowing to idols. Corruption starts from the heart of the man who dwells on the reasoning that money answers all things to his deceit and detriment. When you set out to fight corruption and call it change then someone will wonder at how such seemingly patriotic scheme is making the Naira appear as mere change before other currencies. The end-point of every agenda must meet the fundamental milestones that can be observed from little litmus tests. Education has to be encouraged not frustrated to bring in some schemes; this will reduce local professionals in the nearest future. When you close down some foreign scholarship doors and ask them to operate locally, you are not encouraging the educational sector. It is only a means of limiting it in order to further reduce the allocations made towards its development. How is that helping the academic institutions to get recognized in global rankings? We do what we know how to do best without allowing people offer alternatives that make us jack of all trades and masters of none. The time has come for us to join hands to eliminate the menace of some silent prosecutors and their passive compromisers.

We do not lift weapons of violence to raise the alarm; we rather call the attention of the larger society to foster peace at our door steps. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, and that is why each time we speak, we do so with much efficacy in our results. Our efforts may seem weak, but the approach is not impotent in bringing home a clear message. No matter how you

mock the attempts of erudite scholars in mediating in the affairs of the society, posterity will not fail to preserve the handiworks of the remnants. How do we fight the error without being indicted as the perpetrators of the more severe evil? It takes time to bring about an enduring change; the effect of radical approach is always negligible. We will get there! We don't make haste to achieve feats that should take some decades. Nevertheless, we don't relax in ignorance when we see glaringly how some political minorities want to become majority. The economy may be witnessing some changes; of course it often happens after a major administrative hand-over. The question is "Is it a positive or negative change?" It takes an experienced observation to decipher which one is happening at a point in time. When baby boom mothers want to also drive the flashiest cars in a moment, you clearly see their own agenda for the gender equality argument.

We don't relent in such times of trial. Even some clergy would preach savings out of your pocket asking you not to rob God. In the real sense, some of them want you to invest into their religious organizations that are still registered members of the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC). At times, you also prove to some of them how much they have robbed God by not investing in education. Tithes could become so regular that some would want to receive it monthly and keep the records. In no distant time, some ministers of faith without quality university degrees will be phased out for the elites. An economy that invests and values religion more than formal education will raise more fundamentalists and sect-founders. Many well-meaning individuals often bolt out with liberty to start their undefined ministries with a founder's perspective. Most times, some may not even have laid down doctrines and foundations because of ignorance and zeal. It is however expected that we abandon dogma and embrace a generally accepted truth that make men free. If the rich yesterday remained the rich today, it implies that someone somewhere is not handing over to successors. It becomes the height of oppression and abuse of privileges to enslave humanity with some cunning attitude.

Let's build our homes and develop our lands and stop making careless excuses of marginalization and victimization. I believe in one nation where we all persevere to attain our ambitions by peaceful resilient efforts and not by secession and violence. War has not done us good, and beating the drums of war at the corridors today will further reduce us to mere children feeling oppressed by the actions of fellow comrades. Nobody impedes your progress when you have not chosen to remain dormant. When effort is applied work has to be done so long as there is much impact at the fulcrum. There could be loads of energy to be applied but the moment you overlook the difficulties and face reality, you become notable for change. If you don't handle issues of tribalism with peace then you may not be able to resolve matters arising from racism when they arise. We shouldn't hide in caves to celebrate religious victories when several of our lands have been conquered with much foreign idols. Timidity starts by hiding in the bush to worship a God that dwells in the lives of men in public places. Even if you have some anointing for service, it has to manifest in liberating people from shackles and not creating more. The more

we abandon the bold steps of faith the less we tackle the proper stumbling blocks on our pathways. The routes that lead to success are not different from the very ones that we see face-to-face each day. The matter is in being resolute and determined in pursuing the course of development. Whatever brings development brings change, but the inability of a method to reach its goals is an indication that it's not efficient enough.

Science and Technology have been a major catalyst of industrial change in several advanced economies. In a land where little or nothing is done to encourage research and projects in these areas, it becomes glaringly obvious that priorities are being misplaced. Successful men like Barrack Obama faced racism but emerged as the 44th POTUS by gaining Ivy League education first in Harvard and Columbia Universities and became a Senior Lecturer at Chicago University. Not that he never failed; he contested for the House of Representatives but failure to win made him look up for higher offices. So his next attempt was to canvass for the House of Senate and then Presidency. To invest into the future of an economy like ours we should rather sponsor local and foreign education in this sector. The Petroleum Technology Development Fund (PTDF) and the Tertiary Education Trust Fund (TETFund) try to implement some scholarship schemes that will raise more professionals and academics in this sector tomorrow. That is the way to develop manpower to reduce economic dependence and neocolonialism whereby we always try to import finished goods from other countries. It is a better approach to seek foreign training instead outsourcing the best jobs to foreign professionals. Another challenge is that most of the well-trained personnel who return begin to seek for political offices and appointments. Some non-patriotic ones travel abroad and neglect the bonds they signed and remain in advanced countries. The country is in need of more investors into the production and manufacturing units of our industries. This will go a long way to encourage free and fair competition, thereby reducing unhealthy monopoly.

Previously in the Telecommunications industry, the Mobile Telecommunication Network (MTN) seemed to be the unchallenged giant service provider until several others got the license to also operate. Even indigenous companies like the Globalcom (shortly known as Glo) founded by Mike Adenuga proved to have the interest of more citizens at heart by reducing the call tariffs; although, it has also become a major source of revenue for some top-ranking billionaires. Presently, there are up to about four major service providers with a fair competition trying to meet up with the demands of dynamic technological advances and changes. The Information Technology (IT) sector is such as brings up innovations on a regular basis. Hence, it is expedient that investors and professionals in that sector remain in the endless loop of research and implementation of state-of-the-art technologies. Without this most of them will fail in meeting the requirements for a global standard of services. This is how to encourage quality products in the market, not by depriving some people of the rights to utilize opportunities in the market. Some billionaires seem to patronize unhealthy competition by using some powerful political connections to run down the activities of their counterparts in the industry.

When real change comes, it will sweep through every corner of the economy even the banking sector. In a country like ours where some top players in banking and finance make more fortunes than the distributors of the technologies they use, it is expedient to know how they operate. Besides their adoption of good business meetings and organizational structure in the administration of their affairs, they have also quickly patronized modern facilities and computer devices in the automation of their procedures. However, their regular charges and pilfering into the accounts of their customers seem to even surpass that of the telecommunications industry. Automation of manual processes with the computer is meant to achieve more affordable services, but today it is no longer so. They will rather use the computer equipments like the Automated Teller Machines (ATM) and some workstations to replace manpower causing redundancy of trained personnel. At the end, they make more fortunes than the suppliers of the technology themselves. There is hope for our currency notes when our bankers become more sincere in rendering their services and drop their outrageous claims. It is because the effort of the Central Bank of Nigeria (CBN) in monitoring the activities of some bank executives still proves abortive.

In a situation where bankers connive with politicians to loot funds, there is no integrity in the economy. We quickly land in inflations and recessions because even professionals in Medicine, Law and Computer fields are no longer granted much consultancy in making decisions and implementing them. At the long run, we raise a whole lot of alarm over the unstable exchange rate of the currency in the international market. The banking sector is not suffering from monopoly but their use of technology to manage finances is abusive. They never feel indebted to their customers in giving adequate explanation for their numerous charges. At first they make the pilfering look too small like just a ₦20 charge. But then they do that repeatedly until it becomes much fortune in their accounts. There is no transparency to the masses whose funds are being managed; nobody delivers financial reports that are accessible by the general public. For this reason, the operations of some top players in banks are never challenged and they keep toying with the finances; at the end of the day we have them as some of the richest billionaires in Africa. Policies that are made for the benefit of the low-income earners are utilized by the elites in the industry to even make the poor become poorer. You open an account with about ₦2000, before you even receive an ATM card and checkbook, the whole balance is liquidated. To a customer it could be negligible, but when it multiplies to thousands it spills into millions of dollars.

There is really a need for change, not just one that is campaigned for, but the one that begins with me and you. Even restaurants on the streets keep escalating the prices of food for the sake of inflation in the economy. At times, you begin to question the competence of the some ministers that have been placed at the helm of affairs of the finances. You wonder to whose tone they dance, whether of proper knowledge or of some cryptic policies that favor only a few influential people. But we don't fold our hands and watch them create another trend in the

society where the educated falls into the middle class. If we leave them alone they will encourage a few individuals who dwell on nepotism and connection to overtake the wealth of nations even without formal training. Left alone, some mediocre persons will adopt any means that helps them to achieve their goals to the detriment of the interest of all and sundry. It seems as if the man with the money can even hi-jack any technology to further spread his tentacles. That could happen in the absence of vibrant professionals, but if we encourage specialization and the uniqueness of offices such menace will not strike. It is destructive for any economy to look down on the interest of the elites in a bid to promote the progress of sycophants.

When we reason deeply into why some corrupt illiterates prosper to the detriment of the society, we trace it to the possibilities of using money to purchase even the articles of integrity. Qualifications and religious indulgencies that are meant to be earned can be bought over from the hands of some clergymen and educators. Titles and honors even in the traditional squares are awarded to the man who places the highest bid not based on merit. Then culture is lost to affluence and the wrong people still occupy the decision-making cycles. The Lord can break into such loops and vindicate His elect from the tremendous increase in such civil offences in the community. We need this change even in the politics of our religious organizations where a few men remain at the top, never handing over as though the flock is their heritage. Instead of them promoting education, they rather establish alternative academic degree-awarding institutions. They believe that people that don't pay tithe to churches rob God, but they don't see the even greater offence of robbing God of the school fees that should be paid to accredited institutions. They will quickly point out the corrupt practices that go on in the public sector but are never perturbed by the false solutions they proffer by raising half-baked graduates. Instead of using faith to combat ethnic segregation, they promote tribalism in their method of appointing leaders.

When we come together to deliberate without making our faith look superior to the conviction of others, then we start taking bold steps to the peace and unity of the populace. Of course, breaking into factions with each geo-political zone tenaciously holding unto their traditions and interests will not help the nation to grow or build better foundations for the younger generation. Nigeria is not bigger than the United States of America either in land mass or by population. We only become more ungovernable because every day we keep promoting our differences through some cultural and religious festivals. We use language barriers and ethnic groups to make more pronounced the slight differences between our ancestors. But we are all of the same race and possibly similar complexion. The more we let go of our claims and embrace the factors that unite us we strengthen our borders and build more bridges in our internal relationships. The more we are willing to wait for our turns and arrive at the right position by free and fair electoral procedures, the more governable we become. We are supposed to make our contributions towards the progress of the entire land for the welfare of humanity. By overlooking our differences and developing our common goals we eradicate poverty and hunger in our midst.

In some occasions, some adults have so much confidence in their rational thinking but have failed to reason along with the educated youths seeking expression. There is need to build an economy where learned youths and the upcoming talents are granted much freedom to make their contributions to the society. In many cases, some guardians and predecessors try to suppress the chances of the younger generation getting noticed in the affairs of the nation. They believe that they have the right to decide who is approved and who gets victimized eventually. There are several things that speak for us on the long run, when divine providence interferes with the wickedness of human hearts. At times, we tend to point accusing fingers at the top government officials for their failure to approve some allocations that accrue to our benefits. However, some parents and mentors would not lend a helping hand in assisting a passionate youth to get even a positive reference report for some opportunities. When we are not open to acknowledging people's rights and privileges, we eventually end up limiting our usefulness in the agenda of the country for development. Some try to use force to incarcerate and mandate their opinions on the weaker populace. Intimidation and oppression still dwell in the heart of a few who see themselves as the warlords of the modern age. The Lord will vindicate us from their tyranny for it is aggressive.

It has also become a norm even amongst some anointed ministers to lay malicious spiritual accusations on their subjects. Terms that may not hold any positive meanings are attributed to the man who has nobody to speak for him. It's an abuse to use religious platforms to promote malice even among family members. False prophets and fake clergy will always attempt to perpetrate their wicked acts and demands but the Lord will get them redeployed to where they belong soon. Many of the so-called prophets littered on the streets lack gainful employment and want to remain oracles that demand for the rewards of divination. The emotional man falls prey to their flattery and large ovation. The consequences of their habits in this era of change will catch up with them unless they repent and seek better investments than looking at people's pockets. Their words are rooted in the profit they make for speaking in the favor of the man that will drop the highest money. Most times, they are too quick to establish an organization without structure waiting for who will fall a victim of their deceit. Before the twinkle of an eye the entire mission collapses and they move on like ancient pilgrims to another location where they can pitch their tent without a solid foundation. They meet a man that is hale and hearty and in their attempt to give listening ears to his accusers for gain, they render him empty. The fact is that they have never seen the light, they only lurk around to cajole men into believing their good intentions masked under the umbrella of religious schemes and practices.

When the wind blows hard it will reveal the crevices of even the impermeable rocks. The day is coming and is very close when the hidden acts of men shall catch up with them in broad daylight. Several of such fake ministers have not overcome the lust for a baby boom family life in all their planning. They also have several heirs around their table demanding for likely chances of survival. Several victories are yet to be won and they bolt out to announce themselves

as anointed. It is chaos that some have never had any formal training even with religious tertiary institutions to approve them for practice. Their fate could lie in the hands of strangers whom they will attempt to slay without knowing the rank and file of their partners. Eventually they look down on every man that crosses their path as an ignorant victim. Their activities could deviate so much from the love of God into their conceited motives. A man that escapes their fingers has won the victory. But how do you escape them? To be very frank, your spiritual obligations whether as a devout Christian or otherwise has to surpass theirs. The moment they know they cannot stand your stamina in fasting, charity and integrity they let you go. They can't defeat a man that has not given himself over to dining and wining. They are worse than kidnappers in many ways for they even use physical torture to scare their victims in the guise of anointing. They shall not thrive in the land for their time is limited and their ills shall surely catch up with them. They never promote the sound of good music but soon tell you of worship as though it is a sorrowful venture.

Let's not dwell in the analysis of fake theology and the detriment of patronizing mushroom pastors littered around the corners of the globe. Education has already produced replacement for several of them. A generation of god-fearing public speakers rise who seek not to run their little house somewhere. Their interest is not in breaking little factions around the streets for people to gather and hear them out. They remain part of established institutions like universities, schools, churches, hospitals etc. The need to speak is not an avenue to exploit the public with several means of fund-raising. It is not with an urge for notice among contemporaries; it is a platform to release impartation from vessels that has proven to have it in abundance. Breaking out usually comes with the failure in family planning and the resultant baby boom structure. Some tendencies are curbed when men remain part of a renowned organization with a reputation for integrity. The moment a public figure misses it in child bearing to an uncontrollable lifestyle, his words lacks potency in achieving results. This is because finances that should go into projects that profit all and sundry go into personal expenses. It is a time to bring about a revolution with sound knowledge based on the pursuit for a global standard not on local settlement. When a man loses sight of the need to attain global recognition, he begins to cut corners to become a local champion. Whatever is worth doing in Nigeria is worth doing with a global perspective. That is why some billionaires still gain better applause for their efforts than some loud-mouthed talkative clerics.

It is a time to appreciate several men of liberal views who have not seen politics as a way of making sudden wealth. The national treasury is for all, not for a privileged few who find themselves at the helm of affairs. First and foremost, there is a group of leaders who shine as light to ensure that several amenities are built even where they have not been in existence. However, there are some State governments lacking major facilities like airports and stadia due to several instabilities in government. The time that should be used in making proper transition in office is spent on political enmity and rivalry. Whenever the government fails, it implies that

some men have failed initially in their poor means of executing plans. Instead of securing allocations for major projects, some have rather promoted sectarian and opposition parties who often debate on issues against national interest. Why under-develop the entire state to win an argument; you end up losing the shares that should go into the development of social amenities and infrastructure. It is obvious that some facilities may never be distributed across every state in the country but it is expedient to promote equity. This is to avoid a case where majority of resources are given to some well-established states who already have witnessed much development. There is a need to canvass for the portion of several masses that may not be outspoken enough to secure their rights and end up mobilizing violent forces to achieve their aims.

Stigmatization of some zones, calling of bad names and derogatory nomenclature don't promote justice and fairness in any developing country. We are facing the same challenges that some nations faced in times past and came out of it victoriously. It is not for us to point accusing fingers as though the fault is entirely for a particular set of elites in the society; it is for us to create more room for change in the nearest future. The image of the country is not for a particular set of citizens alone; it is for all and affects everybody. When you dig into the history of some rising nations like China you discover that they had to fight, at a point, not with the weapons of violence but with the tools of education and industrialization. In the same vein, if we surrender our claims and strive to develop our immediate environment by hard work and diligence, we shall win. We have to emulate the attitude of reaching out for globally standardized academic trainings through some of the means available. By so doing, we encourage those that have acquired such knowledge to return and remain relevant in their various sectors. Situations whereby you don't give men their right placement to shine and make their contributions towards development, then you indirectly rob them of the joy to partner with the vision for change. Some may even run back to other nations and become relevant there.

It is time to stop believing fables and start acting. For a Northerner to pick up arms and join Boko Haram because of the grudges of power then suicide missions prevails. In a case where some ignorant sects begin to campaign for a new nation in the name of Independent People of Biafra (IPOB) in the South, then we spend less time securing our allocations and positions. For manpower in the Niger Delta to be channeled towards militancy instead of oil exploration activities, we rather destroy the few types of machinery we have instead of advancing our refineries. How do we survive when the man in the West believes he is the sole authority in education, ranking others below their profile? It pays to be truthful, for some people have also learnt to do well in their states of origin but the moment you separate them to distant states, the difference becomes clear. Some of these factors contribute to insecurity and kidnapping in many parts of the country. Trust need to be established even in our affairs with multinational companies. In a situation whereby that is lost, then business collapses and we deal only by

politics. We have to learn to render our services at the pace expected of man without giving up our responsibilities in nation-building.

We have to join hands to see that our personal interest and individual differences does not interfere with the common goal. Even in seeking God whom we have not seen, we first mend our relationships with our fellow man before making faith a personal conviction. Whereby the whole world recognizes us for oil production, it pays to sustain this sector before promoting other well-meaning ministries. It doesn't oppose the fact that agriculture is another thriving ministry that needs to be encouraged. When we diversify without having a key source of income then none is achieved at the end. Irrespective of our desire to be seen as chief contributors to the national income, we should still call a spade by its name. Even our billionaires in the international market are still recognized for wealth in oil and gas even though their businesses may not be directly affiliated to petroleum products. In promoting our major natural resource, we promote the welfare of our foreign reserves and the value of our currency. If change implies abandoning some milestones that have been achieved in the Petroleum industry then monopolists will take over the industry once again. That is the reason why we seem to explore the oil but it still remains expensive within our own borders.

Most times, we focus much on these petroleum products that we abandon the technology that promotes its sale. For Customs services to make the importation and sale of automobiles very expensive then they will soon provide alternative means to the local manufacturing of these machines. Nigeria is old enough to champion the production of engineering facilities for petroleum-driven machines like cars and generators. It all depends on how much allocation is made to encourage those in that sector. The interest of the leaders should not just be in purchasing fleet of planes, jets and convoy of cars for themselves. If we cannot boast of factories that manufacture these automobiles then we still remain in the dark. At least there is a vehicle manufacturing plant in Nnewi in Anambra State and a car assembly at Ojo in Lagos State amongst others. However, the challenge is that over the years the progress is impeded by poor senatorial representation in the Upper and Lower houses. Some politicians use party interests to spoil the business making it difficult for leaders in these sectors to thrive. You hardly hear of meetings with automobile leaders like the one President Donald Trump held with those in his country. We spend more time going for international meetings and foreign vacations than solving local problems facing us as a nation. If the oil fails to sell, then re-evaluate the promotion of the technologies that utilize the oil. It becomes waste for us to remain users and never perform scientific research at the home-front towards the advancement of our inventions. At the long run, we involve in so much academic activities without producing Laureates with originality of concept.

It is not that our tertiary institutions are not doing researches, but that funding and grants given to some of these projects don't sponsor them enough to materialize into tangible innovations. A situation whereby we conceal automation projects done by students and make money with it

without giving them patency rights over their products is discouraging. In some cases, people begin to lose trust in the system and fear for the possible hi-jack of their works. The time has come for us to produce more intellectuals not destroy their efforts with ease by simply making them look disqualified. If we are ignorant of what global rankings like the QS tables of the topuniversities.com say about our educational standards then we fail to improve. It is not to dwell in past defeat without making any headway in our profiles. We have to attain the right positions overlooking our various religious inclinations. If we neglect the trends that are rising today, then tomorrow we may remain marginalized from gaining access to some global heritage. Adamantly abiding by culture could imply remaining in the obsolete ages of underdevelopment. Tradition shouldn't mean dropping education aside to participate in some archaic activities that do not edify the right minds. A situation in which we remain in the cycle of endless ceremonies that leave us feasting during the day while others are laboring to improve their nation, we lag behind. Some traditions and cultural exhibitions are local and non-scientific, so we can't dwell on them since it does not prove any point in moving us up higher in international charts of education.

We have to learn how to work while there is power supply and not how to do recreation with it. Irrespective of the day of the week, when there is electric power supply, it is not for us to sit and start watching the cable Television and become wonderful fans of international sports programs like the Champions League. One of those deviations is that we often complain of poor generation of power in the country meanwhile we have not learnt to manage the little we can afford. Even if the light shines at night, it can be utilized while it lasts and not for pleasurable hospitality and good night rest. Some people can power the large generators just to leave the air-conditioners till dawn to carry out their nefarious activities at night. These inclinations leave our society in a menace of lazy and luxurious lifestyles that only promote comfort and not conformity with standard in our industries. Many indolent folks can afford to be asleep when there is light on the electric bulbs. It is a real show of ignorance and that is why we are not able to invest with the bills we pay for the power supply in order to generate more. Power becomes stable when the activities that it promotes returns sufficient capital to continue the generation. It takes little power to run a complete set of computer system but we will rather watch televisions even in the offices than do productive official work. That is why the banking sector seems to prosper unchallenged in an economy like ours – quite good anyway. Your choice of gadgets in using electricity will determine if you can make ends meet with the bills you pay for it.

Our industries will remain dormant and their infrastructure moribund if we can't raise a finger in educating people on the proper use of electric power supply. A washing machine that should be used by the launderer is kept by some lazy house wives who will rather go into the baby boom business than secure some gainful employment. The same set of people will purchase a microwave oven meant for the restaurants and bakery just to prepare delicacies. At the end it does not only affect them but produces a society where priorities are being misplaced. Some

equipment has been designed for specialists who can use them and generate revenue for the economy in their attempt to make life easier. It is not just a showmanship of luxurious living but in the ability to utilize them effectively for the good of all. At the end some of those kinds of customers run heavy equipments like refrigerators in their private apartments without being able to pay the bills. They will prefer to mount air-conditioners meant for heavy equipments that emit heat and meeting halls in their rooms for the sake of pleasure, and complicate matters for the society. That's why proper orientation is needed in making choice of electrical appliances for homes and offices.

We persevere and fight hard not to fall into the scandals of malicious journalists and rumor-mongers. In this race of life, you have to carry your brothers along so as to end well. Several contemporaries have also deviated in picking offences and rather taking radical steps in airing out their views and grievances. The system may look corrupt and polluted but what you see as being wrong today could be another man's labor of what should be corrected. It's not to sit down to lament and resign our responsibilities; that could mean that we were never there initially. It is for us to take up the role of being effective intercessors for the state of affairs in the land. Whenever it seems like things are not done well in the country, then it is when the need to invest more time and effort calls upon us. Do not relent and say you have done much; more could yet be done. Perhaps, the amount of fasting you did was not enough; it could be that the amount of man hours you spent awake and working has not sustained your records. You don't have to sleep when work has not been done. Eating and carousing when much has not been achieved could mean that in more years to come, you could still be battling with the same challenges. When I look at the competition in the labor market, I choose to stick to my philosophy of no rest until success is achieved. It could mean that no amount of bias is enough to disqualify a man that has played his cards correctly in the realm of diligence.

Even the secular world knows that when you do exceptional works with distinct qualities, outstanding performances follow suit. You cannot do extra-ordinary things and go the extra mile and still remain in the same circumstances over time. It is always evident on the man that labors that even fraudsters cannot succeed in rigging his election to the right office he deserves. When you get determined and set goals you will definitely attain your targets without failure. That is why we don't give chances to the agents of corruption. It is our turn to yield bountiful increase; it is time to let go of excuses and labor with humility to achieve the very goals we've set for our lifetime. It is not to mope in self-pity but to conquer more victories and bag more awards. The moment you realize that it seems you have not been consistent for some time, it calls you to check the very rudiments you started with to know why you've quickly let go of the basic principles.

Information spreads rapidly today because some professionals have made it their sole business to spread it. It now depends on which message you wish to pass across. Of course, there are several protocols governing the networking of important devices. For one to operate efficiently without

letting some pieces of data to pose harm, then you should abide by those protocols of communication. Some men make religion and faith their primary business; it does not make them holier than others. It is their preference and choice to dwell on the ethics and morality of worship. For one to remain current, abiding by those basic principles, he ought to build according to a standard of rules and pattern. The worst sets of people on the planet are the people that lack business and people that are indifferent to the politics of the day. To them every product in the market serves right and every leader is worth following since there is no other alternative. They never see themselves with any potential to lead but always remain good followers of the government. In fact, anything goes; whether of good to the future of the next generation or of temporal satisfaction. But we have a choice; we owe the next set of leaders the example they ought to follow. We deserve better treatment and don't just remain in what is obtainable from the government of the day. We don't just agitate for our rights but earn them in order to attain our rightful positions through credible procedures.

The change we seek is within us, but we have to tap it from a host of potentials that still lie fallow in our inner man. We have to cultivate the attitude of making more sacrifices when it seems as if our efforts have not achieved the goals we seek. Whenever it appears as if all your efforts have not been recognized or given a proper rank, it implies that there could be some prices that some people paid to gain liberation that you are yet to pay. It is not to cut corners and lobby that makes one an indispensable tool in an organization. It is a note-worthy character that anyone that comes across you even for the first time begins to appreciate. The time is too limited for one to sit and begin to envy and antagonize other people's progress. It is rather ripe for one to identify his strengths and let go of some weaknesses by practicing the steps to greatness. Every great legacy starts with some unusual exciting efforts that motivate one to share his testimony. You may not be the very best but you deserve to be ranked amongst the best. It touches one to be in a position of authority with opportunities to change things and realize that the ranks are still nothing to write home about. Victors that successfully made it to the top of the ranks witnessed change by admiring the right qualities in others, and admitting their faults. Some day it could be your turn to make decisions for the nation but what do you have to offer today? You need to identify the position of leadership that you occupy today in order to begin to wield some right influences with it.

We labor and persevere in order to become more relevant and approved in the economy. It does not pay to be an average man in any field of endeavor. You realize that even in the race of political office, there is no room for second place. The first runner up is as good as the best loser among the ones that failed to win. That is not to say that one concedes loss by failing in a few attempts. You have to continue applying more force until victory is ascertained. If victory milestone is still one yard away, then you are still afar off until you cross the lines and gets declared as the winner. You don't relent because it seems the next higher person is afar; you keep the standards high because there are many other records that are yet to be broken. That is

why someone like Usain Bolt remained the fastest sprinter in three consecutive seasons. Even though his latest speed dropped, but he still maintains the position of the fastest man. When you set the pace for others it implies that the standard you set becomes the hallmark in recent records. The labor of our past heroes and our efforts today shall not be in vain.

Work done is always proportional to the amount of effort applied. So even when there appears to be some friction in the system absorbing the energy invested into progress-making, the outcome will always reflect the amount of resources invested. So when you see people standing as opposition party willing to frustrate your time and money and render it liquidated, don't relent they only want to prove your quality. When men labor in secret to achieve some feats, don't come out to criticize their victory when you have not done so. If you tarry in the secret place too without roaming about aimlessly you will surely get the same accolades. The quality of your goals is proven by the tactics used in achieving them. When it becomes glaring that they are skillfully prepared, even the enemy has no debate to make against you. However, you don't need to dwell in self-esteem before better vessels will emerge to beat your past records. You only need to be prepared that as new people are beating your records, you are setting more giant strides. It is not time to dwell in the same rural locations where we've originated; it is more credible to reach to distant lands and leave some benchmarks. The duration you spend preparing for an adventure will tell in how efficient you are in constructively delivering the results. You cannot be packaged for victory and yet remain inconspicuous.

When you remain domiciled in corrupt systems, the next tendency is to fade and vanish into thin air. There is every need for one to move higher everyday without nurturing a feeling of having arrived. Once you begin to look down on your competitors, even though you are ahead of them, they will soon despise you and seek to claim your records. In essence, the efficacy of your attempts in acquiring an enduring asset is that you are able to prove beyond reasonable doubts that your works are original. Plagiarism has corroded the tenets of several fast-paced authors seeking to quickly earn more publications for promotion. The moment you refuse mediocrity and begin to develop some positive habits, you see yourself soaring out of it. Procrastination rids a focused man of quality credentials until he eventually settles for less. It kills his expectations because he knows that he did not merit the best position. There is need for education, orientation and information to avoid myopic titles that pacifies local champions. The fire of research must keep burning in order to remain informed of the demands in the market of excellence. The moment you stop studying and developing new ideas, you stop growing and start seeking for shortcuts.

There is need to give back what the society has offered to us; so that we don't remain one-sided, only gulping down knowledge without ever stopping to return something for the younger generations. Such a wayward life will leave one bereaved of social profiles. The times and seasons are for one to think deeply of the blessings of God and consider wisely before making decisions. It is such that we should share with the world the testimonies of the dealings of the

Lord upon our lives. The moment you look down on the gifts and talents that you have received from above, the next tendency is to become ungrateful and pompous. However, each one of us has a role to play in the leadership of our nation. It is not for us to be nonchalant about our obligations as patriotic citizens. Whenever we are called upon to contribute our quota to the welfare of mankind, we must do so with willingness in our hearts. It is not for us to become zealous and despise others because we feel superior to them or we find ourselves in better position than they are. In our call to serve humanity in one or two capacities, we have to do so with much meekness and do away with some weaknesses to avoid being puffed up with arrogance. The moment we seek God's face for our economy, we are sure that He will respond because we have faith in his mercy.

Irrespective of what the charts say about the state of our economy today, we refuse to be ignorant. When we join hands and refuse biased leadership, the perpetrators of partial government will be exposed and others will learn their lessons. When evil go on unchallenged, it appears as if there is no man to till the ground. The Lord will keep us alive to see greater days and see the end of the wicked. The truth is that every economy has its own challenges, ours is not different; and so we have to face it as an imminent need. The nation needs to grow and that is when we withdraw some responsibilities from some men who have failed to offer some hope to the negritude of our populace. Some men have been given a second chance; we are in such a country as gives a second chance to even leaders that don't have so much to offer. It shouldn't be a weakness; it's not a lack of human resources. We have to begin to expect new names and figures in our national leadership. It must not always be a shuffle of some personalities that has been there all these years even in the historical documentaries and current affairs of the country.

As a matter of fact Nigeria has better inclination in her approach towards equipping the health sector. You discover that in most of our tertiary institutions, medical students stand to gain so much benefit more than their contemporaries in other fields. Their bursaries and hostel accommodation are provided with much preference. Such treatments encourage many of them to focus and do well in their studies. I remember in College, an entire class of science students chose to study Medicine and Surgery in the university because of the way it is reputed among other courses. At times, medical students are regarded as the most intelligent even though it's not always the case. One of my teachers, when I went to collect my SSCE certificate asked me why I didn't enroll for Medicine and Surgery in the university since I was often recognized as the best student. I told her frankly that I didn't want to become a medical doctor and that I preferred a cutting-edge technological course; hence, I had admission in Computer Science. That was the kind of orientation that even teachers had about MBBS programs. To me the global economy is changing and when I visit Forbes.com, I see more Computer Professionals in good ranks today than at any other time in the history of business and education.

When we begin to focus on human development and equipping of manpower in other currently relevant fields of study as we do for medical courses, then there will be radical change in the way

we develop. That approach has really helped the Health sector to produce much practicing professionals to occupy most positions in the hospitals and ministries. It is expedient that we begin to also diversify in taking note of those research areas that advanced economies are presently investing on, so that we don't lag behind for too long. Medicine focuses on the preservation of human life while Science and Technology focuses on the improvement of the society to make human life easier. In any case, the scientific method has to be promoted to achieve some goals that make the country independent to a large extent, of foreign goods and services. You find out that some of our political leaders still lack confidence in the quality of our medical services that they begin to outsource for treatment abroad when they find a need for attention. This can be avoided if we equip our own facilities with latest resources to reduce the rate at which we quickly abandon our solutions. It shows that much allocation is not being made to improve on the health sector anyway. Nevertheless, our sufficiency is of God; hence we labor day and night to be sure we are not found wanting by those that really need and appreciate our services.

When you lack confidence in your own art, then another will convince you that his is the best. We need a proper mindset to avoid terming our local products and services inferior. When we do our best, then you realize that even the least of our professionals have something to offer. The problem is that perhaps we have access to some foreign personnel; we begin to despise our services. Even if other nations lack faith in our services, it is uncalled for to also lose interest in our own efforts. When we don't play our role, then we seem to lack hope in the future of our economy. The work we do today is to remain relevant and faithful tomorrow even in the global market. If we try our best, the world is impartial and just enough to recognize our efforts. The fact that a few Nigerians in the global market are recognized is a proof of the fact that as many as make good attempt to get to the top will equally be recognized. But when we look at things and see no future in the work of our hands we soon begin to relent. There is an audacity of hope; it could look bleak but it does not imply that the future has been marred.

At a point when a few men begin to parade themselves as being too important, you realize that there are several parties in every correct decision-making process. There are several offices that are involved in granting an official request. It is never about a particular set of people. There is no how out of all the parties involved you lose favor before all. That is why the best way to do away with corruption is to build on merit. No matter how corrupt a system appears to be, there is still room for merit. It's only when you get convinced that the only way out is the wrong way; then you begin to join the multitude to do evil. Nowadays, people often think that some opportunities that were there in the past perhaps for foreign degrees are no longer existent. The fact is that they are still in much number today but rumor-mongers will spread news that it's only the man with much connection that can get a scholarship grant. Such are wrong inclinations; you must fight with an optimistic mentality in order to win. There is no need losing sight when the only alternative is to settle for less. If you actually know your goals and purpose you will work

harder to achieve them. Let no man cultivate a loser's mindset in you by laying a foundation of nepotism and corruption.

The way forward is to part from men that embezzle and indulge in all sorts of bribery in order to make ends meet. Believe it or not, what determines how much you can achieve is the amount of man hours you invest in pursuing that goal. It is the Lord from above that will crown your effort with glory. If riches come by counting money, the banker would have been the richest; and if power comes by occupying big offices, then politicians would have been the most powerful. It happens quite often but it is not usually the case in this country of ours. Your personality goes a long way to determining your achievements. If you are the type that quickly absconds from responsibility or resigns when the workload is most then you may not be proven for greater heights. We pray that the Lord shall keep us alive to see the days ahead of us. We can achieve the milestones we target if we don't overlabor ourselves in partnering with evil. What the world expects of us is to watch how that some women like Marie Curie has received the Nobel Laureate award more than once by working for it. Indeed before then, not so many women muster the courage to work towards a Nobel Prize. The moment she broke the jinx and set the pace others began to follow suit.

In essence, it is not for the ladies to always canvass for gender equality and say that what a man can do a woman can also do. It is by doing things for the interest of mankind not just for a cheap desire to boast. For instance, several women would quickly win the argument of vehicle license to drive flashy cars to their offices in the city. But the fact is that most of them don't carry more than their children and loved ones as passengers. It is only matured men that could serve as drivers on the highways conveying passengers to major cities and remote parts of the country. Some ladies would drive that car if it is latest Toyota Venza but the moment it is a vehicle that conveys goods for a company they quickly deny having those manly skills. Such selfish interests cannot help us to develop. You find out that majority of those ladies arguing to drive a Range Rover Sport as men would not even lift a finger to drive a Toyota Hiace ready to convey passengers to a new destination. So what is the whole point in the goal for gender equality? I am not saying this out of male chauvinism; it is the way we have lost our positions in the society while dabbling into fruitless debates. Truly, everyone has his role in the community and we only have to develop it until our motives are right to help the society with it. We still encourage a few women who at times use their vehicles to do some public service. It is a sign of true change.

There are several changes that we must evaluate to avoid falling victims of gold diggers in the nation. Before now people fear more about fraudsters, but now the challenge is of kidnappers and wrong mistresses. When some trends begin to emerge, the next step is to check properly where it is heading before moving a motion for or against it. When we come together with one mind and leave behind some ego and quick desire to gloat over other people, some ulterior motives will begin to lose weight in our hearts. The motive to acquire prestigious goods and increase tensions in the society is why some people even become rich but yet inconspicuous and

irrelevant. In their minds they are living in luxury but their impact is never felt and no one knows them beyond the confines of their local community. When we begin to help the poor around us without looking down on their conditions, that is when we will realize how poor we are and how much help we need from others. Some people acquire wealth just to show the community that they are rich people; but some local lifestyle and traditional beliefs have not left them. At a point you begin to wonder where all their wisdom has vanished to. The fact is that they never defined what wealth they needed. Do you need the wealth that will take you out of poverty or the one that will make you show off in public? You need to tell yourself the truth; other people did not become poor because you became rich; it is only your apparent perspective relative to general view.

The time has come for us to minimize belligerent words and go for what makes us one people. You don't know an elder by his age; you discover the elder in a personality by the wisdom s/he operates. When some people claim elderly titles but still remain dogmatic over issues of public interest, it becomes pronounced how they have also deviated. You have to move forward because even the earth rotates, so if you don't wish to cover more distance in time then don't just be an obstruction so that you don't become a principality to the younger generations. When you refuse to grow even your own children grow taller than you because growth is as a result of choices that you make. You can't force an entire nation to remain stagnant because you chose to grow like a tree that remains stationary. Your growth has to be like humans that grow in all directions and still move forward in order not to collide with moving objects like vehicles. When you grow and still refuse to move forward even a car learner may come and hit you assuming you were a tree. Today, we have several men and women who came to a point in their career and family life when they refused to give way for future generations. The result is that their records get broken every now and then and they begin to agitate as if someone made their choices for them. Of course, the highest gift that you can ever use to develop yourself is your freewill from God to choose even the faith you have in Him.

When you refuse to take note of a second on the clock now, the calendar will one day remind you that you are too old to be taking pap as though it is solid food. The clock could be electronic or even electrical but the calendar can afford to exist on sheets of paper. In any ways, they both help us check the last birthday we celebrated so that we are not taken unawares when younger people celebrate them too. That is one thing you must do and leave for the younger generation; as though that's the only thing we do in life. A fool at forty is a fool forever! Be cautious how you approach forty so that you don't get there without evidently convincing the world that the fool in you has left a long time ago. The things you achieve and the way you behave at forty will tell the world whether you believe in that simple age that tells you that you are too old to be called a young person. It's only a youth that is quick to assert that you are only young once. Time shall come when they also begin to give advice to the younger ones that to become a man is not a day's job. When you find the things you need in life, the way you go about securing them

will tell the world who you are. Even the way you accost a lady will tell the motives in your heart. If you don't achieve the things that speak for you, you go ahead telling lamb tales from Shakespeare. The best way to talk to the hearing of even the deaf is to do things that are as loud as warfare. This is because even the deaf knows when war just began and when the rain is about to fall.

To read, you have to begin by recognizing words; but to study you have to go even further to understanding them. When you read without understanding, it is either you have lost concentration or you've begin to mope at ease without thinking of what happens to those who fail to learn. Knowledge is not acquired lying aimlessly on the bed; so mind the activity you do close to the bed, for it could be another way of saying "I don't really think of any serious activity right now!" When I served as a GENCO delegate, there were possibilities of dosing in a meeting in a sitting posture when it runs into several days and nights in a filled hall. How much more sitting on the bed alone to study anything serious? So you must value the things that make you relevant. As a student what makes you relevant on campus has better got a direct relationship with your final cumulative grade point; so that you don't become a graduate who always wants to give excuses and lengthy sermon on why good degrees are not the ultimate. There could be several other wonderful things like facebook that even made the inventor to drop out of Harvard. We acknowledge such IT giants for their contributions but still prefer PhD candidates in the same field like Sergey Brin and Larry Page who brought about the Google search engine to foster good research. That's the way to follow leadership of people who seem to go for top ranks early in life. The truth is that same set of people may never be able to run for a good office tomorrow because the world knows their highest qualification, irrespective of the accolades they received.

When you inquire too much hoping to understand why the system of education seem to favor the diligent student and the fervent leader, you may discover that some have quickly believed a lie that the academia is corrupt. You don't have to lose confidence in your abilities even if you doubt the integrity of people ahead of you. There are several ways of making people see that you are not fighting them but rather fighting for your rights. Once in 200level, an academic staff evaluated my script and scored about 44 percent in a very favorable Mathematics course, Linear Algebra. But it seemed to have escaped his memory that he co-lectured the course with a visiting Professor from the USA. He assumed that since the Professor only came on Sabbatical leave he would be the only one to assess the results, so he quickly published his scores. Eventually, the Professor, visited again to ensure that his own assessment was also recorded. That was when I realized that I actually scored 70/70 in exams and a 98 percent in total. I didn't have to toot my horns to lament over the victimization, but the Lord lives. That's how we labor in the system knowing that the only thing we owe the world is to do our own part and leave the rest for the Last Day! If you are the type that believes in going to pour libations before principalities and

power you may assume that the right step to take is to dance to the tune of corruption. The Lord will help us!

Not that we are so qualified; but that the Lord qualifies us beyond every disqualification of the enemy. In any ways, there must be a quality that creates a balance in the inequalities of our human nature. Many times, it is as though we have totally deviated from the purpose of the entire race but along the way victory is obtained by persistent pursuit of excellence. The real truth is that Nigerian Education does not pamper anyone. So most of us had to leave the close reach of caring mothers and beautiful friends to be sure we were out of the comfort zone. You see some people had the privilege of going to classes from the comfort of their homes. In my case, I dwelt in the Boarding House, the Halls, and the rented apartments. It may come with some sense of separation from family and childhood friends; but it brings the maturity of knowing why you are in an academic institution. When it seems as if the complexity of family structure is taking much of your attention, just leave some elders to live their lives; so that they don't get you emotional over the intricacies of their personal life and get yourself distracted. That's not to be indifferent over the affairs of the society. The only way you can become effective in bringing change even in the family is when you eventually succeed in life. Many people give reasons why they failed to do well; but the truth is that you learn from an early stage to leave several issues behind and pursue your future. A day will come when you will be in the right position to address the needs.

Whatever is not helping you become successful is making you a failure in disguise. Even if it is parental care and support, learn to postpone them for an appointed time. At a point my mother was so caring that she will even mandate that I eat three square meals and take some medications prescribed by some medical personnel. But that was the more reason why I also tried to always return back to academic environment so that I can achieve better things than food and rest. Sorry to mention this, but some care could actually keep you from achieving the right things. When you realize that some wonderful diet is only making you spend longer hours on the bed at night even when there is power supply, then you have to adopt some discipline to make both ends meet. It could be more fruitful at times to achieve some results while fasting and then settling down for rest when work has been done in a measureable quantity. Even if it is wealth and luxurious provisions that want to rob you of excellence, defer them for an appointed time. But don't be that rich kid in class that has not learnt that knowledge honors no man's wealth; the men that think they can use money to get degrees only get honorary awards in return. Some people are so rich and ignorant at the same time that they don't realize when their mates start receiving financial awards from multinationals.

The need to awake to a fresh revolution is paramount in our society today. Some people are born with silver spoon in their mouth that as undergraduates they already have car keys provided by their sponsors. But that is the more reason why they should make the best class of degree. It is always shameful to see that such people are not contented but still keep looking for ways of cheating around. Perhaps tomorrow when their peers start driving those good cars at the right

time, you discover that they might not have earned the right positions for that. The world is not a place for empty show. Some proud tendencies are even the reasons why some people fail to obtain the favor that are given to others without much ado. Some freaking whiz kids will drive their parent's vehicles to the examination hall; perhaps to intimidate even the lecturers on duty. But the time has gone for us to be deliberating on such foul issues. That's the more reason why such people believe that someone is trying to victimize them whereby they stirred up sentiments by their unserious attitude. When we do our part we'll have no one to blame for our failures. It's not that we are expecting the world to become a perfect place; but we try not to constitute more problems to humanity than there is already. The fact that the victory you seek has not been won is the more reason to overlook the measures you have taken already, and work harder for the future.

We are not trouble-makers who meddle in other people's affairs; but we try to remain unique so that we are preserved for honorable services. At such times when majority from your nation are still stigmatized, the world will still find some value in you to entrust some worthy vision into your hands. The reason why a politician runs for an office is to win. Even when there are ten contestants, the second place could be as good as the last position. The reason why a student is in the university is to achieve the best class of degree and remain relevant afterwards. That measures the overall participation in even extra-curricular activities. The reason why an athlete runs in a race is to win the gold medal, the rest is compensation. The reason why people do business is to make profit. Beware in profit-making not to dwell on mediocrity for some men are also into similar business but the world ranks them for their net-worth. What are those habits that drain men's net-worth? Someone might quickly assert that it's the misappropriation of funds. It might not be just that. To some people, business ends during the day. At night they sleep off. How many man hours can you invest by running an organization like that? It therefore implies that business goes round the clock. For you to achieve your aims with that investment, you need to remain active and current to know those things that make men inconspicuous in the labor market.

When you have a goal that remains an unattained reality close to your heart, you work tirelessly to achieve it so that alternatives will not be the only choice at the long run. When you value your goals you will dare to be different to get there. The values you hold dear to your heart are the more reasons why you should not sit down to acquire a paunch. The stomach can be a burial ground for so many dreams; the moment you can't account for how much your stomach gulps down in a day, then there is a tendency that even your building plans will collapse for sweet delicacies. However, there are no limits to the ambitions in the heart of a man. There is also nothing wrong in having good aspirations; it becomes evil when you take wrong steps to achieve them. The way to the top could involve some iteration of basic steps that you took while you were still up-coming in the career. The only difference is that you have to improve on how you implement your ideas to arrive at the right destination. Some dreams could seem unrealistic but

what makes it a reality is that you never gave up on them while it seemed unachievable. The fact is that some things you need are in a limited number but the demand for it is so much in the global market. So your competitors could even be in other economies trying to also place their demand for the same article. You only need to prove yourself worthy of the prize in order to win and not take a second place.

A friend of mine said, “Nobody will see the first and choose second.” This implies that the demand for the first place in the market is too high that the margin it gives the second place is immeasurable. At times, you could deserve the best place by all qualities of knowledge and skill but it might only require a proof of humility to claim the award. That is to say that you don’t easily pick a fruit from a tree when it is already on the ground without bending down to claim it, even though you might be the first person to see it. So when God releases some awards to us, it may still warrant some meekness to receive them else they will pass us by to others who could be equally fit for the cap. Don’t let arrogance and the tendency of people looking down on you; rob you of some quality gifts that you deserve. Some official positions are there for you to occupy; none the less, you need to bow down to do what it takes to achieve it. The race is not for the swift; so don’t be carried away by doing the important things that you fail to do the one thing that is necessary. There is a high demand for the best products in the market; it is not too high an ambition to be the best. Don’t let anyone convince you with religious dogma that it doesn’t matter. Being good is not enough; being the best is better. The life of a pilgrim is not in roaming about as a sojourner; there is a destination for the wandering soul and it’s to find peace.

The one thing we do is to remain excellent; not just in academics but even in business, family, leadership and faith. When it seems as if there is no solution to the ungovernable state of our economic and tertiary institutions we begin to search for vessels that can bear good fruits. The more we search, the less we become conscious of the bad eggs in the system and focus on the beautiful ones that were just born. The result of being faithful is in achieving goals with deadlines. Even though we run the race with much pains we try to finish well so that slanderers would not rid us of our rewards with gainsay. The Good news we have long awaited is what will just arrive at the moment when we expected it the least. When we drag our feet to the high places wherein lies our exaltation then we may equally be losing sight of the correct values. Humble backgrounds often give us more reason to break records instead of allowing that to become generational. The reason why we don’t accept defeat is that no one who ever did, won. To be a blessing and a winner, you need to conquer fears and people who always want to oppress.

When a pool becomes stagnant, it gives off a stench that could even be perceived afar off. That is exactly what happens to people who dwell on past glory and never see new challenges. That you used to be good last season means that this season should be better and next season you should be the best. But don’t always think that there is yet another season to come so you don’t procrastinate the day you’ll become the best. Past tense doesn’t make anybody presently qualified; people that dwell in the past are always absent-minded leaving a temporal vacancy for

the future. When you mistakenly choose a man that has had the best moment in life expecting him to perform; of a truth, you discover that he has no presents to deliver but past glory for future generations. And how can that edify? In this country, we don't need past thinkers that have had all the good moments but no presents and prospects for the future generation but their retired profiles. When you leave some accusers thinking that they will repent, they begin to change the society into a place to trade with change. The change we seek is that men begin to find their duty posts so that we can evaluate every man by his works. It is not to hide under the umbrella of the multitude. When a net sags it only creates a bad impression about all the members of the team trying to still identify with it. When you relieve a man of a responsibility, a good man will appreciate you and expect a fresh appointment; but a bad man will abuse you as though you took food from his mouth. In fact, a bad man will want to dwell at the same spot even when it is evident that some younger ones are coming to find a place.

We keep looking at the goal while we strive to score the points that will elevate us from poverty. To a certain measure, everyman was born into poverty – naked and whining; the day you realized your own is the day you started working to come out of it. When you realize your emptiness, you also identify the wealth that you were born with so that you can use it to conquer the poverty. But only an ignorant man wants to claim that he has never experienced lack. The truth about our society today is that we need more doers and less talkative people. If you evaluate people by their deeds and words you will find out that a lot of people tend to care but their actions eventually rob you of your crown. You need to discover who is on your side so as not to assume that everybody is happy with your progress whereby a few can write you a favorable recommendation. The way we see things from afar may not be the way they are in reality. Nowadays, you need an elderly eye to differentiate between a notebook computer from a big tablet that could equally gulp down the money in multiples but only has a little value in the industry.

At times, you try to explain to some students that we are not yet studying phone science; we study computer science at least. So when we generalize that a mobile phone could be a computing device, it is not for them to fall victims of marketing managers and manufacturers who need their money. The difference is that while the computer tries to train you as a professional that can develop software, the phones and similar gadgets try to lead you to recreational uses. Those smart devices were devised to foster the course of the users of facebook and youtube; they easily guide one smoothly off the path of knowledge and research while promising you portability and network availability. You don't see a serious banker in the office sitting with a miniaturized device to attend to customers no matter the cost of the gadget. Some of these gadgets miniaturize the features of complete computer system and then try to be more expensive than the computers themselves. Trendy and fashionable people will easily fall victims of such products and services. They could serve a lot in self promotion of pictures and videos but do a little in academic research but malpractice. Some manufacturers have told us lies and that is

why they don't live long. Some mobile devices constitute a few metals, chips, glasses, plastic and software but they cost more than complete motorcycles with petroleum engine. That is outrageous! You have to be alert to know when a technology boasts more than it can offer because in the next few seconds those devices that even cost more than generators soon get drained of battery power and start seeking electric charges. So fragile! They fall off your fingers and are damaged.

Nevertheless, your choice of gadget should be able to generate the funds you spend in purchasing it to avoid embezzlement. If a device cost a fortune and does not return much fortune then you will incur loss; that is not the mindset of good businessmen. Some of these foreign investors use some of these cheap deceits to drain the value of the Naira and run away like a man that has set a house on fire at midnight hour. It takes proper orientation to know when to leave a phone and buy a camera and when to leave a camera and buy a computer system. Some of these pieces of hardware could take food away from the table of a man that does not know that it could be time to own an automobile. The reason why we study science is to learn the correct use of equipments and know the specialist that needs them to generate revenue. Some Internet Service Providers (ISPs) quickly import these gadgets into the country to move their business forward from selling airtime to selling data bundles. Originally, they were Telecommunications networks but now they have become ISPs. We need honest investors with the interest of the country at heart not just billionaires that want to boost their net-worth for higher ranks. Some of them seem to even lack every vision for the leadership of the country. Some students find it difficult to afford a computer system but they can afford the most expensive mobile devices to carry everywhere they go with ostentatious attitude. As they carry them, they pay as they go. It takes proper orientation to abandon some distractions early before they come in the guise of useful technology to drain even finances for the sponsorship of quality education.

The correct perspective about technology is that it has to achieve the actual cost invested into it like every other equipment of the same worth. Most times mobile devices are one of those set of gadgets that you always invest in and get back little in return but real-time communication. Most times you can't use them to set up any serious research laboratories unlike other computer-related and electric-powered equipments. It's high time we left some cheap tales about foreign technology and promote indigenous products. The size of a device should also be directly proportional to its market worth. When we begin to call a spade by its name we find alternative technologies to replace some of these costly devices that does not do much more than the affordable ones but a prestige based on the cost. The way we patronize some pieces of gadgets may make them remain relevant but the day you do without them, the suppliers also become reasonable enough to market better devices. It could cost a fortune to purchase and power a generator but even costs more to purchase and power some mere hand-held devices that look not so different from toys. We can use our resources to build better houses and purchase building materials than market some of these products. They constitute much mismanagement of funds

even among undergraduate students on campus. Their trends are endless as they seek to introduce a new exorbitant model.

When we think of living reasonable lives, then we must also think of living it with thoughtful people. Some people are too flashy that they want to own every piece of gadget in the market irrespective of the price. They will simply tell you the same stories that were used to convince them. The only way to avoid some bad influences is to lead an exemplary life by spending finances according to a degree of understanding that cannot be abated. These devices are not contrabands but are contrary to the right ethics of appreciating technology. Proper knowledge of their use and essence will guide a technology savvy person to know the limits and boundaries of their scope. Some of them are like loopholes that will drain income that should help a family get a good automobile. The reason why we educate people today is for them to make good choices and know how to respond to some of those wrong devices of the wicked. Some of them can miniaturize anything into an application even the Bible – that's not the essence of developing apps. That's a wonderful idea but it also makes some information and knowledge insecure and vulnerable to public access. The truth is that we are not ignorant of such mechanism of making the truth become very objective. A time is coming when we shall celebrate the dominion of the Light of Truth over some simplistic lies told by some entrepreneurs to help their goods to sell faster. That's the more reason why our educational standards should be able to prove some devices in the laboratory to decipher their original content that makes them so expensive. If there are no pieces of gold and diamond hidden in such devices then it is not worth it.

We have to be contented in life in order to build our economy to a point where it becomes independent of borrowed funds. It is at such points that the value of the currency becomes stable. When we all agitate for our personal interest and allow that to overshadow the future of the country then hope is lost. We all desire change but at the same time we have to become the agents of change at various sectors of the economy where we are relevant. When we deal honestly with each other the world would be a better place to stay. The fact is that you don't need someone to persuade you to perform your duty in the community. The way you do your work without expecting much reward than your dues is the reason why people will acknowledge your efficiency in office. The tendency of expecting more than we deserve is the immediate lure to corruption. When we receive not more than expected and rather work towards promotion and further investments then fair progress is assured. We are not posing as Mr. Nice Guys, that's not really what will help the country to make progress. Mere ethics and good conduct does not wipe out corruption; it takes a more severe approach. One has to really take a stand and avert every incriminating gesture. The need to protect the image of the country is what will advance the profiles of the personalities that we produce. When the overall rating of the country is poor, then the profiles of even our best brains gets a low rating.

It is not compulsory for one to study Business Administration or Political Science before knowing what is right to do for the good of the economy. It takes rational thinking for one to

abandon some popular notions that have prevailed over some time and take some better approaches towards solving problems. Innovative thinking, creativity and originality of concept bring about quality change. We don't fold our hands and expect a miracle to happen when we have not taken bold steps. The nature of change needed in every field varies according to the ethics of the profession. When we resolve the conflicts in different ministries and try to establish some laid down principles then we reach a conclusive measure in addressing the needs in our public offices.

The way we run the economy today is what will determine how far we can go tomorrow in meeting the needs for national integration and development. Normally marginalization is not supposed to be pronounced in a country with less than two hundred million people. We are not comprised of so many races yet, and we have less of immigrant cases to handle but we live in a society with much segregation and cultural bias. When you are shortlisted for a course that should profit any qualified citizen of the country, the initial fear is that of favoritism in the system. There is usually that reservation that some people who may be influential will try to use their connection and make the process biased. However, there is hope for the diligent indigenes of the country that focus on their strength and leave the rest to God. It is not for us to sit down and mope over the scandals that some privileged few brought upon us. Hope is lost actually when we disqualify ourselves with some certain wrong acts in our records. But if you maintain a clean slate, you will discover that no one can take your place; and that there is enough room to accommodate everyone based on his/her merit.

Let's not promote evil by masking it with a good name and injecting doubts into the minds of novices and the younger folks. When an undergraduate enters into the university initially, some people try to take advantage of their inexperience. Such people try to create a bad impression and a negative orientation of the fairness in the system. You cannot reap where you have not sown anyway, so it is difficult for anyone to stand in your way and make you lose confidence in your potentials. The creativity in positive thinking outweighs the puerile attitude of giving up prematurely. Some people will beguile a learner towards joining the wrong group so soon. We have to therefore cultivate a mindset of following mentors with caution so as not to emulate even the errors and omissions of others. It is weak to follow the multitude with a total disbelief of the foundations you had early in life; in other words, you have to be disinterested in unproven popular beliefs. Several smooth-talkers can brain-wash you into adopting new philosophies totally different from what you believed before. To so many of them, it is a way of raising radical breeds; but fundamentalism has never helped any set of people to foster good courses. It's only the desperate minds that can wreck havoc to accomplish a targeted goal.

Be careful of what you desperately pursue that makes you to deviate from following authorities. The standard in the system could be so poor and low-ranking; but the moment you find yourself in it, you spot the best breeds. Don't quickly convince yourself that you are better off than the established high profiles in the academia. One thing you can do is to keep an open mind with

incessant research on what would keep you abreast of global standards. There is much to do to be a sought-after intellectual; it may not be wise to dwell at ease even for non-religious reasons. The way you live your life before unbelievers will determine if they will achieve better things than you. Some people claim so much faith and religious obligations but they fail to meet with what even secular stars do. This is because a lax attitude cannot be concealed with much prayers and activities. Religion does not drive away indolence and the resultant poverty; if not the devout would have always achieved greater heights by virtue of their profession of faith. It takes time to change a mind that dwells on laxity and recreation. The day you sit up to know that faith without good works is dead then you have crossed another milestone. The truth is that so many people that boast of their obligations openly have achieved only a little as compared to the real people that are faithful in the secret.

Don't be deceived, the results you achieve and the output of your labors will declare how much you have put in. That is why digital devices will also give a Garbage-In Garbage-Out (GIGO). That is a divine principle that consistent solutions rely on. If you see that man that is above today and below tomorrow, then you will discover that there is a loophole in his secret life. Hypocrisy only makes people to compromise standards when no one seems to be watching them closely. The reason why youths are more focused while they are students is that even if you choose to invest little efforts in your private life, on the day when the results are published on the board the aggregate of your points will tell your activities. The moment you notice that you are also quickly dropping academic profile, and then check properly you could be backsliding into a system where no one tests you to give a result on your career. Most times, people give a better performance when they are being watched or when there is a regular examination to evaluate them. The day you stopped waiting for someone to wake you up and drive you to do your chores, then you have began to mature into adulthood. The reason why our economy is accommodating so many irresponsible leaders is that there seem to be no one examining them and giving reports. The day you stopped having a mentor while yet alive is the day you became the master of yourself.

Independence does not imply that you overgrow chastisement and correction; it connotes maturity. A mature mind will not dwell on the platform of having received some awards and degrees; he will rather dismiss them and move on for greater heights. When you leave a system of examination, you go into the system of supervision. But if you now choose to abandon both then you could be so liberal that years may fly past without a tangible testimony to write home. An unstable man will be so highly placed today and tomorrow he falls into the class of many. The choices you make will always encourage you not to relent but to do more. I recall in College, when students come into the age of choosing their subjects, some begin to amass the easy set of subjects. The result is that they are in a class where there are less challenges and competition. The moment you also find yourself in such a class, you also realize that you have fewer opportunities. Some people never drew back from taking Mathematics or English subjects

but even Further Mathematics or Literature-in-English subjects. It is good not to fall into any of the extremes, but once your strengths are established your achievements are recognized.

There is victory in determination and setting of goals. We are not the Lord that writes the final results but we have the potential to decide the grades we want and pursue them. It is always important so as to evaluate your progress and check your direction regularly. If you are not consistent then you are like a turning shadow and anybody can conclude that your best achievements only happened by chance. Some leaders lack consistency in their private lives that is why their projects also lack a maintenance culture. They quickly design a proposal for a new release of fund and leave an abandoned project. Your plans have to go hand-in-hand with the records that you are trying to sustain. If you fail to sustain the pedals then the motion will be retarded. Distractions and lack of seriousness quickly cause mediocre persons to lose sight of the benchmark and turn the other way for fast rewards. You see a beginner that quickly grabs flashy rewards and starts hanging out with the opposite sex, and then you see a man that has lost vision. Trivial pleasure cannot help a person to get to the finish line because that was not the initial momentum that he started with. So it is important to always evaluate properly before making choices because some steps are irrevocable just as some reactions are irreversible.

You read the newspapers and today it's a crime of rape and the next day it's a matter of kidnap. Where did some of these gang offences arise from into the minds of some youths? At times, it is the nature of the videos that people are exposed to that bring some of those influences. Some advanced nations could even sponsor those acts into movies and online freeware but we allow them to gain much access into our imaginations. The time has come for us to rather celebrate great good records and motivate the young stars that there is hope for the responsible man. It is wiser to give more recognition to excellent ideas rather than to recreational activities, or worse still negative values. Youths should be groomed to make research and write good papers. It is more encouraging to help people get patency rights for inventions and innovative works to promote creativity and originality. When we fail to advance in our approach to the implementation of knowledge in our nation then even our science and education becomes devalued. When we attach more values and financial allocation to the proper areas then our equipments and facilities receives a state-of-the-art appraisal. It is proper to promote originality by desisting from abstract plagiarism. Some people are so funny in their pursuit of mere profile that they delve into malicious adoption of concepts that they have not taken enough time to understand.

It is not out of place to make academic work grow with some level of abstraction to the layman. However, it is cheap betrayal on intellectuals to come up with proposals without having a clearly define synthesis of the thesis. It lacks moral edification to assume that a message have been passed when the entire work has not been developed with a comprehensible approach. The way we carry out our duties and responsibilities determines the amount of value that even foreigners attach to them. Check out our currency, you discover that in the last revision of the notes most of

the Naira symbols (₦) were removed. Simple textual spellings were used to replace the symbol making it as invisible as possible. Then, graphic works with faint gold strip were also used to make very large denominations making it easy for a good designer to develop a template of it. This could make money laundering easy for corrupt top officials who want to loot our treasury. For this reason, the denominations have been so devalued in the international market that the exchange rates became also very unstable. It simply shows how some people lack interest in the quality of our national heritage that they can afford to do shabby works for the entire populace. When you don't protect your own property and develop it, foreigners will help you to trample on it. When you spend less time and resources producing quality goods, even the money you use to purchase it becomes legitimately fake.

Initially, the quality of the Naira (₦) was not so adulterated that it can tear or fade so easily when used for a short period in the market. But today even the Automated Teller Machines (ATM) issues you a badly preserved note that you have to return to the counter at times for the teller to change it. It becomes an automation of adulteration. Who fed those notes into the machine? It's the banker – simply humans that fed in garbage into the automated procedures. The technology equally loses integrity because of the hands that manipulate it. We can recycle the currency notes and treat it with more honors that we attach to it today. Whenever you see an administrator or operator of an automated system trying to do away with the original developers of the platform he is tempted to delve into fraud. Today, there are so many gainfully employed fraudsters who lack contentment but compromise standards to get what they want. It is not just in the banking sector, but in several valuable fields where much monetary value is attached to data and information. Data integrity can cost a nation so much time and human resources. So if we cannot build trust within ourselves and the relationships that we keep, the next temptation will be to seek devices that will do security jobs for us. Issues that concern values in the database should first be handled by human relationship whereby the users of the system develop trust by doing business with equity.

When you create so much enemies trying to protect knowledge you make it more vulnerable to attackers and intruders. This is because they simply believe that there is something valuable you are trying to enjoy alone, hence, they follow after it with much haste. If we give such determination as we put in hacking into designing and developing better systems, we will have sharper and smarter products and services. But some people only know how to adore their bellies, so they make it look like a good feature having a large paunch. They have simply swallowed some indigestible and poisonous substances in trying to eat other people's share. Nothing makes the stomach so large than wrong things that try to block the mouth of gluttons. It's not attractive to leave the advancement of the environment and the safety of lives and begin to enlarge the organs. Doctors might issue their warnings but it takes a sane healthy person to abandon wasteful carousal and focus on tangible achievements. When you see a man growing fat in an office, it's mostly because he has not achieved another qualification since he attained that

height. He has stopped growing a long time ago, and so all he does is to drain down the resources with a greedy bite. Even though at times, some men naturally bite more than they can swallow, they still go ahead to take it into their body hoping that it will digest by divine intervention.

For goodness sake, age could bring respect but pot-belly only attracts a disgusting look not just to the man but the state of things around him. I once worked closely with Daniel Enebeli who made me to understand that even as Ivy League-trained, he still knows that a large paunch is not an evidence of good living. He made me to know that age is not an achievement; rather the things you achieve at the right time in life. Of course, I get disgusted at times as a young academic staff to see some old men still fondling with the keyboard in the laboratory as if they are looking for the position of a character on the QWERTY keyboard. To me, they must have missed it somewhere and I don't need a clergy to prove to me that they are arrogant and that's why they refused to learn and today the world is squeezing them into a mold. You cannot be confident of your abilities and still settle down for less; you only end up complaining hoping to interrupt those that are forging ahead with life. The United States and the United Kingdom will not be ahead in civilization forever; but the fact that they are there today simply implies that we follow suit to avoid going into oblivion. It's not chasing the wind trying to measure up with global standards while the time is still ripe. You rather avoid settling back while others are waging war in the field so that you don't return at old age for children to teach you what your mates taught them.

You have to value what made you a man amidst contrasting opinions so that you don't cast pearls before the swine. Wake up! There could yet be a call and the sound of the bugle telling you that it's time to arise and rub minds with your fellow man to see the way forward. Nowadays, you don't wait for someone to remind you that if you go about eating and drinking; even without a military cadet, your mates will give you orders. But it's also bad to always appear to be the man calling the shots and raising the standards for your mates.

At a point during the one one-year National Service, I realized that even though I had a good position but there were still some arrogant breeds who will always want to give orders to their colleagues to make their offices seem superior. I recalled a particular permanent staff by virtue of the ranking of the school he graduated from being one of the best in the country will always want to boss people around with his office. He will always want to tell you that even as a State leader you take orders from the General Secretary as being the *Uncle* of the family. One day towards the passing out parade, he saw that the picture that I published in my profile for the Batch was taken in the very Department where he graduated from. He called me to ask, and I just smiled and told him I also hold OAU to a high esteem but the fact that I also had an elder brother who wished to attend it meant that I showed him much respect and applied to another school. I told him I had a brother who had finished Bachelor's degree and is running a Master's program in Architecture in his alma mater. But that he should never mind that I visited the school to see him some times in the past.

It's terrible to note that some leaders know that we are all humans in the flesh and even though official position could have political dimensions, to use it wisely. My friend would not mind to embarrass a fellow permanent staff in the General Council Meeting by virtue of sitting with a lady on the table and administering the gathering as the Chairman. He wouldn't mind to enforce you to embark on a mission against your will even across water. Once I told him I may not be strong enough to go for an event in Brass Island, but he insisted. I went in obedience to authority but I also had to leave service for a few weeks on health grounds. It's the way we use authority that makes us appear to be rigid not that it's conventional to be strict. Some seniors in office would not mind to get you standing before ladies in a committee while issuing an open rebuke and comparing you to themselves and their strengths. Notwithstanding, some people had reaped their own fruits from the system by quickly using the resources in the secretariat to publish a full text with their name. I was disappointed to hear from my honorable colleague that he resigned officially from office a few weeks to his handover. Normally most leaders will handover when their batch is passing out of the service and seek greener pastures. But some people will insist that by Structure of Organization, they should remain in office and see the next set of members of the same batch in the next year. I always emphasized the need to end well, that was the last message I passed to members of the Family House before leaving finally for the labor market.

We may not be the strongest, but the weakest may possess the strength that can discomfit the might of the powerful. It's always wise not to flaunt your abilities so that you don't lose it to a stronger one who could be of less reputation than you are. To be highly placed also means that a fall could be catastrophic. So we prevent pride because it could often lead to a gradual decay that eventually ends in a mess that is hard to clean up. In order not to infest the crops in a garden with a communicable disease, it is better to leave them to natural conditions that favor them rather than water them from polluted sources. The bridges that we build with the ancient path are not to remain archaic but to sustain the testimonies that have existed before we were. Our nation could be the victim of much slander from foreigners but even the world powers face attacks from terrorists. Criticism is to make us to find out that those little elements of truth that could be in malicious talk. It is not for us to assume so much authority with our little positions in a deteriorating economy. It is for us to join hands with the competent and learned colleagues to achieve our common goal; irrespective of religious and tribal sentiments which often becloud the judgment of some delegates in their attempt to work with a selected few and leave the qualified and appointed.

One of the ways to fight errors in the society is to take the bull by the horns without cajoling the people with spiritual terms. Such explanations for failure to raise the moral standards in the economy could keep us aloof of the victories that other nations achieve. That the Lord is your shepherd does not imply that you should be as silly as a sheep in order to follow the leader. So even in matters that bother the faith, we should put ignorance aside to lift the banner of justice and fairness high. Some people even in the church play some politics that could offend even the

flock in their midst. When sentiments have not been totally dealt with, even the use of office to nominate the right people to their privileged positions becomes difficult. Some leaders often make the mistake of using the office to nominate junior ranking officers by favoritism and not on merit. This at times might turn around to collapse the entire system over them; because by so doing you don't get the support of the strong but the weak. The way we make selection is the same way we vote; when the system is biased with so many factors, the inference becomes erratic. Hope comes when we exempt our personal interests from the picture and let the people see justice implemented. Some leaders become over-confident of their achievements even before the end of their tenure that they fail to end well. A prominent Governor of the Central Bank of Nigeria, Lamido Sanusi could not reach the end of his tenure. Barely a few months to proper handover, he lost it to his ambitions to become a Muslim traditional ruler; creating some misunderstanding with the Presidency.

We don't relent because some victories have been won for us; one milestone comes with another hurdle. Like Robert Kiyosaki, during my childhood days I also saw myself in the midst of a rich dad and a poor dad. One would make fortune and build mansions in the estate by doing business involving financial transactions. The other will invest much physical energy in areas like agriculture and often come up with a subsistent level of production. Both were responsible for the roofs over their head and the food on their table; but poor Dad would always identify with humble dispositions and give more time to going out to be with people. With such an attitude, he could hardly sponsor his own biological children to school. This was because, he prefers not taking much risk involved in business trips or even fasting to arrive at some destinations. To him it seems as if doing some dirty jobs around the community while others are in their offices is a sign of hard work. But the world has come to appreciate diligent qualified people that are ready to apply knowledge to make more profit. To me I admired his wits in being an honest man and a faithful Christian; but at the same time I didn't want to emulate the austere aspects of his life. Even though he was growing old of age, he never saw any reason for a four wheel drive but a small private motorcycle that kept him doing his chores around. The truth was that when it came to issues of marriage he had a better testimony for his loyalty to his lowly family. He could also be generous even with the little that he had but may seem indifferent about sponsoring anyone to the university.

In my own case the rich dad was my biological father, who often had less time to spend with his family or know the location of the children's schools. To him he can sponsor all his children and wards up to graduate level providing finances and moral support. His assets and business were important to him and he will not put it at risk for anybody. He would normally dwell in the city and only pay a visit to his community for very important occasions involving close relatives. At such seasons he will address some matters arising in his business with his associates in the State. It was not the intentions of his children to make him less wealthy that he was but his benevolence in sending people to the university could mean that he parked his car for years and relieved some

assets. As regarding marriage and affairs with women, he had less integrity to boast of. However, he doesn't overlook his responsibilities to any of his wards. Another stunning part of him is that his attitude towards sponsoring you financially expired the day you became a graduate. To him at this point, he's no longer responsible for you even under his own roof, irrespective of your age. I wasn't spared of this principle even though I graduated at the age of twenty-one. It implied that I worked hard to fend for myself as a graduate without expecting much more from home. This could be very thorough, learning to become independent without even receiving further support for postgraduate studies.

My poor dad was the person I was born into his house; as a matter of fact, he is my mother's father. He loved discipline so much that his tone would tell you as a child that the next thing on his mind is spanking. One of the assets he valued the most is his fleet of lands in the developing town. He settled back there the moment he started approaching retirement age and would try to cultivate the entire lands one after the other as though he had a time table for them. His house was rightly positioned at the center of the inheritance that he will often lament of the ones that were sold by relatives while he was still in the small cities. When his wife wants to tell me soothing stories, she will start reminding me of where I was born. She will tell me that back then that the small city Aba where they dwelt was having some serious power failure that for three months there was no light. She often tells me that my mother who is her only surviving daughter had some misunderstanding with her husband before I was born. So she took responsibility over her and the unborn baby in the township. The climax of her story was usually that the day I was born, that they were still in the hospital when power supply was given by the Power Authorities after a very long time. And that was the last baby she nursed at old age before retiring as a seamstress from the city. My poor dad will now give his own version of the story that he nicknamed me *Obianife*, meaning he who surfaces in the light. And that I was named Chinedu in his house meaning God leads; and baptized in his church in Umuahia Diocese as Leonard being born in August. The entire message they want to pass is that I should keep bringing hope.

I stayed with my poor dad until I finished the six years Primary education and got admitted to the College, a boarding house. Holidays were usually short; and we normally spent it in the house of one of my uncles where my mother lived and did her business. Those were the days when we played video games and watched movies till dawn as though it were night vigils. The fact is that the moment you returned to the hostel, you met bullying seniors; so while it lasts we tried to forget the sorrows. My uncle was a brother to my rich dad; and they both had similar models of duplex. The fashionable one-storey buildings of the eighties they built were such that there were Boys' Quarters for tenants and a whole two floors for their short trips to the community. Back then I would write on my books "No rest until success is achieved!" One day, a tenant to one of my rich dad's brother who had another duplex in the low-cost estate, James asked me "So when do you say that success is achieved?" To him I was still in secondary school and know little about success. I didn't define his own context of success for him; but to me then success lied in

maintaining the first position in College. Those were the days when we met several cousins in the city especially Lagos who came home occasionally with their parents. Then some people seemed to enjoy better parental attention and affection; but to me challenges were not a limitation rather a source of inspiration. The motivation to hit my ambitions was still there even though hope seemed to be beclouded by circumstances.

My poor dad's criticism of rich dad did not make me to start taking positions to my disadvantage. In life, time tells better who cared about your future the most. Rich dad was indifferent to our welfare initially but not when we turned up as committed academics; getting admission to Federal Colleges and universities. Eventually he was the one that shouldered the responsibility of university education alongside several scholarships I earned to supplement his efforts. It's natural for poor dad to begrudge his in-law for breaking marital vows with his family. Nevertheless, when I checked some of my cousins that seemed to enjoy silver spoons in the city, my profile never ran late on age for growing up with poor dad. Children always had ways of comparing their parents' houses and cars. Indeed rich dad's houses gave me some confidence that I was not poor but from a low estate. He had one of the best houses in the family estate in the midst of several of his brothers, although it was not used very often. He has about six brothers and several kinsmen who lived in the same neighborhood even in the city. However, whenever the house is open, we are welcome to clean it and put it in order until the appointed time; perhaps, when we become graduates. Even as a child when an elder jokingly called Dan by poor dad's surname he said "It's not my name!" To him that's not the surname on his books in school. So we valued our inheritance and preserved the family honor in order to be of capacity to maintain the wealth.

The common goal of man is to experience some dimensions of economic victory and financial independence. This brings freedom and not really liberty but liberation from oppressors. Whenever we went to the city to spend time with rich dad doing business in the Metropolis of Lagos, even though his properties are located in the outskirts of the city towards the Otta area, we felt a new move of financial growth. You could see yourself making savings by joining other young people to hustle for the money. You don't become so timid and honest as poor dad will portray it, to the point of being broke. Of course, as a youth there are several demands you don't place on parents but majorly the cost of education and living expenses. Once on the streets, you start making friends that share the same vision and move with cousins – even namesakes – that speak the same language. It's usually a time to maintain contact with distant friends littered all over the city. At times, some friends could engage one with their family business that you are delayed to spend some days and even weeks in their area. So it goes that rich dad never failed to give you some pocket money in a day to fend for yourself to avoid becoming one of those boys on the street doing it all by themselves. What you do with such money is left to you. To me besides feeding and clothing which are primary, that money could help me secure some gadgets and books to be better in class.

Perhaps only one of my course mates Jerry had met with my poor dad once when I fell sick after semester exams and he had to take me home for holidays. His brother Omayz also met my rich Dad once when he followed me to one of my father's house at Sango-Otta in the outskirts of Lagos. They both stay in Lagos but are from Delta State. They are so much enthusiastic about the fish-farming business and often invited me over to partake in the aquaculture. It was lucrative; at times they do the mechanized farming with a formal organizational structure. Such ventures could help youths and entrepreneurs to invest rather than to embezzle. The city is a place that encourages social life; so that I sometimes visit the swimming pools and bars with friends to hang out. It was not really relevant knowing who you are with at the moment but you have to be cautious of your choice of friends and the activities you partake in to avoid regrets. In the city, money can be made and money can be squandered but with such an economic scale around established family businesses you have to be accountable. It was not a matter of rigid principles but being involved in what is going on around town so that you don't become so much of an introvert that you even lose in business. At least, rich dad gave some freedom to his biological sons in the house to manage business and also to mix with people. He made us to understand that business is trust and that time is money.

Even though my rich dad was not an employed worker but a manager of his own company, he had the habit of leaving the house as early as government workers daily before 8:00 AM. He could also spend so much time at the outlet until late in the evening when it is getting dark. This made us to also learn to manage one of his outlets with peers from similar family until the day is over. Neighbors at times thought that the way we did business, we may not appreciate education. But eventually we did business during holidays to avoid owing fees in the university. As a matter of commitment, none of us owed fees for even a semester till we graduated without an extra year. The days are coming when men will no longer dwell at ease because they will be challenged by the very people they thought were ignorant. The fact is that mom had already trained us to be transparent when reporting businesses for the day. So pilfering was not our method but delivering the cash and placing demands. Once, a friend in the Department, Joe Bouncing, saw me on the streets trying to deliver some goods to rich dad's business spot. He wasn't expecting that, since he often thought of me as the academic type. I made him understand that on the streets I made my money as a student during holidays so that while on campus I can receive much support without being distracted.

Bouncing also hustled on the streets during the holidays and even around campus. So at times, we stayed back in the university halls *Malabor Republic* playing chess. At least, he was confident that even if I do better in class than he did, he will always do better in chess. We still were pursuing good profile and making more savings when I ran into Joe after the National service trying to participate in the general elections of 2015. We wanted the same things from the government but our approaches were different. He was actively following the officials of INEC to do the pre-election exercises. I simply got a formal document from one of the Resident

Electoral Commissioners at a major headquarter in Bayelsa after some field training and examination stating that I am a Presiding Officer that can serve in any state of the country. When the struggle was much amongst youths and it seemed as if they will reduce some of us to Assistant Presiding Officers, I simply redeployed to my state of origin where I was given a polling unit.

Henceforth, we pray against poverty and rather face the evil on a day-to-day basis. When you don't labor to remain relevant in the limelight, you fade into oblivion and become inconspicuous even in your little community. Several clergy men savor enmity sermons stirring their hearers to think of a witch behind their circumstances. Faith urges you to believe that your progress is a function of your efforts. In a country where people relax even in the midst of lack of professional competence, instead of making research to educate the masses on how to advance the economy, you create quarrels amongst them. Such talks often make people to begin to point accusing fingers at their neighbors and to blame them for their failures. You fail when you refuse to play your role to achieve your goals. I believe that every circumstance around you remains potent so long as you sleep and eat over it. When you stand with determination to forego food under the sun and sleep under the moon as much as possible, unfavorable situations will disappear. You cannot achieve what you have not labored and made sacrifices for. When you claim that people's conditions are spiritual and are based on one evil person in the community, you exempt the person from taking blame for his own indolence and nonchalant attitude.

When I was in College, I took delight in solving problems for fellow students that I often took them as challenge. At times people would confront you with problems that you may meet in the examination hall, you don't have to turn them down. You see it as an opportunity to do proper revision and remain sound. Solving the problems would widen your horizon for some people have the access to the problems that they cannot solve. In proffering solutions you conquer many difficulties into the future. Some of them know that for integrity sake I wouldn't communicate right in the exam hall; it's a cheap compromise. It's a personal conviction that I didn't have to adopt from a sermon. Rejecting challenges could mean refusing to see into the future. I realized how solving other people's problems contributed to my success. Each time I look at the way I was able to meet my target of making all A1 in all subjects except English Language, I attribute it to the exposure I got from solving problems without giving 'NO' for an answer. People could entrust me with their fears knowing that I could protect it as a counselor without looking down on them. They came to me not because I was the only one that can solve the problems but because I took patience in giving them listening ear and also tackled the problems irrespective of the subject. It's still part of me today that even in the office, solving problems becomes a personal challenge to me, not first of all for the material gain or applause but the exposure.

In a country like ours, if we must grow in technology and research, we have to embrace the habit of problem solving without hoarding information. In a system where we shy away from developing solutions for one reason or the other we remain at the same level. At times you could

suspect that the problems could be used for other intentions like malpractice, but it never stops you from proffering the solutions before or after the exam. The truth is you can train people but you may not dictate for them what to do with their skills. When we leave boasting of the things we can do and go ahead to do them to the benefit of the society then we help the society. Our politics is getting so rude that even the speeches that are made and the debates are just for campaign sake; it doesn't go deep down into the heart. And some people try to lead when they have not conquered religious sentiments and unhealthy living in their own lives. When the leaders are not healthy, it implies that they have ignored the medical and academic research that go on in the country. Their next attempt is to seek for medical attention elsewhere and abroad. The workload of trying to occupy other people's position and the tendency of returning to power after having a taste of it could be a disease. We have to eliminate every form of desperation in our attempts to remain in power to avoid dying on seat. The reason people perish in power when they are supposed to be enjoying it is that they pursue their interests with a do-or-die and desperate approach.

When you leave the center of matters to tackle distracting features, you only beat about the bush. I recall in my 100level in campus, a friend, Ndifreke invited me over to a church near campus. I went with him and was pissed off with the lewdness in the atmosphere. I pretended I would have rather been at home than to come out and meet all manner of indecent dressing in the place of worship. So I told him after the service I was not going yet until I met privately with the Pastor and have a chat with him. I discussed with him and found out that his wife was almost a challenge to him in maintaining decency in the parish. I gave some word of encouragement to him with terms that sounded rather as a warning. He invited me and the friend, who was also one of his instrumentalists over to his house for lunch. We went on several occasions, and I found out that he and his wife were also staff members of the university. I was sorry to hear that his wife died a few years after, while we were still in campus in a communal clash leaving him widowed with a son. It was a warning for several campus and city churches and fellowships in the neighborhood that were so carried away with gathering crowd of unbelievers than creating impact. In life you have to scream if there is need when you find yourself drowning in a corrupt system than to join the multitude and do evil.

My poor dad didn't gather so much material wealth but he never jokes with his three-square meal. The only friction he started picking with me while I was growing up in my career was that I would rather fast all day and still eat my meals later rather than eat when work has not been done for the day. To me, you cannot be sure that the future is secure when you feast in the morning. These little habits determine a lot how many victories we record even in spiritual warfare. I love his principles because they make him live long and active. Nevertheless, if I would have my way I would prefer to live long and still be affluent. Another complexity with my poor dad was that apart from his house where he dwelt; he seemed to lack any other business location or office where he could do some serious labor without family interference. For this

reason you observe that the he invests less man hours in a day into his works. If meals were served on time and there was no power supply, he would rather just retire to bed after listening to the news on radio than to provide alternative power supply for more comfort at least. He was so hospitable that he never fails to offer cola and prayers to any visitor that crosses the gate of his compound. To him age is much reason to leave the city soon and start laboring around his community. Another limitation I found with his philosophies was that he rarely takes any business risk involving travelling to another town except for ceremonies. It becomes a financial constraint when you allow youths to take the risks and also have the honors.

I overlooked some of those excesses because I know it was not conventional with all old people. It will be fallacious for me to conclude that all aged people rest around the house with little or no further ambition after retirement. This is because I still met people about his age still in public offices holding big academic and professional titles doing well. It is not a weakness to leave formal education and embrace agriculture. The ignorance is in doing everything in life as an average person. That is why at times, when some politicians come to campaign for their agricultural goodwill for the youths that are going into education, I would ask, "How many times in a year does the Federal Ministry of Agriculture give foreign scholarships to people who want to take courses on mechanized farming?" It is evident that the Ministry of Education gives and the Petroleum and Technology industry gives. But most of our Northern leaders with their vision for food supply will cajole youths with an agenda for food production when they want some of us to remain ignorant farmers waiting to receive free fertilizers for subsistence farms. I learnt to use the hoe and cutlass from my poor dad at a very tender age, because he will always assign everybody in his house a role in the farm. If you cannot make ridges and mounds, then you should do weeding or clear a farmland full of grasses. Yeah! It made me strong physically, but when I go to my home-town and see some of my peers still trying to continue in that path I consider it eye service.

Not that my rich dad did not have lands too, but to him his lands are for real estate investments. He prefers to be a landlord of several houses. In fact, when he wants to make you understand how much money he made from developing lands into houses. He will give you a small pocket money during resumption and ask you to go back to school. Then he will tell you that he will send your major fees and rent when he collects rent from his tenants in one of his assets. And you can be sure he'll surprise you with a bank alert that will pay your bills and even profit your close friends who could be facing challenges with accommodation. The world is no longer searching for titans of great skills in using local tools to till the ground. The academia wants to know the most recent research you have done in pest control that can be published in a paper or receive a financial grant. It will be better if some politicians stopped seeing our reserved lands as underdeveloped areas for local farming to win their arguments with. They should rather tell the youths which part of the world they want to send them in order to acquire knowledge that can liberate men from hardship even if it's in mechanized agriculture. Some generations have painted

a poor picture of farming to connote famine, so that when others eat wheat flour you eat fermented local cassava.

It is better to fast for delicacy than to feast on meals that make the soul to wither. At times, you wake up in the morning and you don't see any key to your own house. Tell yourself the honest truth, you have swallowed all the resources for great industry on delicious meals. Some Africans need to be informed that they have eaten much cake and can't have the assets that they desire. A Chinese man will eat with tiny sticks and an English man with fork and knives to limit how much goes into the esophagus. So many Africans will prefer to use bare knuckles to grab all the food on the plate in a minute and seek for more. At most they use a spoon to squander the provisions and even eat tomorrow's yams. This is the repentance we need not plenty sermons of religious differences. Such an attitude lead men to embezzlement in public offices and we end up establishing more offices to probe them. Some people have not fallen from a hill while running, that is why they may still want to do *runs*. The citizens of a nation that have not come to recognize their need for change will keep on using change to sell their destiny in the market of life. When you betray your country with indolence and begin to blame the government, we ask you to check your position in the government. Some people don't believe they are part of the government because they have sold their birthrights and are waiting for others to do them service with offices. You need to wake up and remind yourself that you still owe the nation some legacy, at least for posterity sake.

It's not for a preacher to wake up after a wife's treat of African Sunday rice and nail the single youths on the streets for creating awareness with their original records on the radio and television. Some men have backslidden on the bed of marriage not even fornication and have grown paunch on the pulpit. So when you challenge them to record an mp3 and get it to the World Wide Web, they make it look like a little secular effort. Such sermons have also underdeveloped Africa to enrich the pockets of self-righteous and loquacious leaders who adopt a garrulous oratory prowess to exploit the emotions of many with their holier-than-thou attitude. It is good to acknowledge people's talents and appreciate their efforts in making global impact. It is only at such a point that you can give a correction to guide the misled. For this same reason, some men operate churches and religious organizations as though it were their family business or political office they won at much expense. When you don't seek to be the best at what you are doing, mediocrity sets in and you face the enemy called average. Anything worth doing is worth doing with excellence. One bad thing with average students in College is that they are neither noted as first five nor last five. They remain undeclared and undefined; so inconspicuous in the affairs of the institution as though they are just passing. If you don't work hard on time, work will be hard to find at the right time. Relieve me of friends who does not know that social life is a means of relieving the stress of duty and not the profile we boast of!

The Lord Jesus was known for fame, but I don't know why some people will claim to serve a God that does not make them famous. Actually, if you are not famous, then there must have been

a habit that has made you infamous that you may even be notorious without knowing. Don't wait for someone to remind you of your human nature because you may take it as criticism. Whatever hides you from the limelight will also keep you from shining. It is when you pick challenge with people that shine that you will reflect the glory of the heavenly. What lies in you is an incorruptible seed to manifest the glory that can last till eternity. But if you let the politics of the day and the business of men that are busy in their mess to ruin your destiny then you may remain in regrets forever. Give honor to whom it is due; so that you will not despise people that even the advanced nations have given credits for being exceptional. In a part of the world where people are not given their credits based on merit it becomes difficult to trust our judgment. But when the system is so tough and rough, that is when the real materials are proven. So if you are still out there working to become efficient, persevere for there is still hope for the negritude in Africa.

If you are out there and you are into trade, never be ignorant so that the giants in the industry will not push you around as pawn and gain all the ranks. In an economy where business makes people more powerful than leadership positions, you need formal education to avoid mixing trade with illiteracy. There is a difference between a CEO and a trader, they may control the same amount of money in a day but their net-worth is different. You can't continue in an undefined business without nomenclature. My mother was not surprised that after I was discharged from national service, the first contribution I made to her business was to design and develop a sign board for marketing the outlet. It could cost little to have receipt, invoice, email, website and complementary cards. Just be sure that you are not just counting money and doing transactions. That may not be far from trade by barter; the only difference could be that in this case you exchange money with goods. It could be as bad as fraudsters that render services without receipts. It becomes fraud because today you are there and tomorrow you are not; totally inconsistent and unstable. Life may not have time in much benevolence to offer an individual; so the best thing we do while time lasts is to contribute positively to the development of mankind. When you hoard knowledge and refuse to impact lives with it, another will do and take the credit and you remain irrelevant. The evidence that you have something to offer is that you have granted it to the society and it's yielding increase.

Ignorance could be worse than poverty. An ignorant person could be rich but nobody recognizes him in any ranking not because he is poor. He just does not like abiding by standards so that some values could be attached to his works. A poor man just couldn't make it to the top of the charts; and so he's not recognized because he doesn't deserve it. There seem to be many ignorant people in Africa than there are poor people. Even in politics, some leaders are so weak that even at old age they are still reading their speeches from papers as though someone wrote it for them. You don't have to plagiarize to write a publication; you only need to know what you want and what message you carry. You don't throw away the yardsticks and begin to take measurements with knuckles. It's only when you recognize established landmarks that your efforts are also given credit. So don't wonder at why even our tertiary institutions seem not to appear on several

good ranking profiles. Some men have left the milestones of education and are pursuing the dictates of their flesh. You can't win the battle by talking all day; you just have to find the standards and uphold it so that you don't get absorbed into the decay. It is as we arise to build according to pattern with some competitive advantage that we can selflessly reach the climax.

We cannot be building as if there is no master plan. Recently, the Vice Chancellor of the University where I work sent packing kiosk-setters domiciled close to the lecture rooms, lurking around in the name of *Business Centers*. They make the institution of learning lose much rank when they create more markets for business activities on campus. At first, there could be resistance but you need to also educate some desperate housewives that there is time for everything; not to bring their petty trades to the corridors of learning. It will pay to go back to the reference manuals of how we started to be sure that the goals are closer than they appeared. When you leave the bookshops and libraries to hawk books on the streets, it could mean that the authors are not around the academia. So even in our ministries and public offices, that tendency to conform to the standard will push us to overlook the faults of a few that give us a bad name and look forward to the merits in establishing milestones. We cannot make it on the beds when people dwell in huts in rural places while having large mattresses and televisions. We can only convince ourselves that some people are making a recreational existence of their stay on earth and soon they fall into the multitudes that follow the lead of three-sixty degree leaders in the academia, business and government.

It is not for us to adopt an unpatriotic approach of running away from responsibility to other economies with hope of finding a comfort zone. That's the fastest way of becoming a refugee in a strange land. Whatever business that takes you to another land should be able to sponsor your way back, if not you are at loss in that business. You reach out to other countries, get what you want and retrieve your steps irrespective of their boast of advancement and beautiful scenery. The best approach is to make your country as developed as those admirable places in the world. If you have learnt to eat once in an advanced country in order to meet up with expenses then eat with contentment in your own country in order to reserve a portion for others. Godliness with contentment will bring effective change closer to our doorsteps. Let's save some sermons for the pulpit but not make lies out of our private lives. The truth has a value that evidently makes men free of a biased mind full of excuses for failures. Together we will make it if we see the good in others and help them to become the person we see in them and not nail them for the personality we never wanted to believe was in them. If we fail today to adamant negligence of the conscience, we will only find ourselves despised with all the gold that we thought were good. We can put away corruption and reclaim our position in the tables of ranks, exactly where we belong.

CONCLUSION: THE COMPUTER NETWORK AND FAITH

We are in such an era when the computer system has brought about so much revolution in the society that several solutions have also been proffered with it. Many have adopted the telecommunications network, some radio network, others television network and recently social networks. These platforms have served as diverse sources through which information is made available in the media. One of the most widespread networks is the Internet found across the World Wide Web. On it several works of research have been published and made available to a wider audience. Each of these resources has some effects on human behavior and religion. Ideas can be shared and forums created using portable gadgets and equipment to connect to users at different locations. Without delving into the technical details of the topology and protocols of networks we would see how the media can enhance people's faith in order to bring forth change. Yeah! So many views and opinions are shared on the network platforms to influence lives. The bone of contention is what type of influence and impact people get by partaking in diverse forms of networking. To be frank, there could be healthy and unhealthy conditions surrounding the implementation of all forms of network especially the Internet and television networks that involve audio-visual information. Before you adopt any measure in declaring a piece of data useful, you have to validate the source(s) to avoid corruption. The social network today has a larger collection of youthful audience who also dwell on internet facilities to communicate. It is expedient that we evaluate the methods of accessing networks, so we don't obtain what we seek out of curiosity, instead of research.

There are various methodologies guiding research; it has to be supervised and follow a structure. To some investors, the network is a business for connecting people and making profit. What we seek to achieve by networking is linking up people with faith through the use of modern devices to eradicate hunger and extreme poverty. Without a biased mind, the computer device can help to educate the general public on several resources that were not practically accessible in recent past. It takes an open mind to embrace technology and use it to improve knowledge and spiritual works rather than infest the society with malicious publications. Some people could take pleasure in broadcasting obscenities; making the weak mind to savor wrong imaginations. We are not going to give much meditation to folks that give themselves to extreme pursuit of material gain. Some tendencies can becloud the imaginations and make a man victim of his own fantasies. If you let your desires, they will rule you but you have to also learn to control your mind in order not to be addicted to some habits that retard men.

The network is for people with a common goal who wish to establish relationships in order to spread Good News. It is not every philosophy that is worth trafficking online; there must be an established reference surrounding discussions made to avoid deviations from the sole intentions of the inventors of the technology. Technology can be misused to the detriment of a generation; it pays to pay heed to edifying episodes that guarantee success rather than wasteful ventures. We don't mount the blames on various researchers that came up with such ingenious innovations; it

will be unfair and ungrateful to do so. Of all these technologies, the computer system has gained much acceptance in the society even into academic syllabus at all levels of education. That does not make it superior but rather versatile by the way it is embraced by the populace. This technology has also made several billionaires in recent history, making it more expensive to appreciate than other popular platforms. We have often used computer automated systems to improve data integrity and assure the public of more reliable solutions.

However, when issues of corruption arise even in computer software we often trace the faults to the human users who compromise standards. The way we administer the machines that we create also determines how they affect the society. It is not such an invention as cause accidents on the highway or brings serious damages to body tissues. It is a user-friendly environment that tends to penetrate the minds of the user to replace ignorance with faster ways of adopting sound doctrine. On the other hand, technology can be flexible making it easy to be hi-jacked by false users who intend to bring malicious attacks on other people. We rather say no to pessimistic attitude that makes people to remain in illiteracy for long and suffer the blows of economic taskmasters. Some capitalists have the tendency of taking advantage of these inventions in heavily equipped environments by monitoring the financial activities of the nation and exploiting the loopholes. We need transparent systems that create a fair ground for both the David and Goliath alike for a fair warfare and not monopoly for giants. Some men always want to be the Goliath in the battlefield but may fall victims of their arrogance and false presumptions on the younger generation.

With the nationwide embrace of the 6-3-3-4 educational system, many learned people have been elevated from ignorance. It is not a time to give kudos to some politicians and their sycophants who claim to create jobs for the masses. What the people need is enlightenment; they need honest leaders that can handle serious decisions in the labor market without causing damage to the national heritage. When some of these novel ideas are committed into the care of incompetent officials the whole nation suffers the wrong use of network to rather intimidate the timid more. Local networks can create an avenue for both the novice and the professional to enjoy the creativity of the producers. It is not for us to also remain domicile and feign ignorance in the right use of state-of-the-art gadgets to make life better. It is simply for us to see how this innovation spans our various fields and how we can adopt it to making our researches and businesses stronger. We can win a victory when we stop believing that our religious views or spiritual obligations are superior to the others. Nevertheless, we have to stand fast and overcome every attempt to becloud true worship with corruption.

We don't relent because there are several victories to be won and many lands to be conquered. If we don't face the giants today, they will still surface tomorrow and puzzle the mind with their prowess. But we have confidence that we are more than conquerors. It takes wisdom to overcome the guiles and deceit of people who pedal rumors and perpetrate evil in the society. The network is not to promote the handiwork of gossips who meddle into people's private lives

and cause frictions even amongst friends. No one will win by being idle; that is the more reason why we get our fingers busy with labor and not with food until the appointed time. Some people could be disappointed that we have not started cutting corners to accommodate them in the vision because their ways are not straight. We face challenges and don't attribute it to any man but circumstances surrounding the emergence of any solid foundation. We build on the solid rock of the Word and make it more impregnable for the accusers to pollute the growth of success on the long run. We stand in the face of all manners of sentiments but not to allow tribalism to wreck the job of credit. If we fold our hands and watch even our little achievements and qualifications will be corroded within a short time by the dynamic forces of nature. It is time we believed that the beautiful ones are born and are tender amongst us today. Instead of us to dwell on the thought that they are not yet born while languishing in mediocrity, we should arise to duty.

If the exchange rates were still fair, then we would have been relaxing in joy that all is well. But since some forces in the international market have devalued our currency towards extinction, we take responsibility. Yeah! We might not wait for the ministers who console us that they are in the cabinets, some may really be monuments. Our files could just lie fallow in the cabinets without a watchdog to tell us the state of things but the abstract internet. In a nation where information is not protected we struggle so hard to convince the elites that anything faithful could come by banking data in the clouds and not papers. Some have really chosen to remain in their obsolete manual procedures. But we owe them no apologies, when the tides begin to rise perhaps they will pick up their mats and walk out of the infirmities that have held them bound for years. There are two sets of people you don't ignore today, namely; the upcoming youths and the advanced nations. The younger generation often attempts to break the records and set their own so that no man is lasting so long on past glory. You often help them to achieve their desired ambitions while moving up to the next higher level in the reactivity series to avoid displacement reaction. The advanced nations on their own side are willing to take all the ranks in a table and leave you exempted. They simply believe that if you cannot measure up with the least among them then there is no need compromising standards by sympathizing with you.

You don't need to be told by a little bird that the moment you feign ignorance over the ranks against you today, then the children of your mates will teach you tomorrow at older age. When men begin to fail, they begin to give themselves over to pleasure and the next calamity is baby boom. Even the babies are fighting for survival that some can afford to become orphans to find their room on the planet since they are beautiful and are already born. But if you doubt that they have been born, then wait till they grow up too, so that you check yourself on the mirror again to see your wrinkles. The bond that binds us with success is so strong that we don't give indolence a little chance to raise its ugly head. Only a failure thinks that he has no rivals. When you look around you, you have to find every reason to wake up from the last slumber that just made you dose. Several ergonomic conditions have not been put to check because men have eaten and

drunken and no longer hold the legal authority over the circumstances around them. But where are those intellects gone, have they all been drained down on the bed of bribery and fornication, that some vulgar folks call *runs*? You have to check your heart to be sure that the world around you is not surrounded with fake friends who are on the network seeking more contacts and followers that create shortcuts rather than true links. Some people have not even passed an O level subject in WAEC but they have made up to three thousand followers on social network. Perhaps, they are so admired that they command an online followership.

The time is ripe for us to question the yardsticks we use in measuring our achievements. Today, we cannot just rest and be assured that the qualifications of yesterday are still intact where there is no job security. When we give ourselves over to sleep, we wake up on another side of the planet. Never mind the physical environment could be the same but the earth has been rotating while men slept. It could be catastrophic to wake up and realize that the bills have accumulated and we can barely clear them. The nation is running into debts because men learn to encourage the use of foreign networks but never release grants for indigenous projects. The whole economy run into debts because instead of men to till the ground they rather go to bed with their concubines and wake up to give financial reports they didn't know where they squandered. The foreign reserve is depleted because we thought that the little there was much, not knowing that other nations are constantly and competitively trying to grow theirs. What actually empties it is relative to the worth of others. You cannot be sleeping and expect the money in the bank account to yield any interest – that's falsehood. We can only account for our networks even on social media by being faithful with our activities in trying to use other men's technology; it will even be more advisable if we become creative enough to develop ours since all our traffics are recorded in a database. No wonder Mark Zuckerberg visited Nigeria because we form part of the largest network on facebook increasing his net worth. We can start at least by creating our own database and scrutinize our communication on foreign domains.

We cannot feign ignorance over failures of some leaders to render due apologies to the nation for the theft that is on the increase. The way we mismanage resources could mean that we no longer protect our integrity over the younger generation and they don't even know the right persons to confide in. The legacy that we set is to see that we remain alive while standing at our duty post to render the little services that we are capable of. We don't permit men who cajole our abilities to also determine our destinations. It could be theirs to grade and recommend but they are not in my bedroom to tell me when to retire for the day. It is when we realize how far we have deviated from the truth that we will understand the implication of the pidgin African greeting *HOW FAR?* Some people will simply say fine. The line between our starting point and demise is very fine and thin. But we are rather optimistic that there are better things to come. Even with the disappointments we keep on making more attempts until like a loop our efforts are crowned with glory. We don't begrudge those that only fought so hard to stop the success of the younger ones. We simply ask them *How Far?* If they are sincere, they will let us know how far they are from

the truth in what they made us believe. It could be informal but we still know that several traditions have been turned around because some men could no longer hold their two legs together at night.

What is the outcome? These days, women get educated and only a few use the knowledge to lecture the younger generation. The rest use it to win gender equality arguments with their other halves. You see the educated ladies driving flashy vehicles while their husbands do the community service. I pity the modern woman because her daughters are lamenting of molestation from the older men while they are busy struggling the traffic with men on duty. If the female folks are actually sincere with their claims of sexual assaults, they would have picked more interest in joining the service to defend their daughters. But you see the whole pursuit seems so selfish, to look big in a prestigious vehicle that never does any service to the community but entirely to self. Such a generation would not equally fly planes because their imaginations could be so low and driven by strife. To be educated implies contributing back what you have learned into the system. These days the universities equally produce female best students but most times they are too quick to dive off into another economy in oblivion to the most promising labor market. We still seek a network that will gather the people in one voice to speak the same language of truth without fear of favor or love of self. But we shall not come last; rather we'll be timely in possessing the gates and speaking with the enemies by faith. Faith conquers so many unbelievers in their attempt to turn off the lights and enthrone darkness.

Let's face the reality, how many female Vice Chancellors do we still produce in recent times? We rather have more female ministers of finance leading us into more recession and making our currencies lose value. Some trends are changing; the gender equality debates have also gotten into the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), but where is it leading us to? The United States could allow women like Hilary Clinton to appear to be winning the debate perfectly well towards the Presidential seat but not to become the President-elect of the White House for a second. So we shouldn't be ignorant in the capacities we allow emotional women to act in the economy so that we don't fall victims of an error. Evidently, in the United Kingdom and Germany the Prime Ministers and Chancellors are females. These days some will even give their daughter keys to flashy cars to drive around the campus when they have not even seen a reporting sheet. It is alarming that we permit so much liberty to the detriment of our international image and reputation among other nations. It is not time to complain of so much corruption in the country but to evaluate the amount of man hours we each spend awake in a day networking for this change that we seek. We desire change in the oil and gas sector where the prices are as unstable as the waves of the sea. We desire change in the exchange rate of the Naira, then it should start with the people we allow to minister our finances for a day. So many of them would not have so much good intentions to give back first in the classrooms before convincing the whole nation of their good intentions for the allocation that is made to education.

We are not expecting some miraculous Messiah that will rescue us out of their hands but just as we placed them there in our minds we simply remove them from our thoughts and forge ahead. If some people have failed then call them the spade that they are and don't wallow in self-pity for so long. To many of those officials, the long speeches they make on the media are the efforts that will deliver us from the recession that they got us into. It is not for us to claim that we train more to be competent by foreign training, what will deliver our economy is not in length of resume but in diagnostic approach to eliminating bad eggs before they pollute the rest. Business is trust but when trust is abused then agreement is compromised. So if some parties have given up on the people to seek their bellies then the people could make hay while the sun shines to save their heads. It is not in the amount of time we spend deliberating over such personalities, it is in our ability to make resolutions, take decisions and stand on them. A government that is not firm will be tossed by the wind. When our share is being cast away with so much insolence then we have no choice than to arise to justice. We have the tendency to believe people when they are sincere but if the truth is made objective to circumstances surrounding their welfare then we have every reason to doubt their loyalty. Of course, some leaders' loyalty has shifted a long while ago; so you see them trying to gamble over issues that were meant to be explicit.

Let's come out of ignorance, it could make us to waste more of the few days that we all have to live on earth with limited opportunities. We are supposed to reach out to the nooks and crannies of the earth with an alarm of the sound Gospel that we preach. If some people keep changing policies without much explanation to the detriment of established customs, then their loyalty could also be in doubt. We don't allow the same defeat we faced yesterday to confront us again today. That could only imply that we slept over the enemy's victory for a moment. It doesn't take much time before it becomes a total defeat. We will not let some few personalities sit upon our due rewards and make us appear as beggars in the system seeking for ways of survival. Nay! Some men started by cutting corners, they assume they can equally frustrate others into cutting corners. The Lord will help us! It is total deceit to look down on the plight of the youth and make it appear as if we are just whining for bread. Even if there were no chips on deck, some people will still pull your legs to test your patience. The reason we labor in silence is that the time to speak has not come yet; and actions speaks louder than words. There could be several ways of doing the same job yet many people struggle for a few opportunities; yet we can create avenues for self-employment. You can succeed because you have not given yourself to careless jokes that drain the strength of the wise.

We have faced several hard situations that rather made instead of mar us; these are why failure is not an alternative. At the same time we don't let ourselves get intimidated by the loud boasts and ovations of the privileged few who claim to have the top ranks. We simply wait for our turns to show them how we will play the match if the ball was in our court. All hope is not lost; we simply grab the provisions from above and continue laboring for the next. We speak of bringing people together to rather reason like wealthy gems that still live their lives in austerity. It is not

that we are desperate for the change we want but that we want to achieve it by faith and not by social mobilization of violence and bellicose attempts to oppose the government. It is not by bloodshed; it comes while we keep watching and waiting for it. If we remain diligent and faithfully do our part it will come. Several people could mock your attempt to gain victory but will eventually try to partner with you when victory is won. You can change the history when leaders begin to relax as if they also controlled the fate of men. It is not right to be presumptuous over the affairs of men. Wicked men will fade away and their generations will suffer the repercussion of their acts. Today we stand to tell of the great things that the Lord has done for us. The enemies would have gloated if we relented. But we don't see them since they don't determine our focus. They can only achieve their aims if they succeed in making us give up for a moment.

We gradually penetrate the lands where change is needed and depart from plenty affairs that engage men with undue activities. Several works could be apparently good but not all are relevant and not all counts. We stay alive with much vigor in our spirit to ensure that we are not overthrown with much bad influence that retards men to stagnancy and redundancy. The way we pattern our lives even before superiors will go a long way in telling them what the Lord is saying every time about our cases. The need you never thought was essential today could make you to cross several oceans tomorrow searching for a missing jewel. Battles are won by integrity not by compromise in the field. The way we conduct our speech also tells men not to hold us by little statements as though our freedom of expression is limited by our meditations. But when men insist in putting us into undue competition, a network of gallant elects will make them to confirm that we are not of the earth earthy. You have to change the negative attitude that makes you believe that all hope is gone. No not when we still persevere to receive a befitting word of assurance from above. They will try but will never win over the saints who labor, day and night at least to avoid irreparable damage that create scandalous records. Even the nature of our jobs keeps us focused on the academic work that will bring forth more innovative research to make the society a better place.

The day you stopped reading and growing in knowledge you started banking on false hopes and past records. When you allow the conventions of the social network to define your ambitions you keep pursuing the vision of other men. Some entrepreneurs simply established some network platforms to remain powerful billionaires. You don't spend your days trying to figure out the amount of social profile you can build by being a user of other men's inventions. You have to think of having your own domain and bringing up a marketable idea that sells in the global market. We humbly accept our challenges, face them with the risks involved and believe God for victories in those areas where we seem incompetent. Our efforts may fail us but we never give in because our least of efforts could still be the hope that some others need to gain some confidence in life. How do we make it without carrying people along in the race? We try as much to let go of any past glory that brings arrogance instead of trust in relationship. Faith again should help

people to succeed in their personal relationships with others. Of course this should lead to a solid courtship and faithful marriage. We don't choose to use spiritual explanations to make basic truth more obscure to the simple-minded. It is our responsibility to lead by example and meet with the high standards that the society places on its leaders daily. We cannot be carried away with the multitude of flashy attractions in the system but seek only one way of receiving our rewards: by merit.

You cannot choose life and yet remain dead in yourself; you rather adopt procedures that make you more diligent so that you represent your district properly with the little position you hold today. We have to reject every ignorant activity that makes men lose a sense of motivation. If your approach to religion is not helping you come out of poverty then review your personal convictions to know why you are being deceived. We learn to secure the things we desire by laboring for it so that it comes to us by merit and not corruption. It is a virtue to be contented and not run after so many trophies that you fail to acquire one. The manner and approach with which we make our intentions known could determine who wins at the end. The false impressions we allow to cluster our judgment will eventually betray our hearts and make us more losers than we wanted to become. Irrespective of our faith, we fast and let go of some privileges so that by making sacrifices we will achieve the goals that are necessary to be a success. Even if it will warrant to cresting our goals on the walls for it to be effective we will do; however, we try to inscribe it onto the tablets of the hearts of men. We don't hope to suffer the next generation, which is why we labor to be responsible before assuming some responsibilities because to err is human. When our victories have been won, then it will be evident to the observers why we chose the career first before making wealth.

We don't boast of the things we can achieve, we rather let the achievements speak. The job of impacting lives is not first of all that of garrulous speeches but of establishing an unwavering integrity that makes a man to stand firm. It is possible to deviate from the right path and still be abreast of the current happenings in the field. When you don't focus on being in a close link with believers, pitfalls of making scandals abound. Don't let illiteracy dwell in your tent; it's an avenue for the man who neglects education with hope that he's in the right track. If you allow yourself to make excuses when others are still in hot pursuit of their essence, then you may end up with a lifetime mistake that you never anticipated for. When we suffer persecution, it is because there are some experiences that we need to get in order to have testimonies tomorrow. It's not for us to overlabor ourselves with hope that our success lies in how much effort we apply. It's for us to stand to our feet to avoid tear drops and regrets of settling down for less. Anybody that convinces a youth to abandon formal education when others are working hard for it can also rob him of a meal ticket tomorrow. The life we live is transparent to the informed, so nothing we do is hidden under the sun. When you hear the pitfalls of many, it admonishes you to live a life for a higher calling. Do not abandon the footpaths of the elders to carve out a secluded hideout for yourself in a bid to attain independence quickly.

Many sorrows await the man who wishes to achieve success by deviating from the path of truthfulness. You can create impact and affect lives but not when you choose a path contrary to the Living Word. That is why even in our attempt to use technology, we still try in every way to reconcile the implementation with our faith to remain faithful. This is the way we can be assured of fruitfulness, and not when we criticize learning to embrace folly. The attitude of self-confidence is destructive; it gives men courage to forge ahead with the conceits of their heart which could be misleading. We trust the Lord to grant us opportunities to reach out to those open doors in our life that will eliminate poverty and ignorance at once. Relaxing over little accomplishments is not an option; small attempts to initial success could make some men of low vision to settle for less. The time has come for us to raise the banner high; it is not ripe for us to become mediocre at heart but to rather gather the victuals we need to prosper and get to the promise land. It is tragic that some fellows abandon hard work to make a shipwreck with a life of pleasure. We don't give in to pressure for a day, with hope that it will bring solution to the desires of the heart. How we lament for a better society where the youths are less rebellious and desperate in pursuing their goals. Men fall into temptation oftentimes, because they soon forget the lamentations of a few who have given their minds over to fornication.

There are several vision destroyers hoping to make us lose the crown but we choose not to follow their footsteps. The best legacy you can set for the younger generation is to establish a disciplined pattern of life that is not given to compromise. You can be sure of success when you have not become a victim of secret sin but not when you give yourself to lewdness in your privacy. It is time to seek an excellent spirit and not mar the future with so many wrong deeds calling the attention of mediocre. The way we adopt technologies and how we implement some the solutions they proffer will determine their influence over our lives. It is painful that some people refuse to be admonished until they reach a compromise and dent their destiny. Irrespective of our low estate, we refuse to be confused but rather to utilize the chances around us to arrive at a higher calling. Words cannot quantify the immense need to convince some youths to be patient and follow the conventional path to success. When pride sets in, some folks will assume that they can do exceptional things by following their passion. Perhaps, it has to be with a vision to do the simple things that others do and rather make it blossom with more talents. It is not to invent our imaginations and the machinations of our hearts. It is more important to follow the footpaths of the elders and emulate with all diligence with an excellent spirit. Instead of claiming to have caught a vision that is radical and contrary to common belief, humbly seek the right path earnestly.

So many deceits in our society rob men of their crown and bring them to sudden destruction. We don't want people to have a perspective of the computer system as a device that inform reprobate minds on corrupt and curious adventures. To the pure all things are pure; it takes quite some time for one to be elevated from some former grounds of corruption that is common with the natural man. The mind has to be renewed to understand the proper application of things. This will make

one to make the right choices that will help to meet needs and achieve desirable goals. We wage warfare everyday to avoid those worldly influences and emotional relationships that land men in a sudden demise. It is a mess for us to lose heart over challenges that we face daily; we should rather run the race to the finish line. The goal of everyman could be quite different but the common need of man is defined within a limited range of change that brings transformation to the society. The world we live is in need of men of integrity who don't give in to all manner of carnal influences. Safety is of the Lord; so we shouldn't quickly begin to seek for salvation in the wrong places. Nothing brings complete satisfaction to man other than meeting the defined ends set by the creator. Don't give up on the race to acquire knowledge and remain an effective source of solace to many who could need someone to trust. Sin is so enticing; it destroys the future as fast as possible and leaves the defeated mind in so much regrets.

It is a time to awaken to the use of exceptional gifts, talents and abilities to come out of darkness. The way we react to situations and circumstances around us will determine how far we will go in life. It pains to have peers who fail to pick challenge in worthy courses until they find themselves battling with errors they were not able to correct on time. Whatever takes away the time you need for investment into a strong future will equally rob you of success. The amount of time, energy and resources that you put in trying to secure a victorious future will play a major role in defining how far you can run without stumbling. The time is ripe enough for us to come out of unnecessary jubilation over achievements that we make at a local level. We need to grow in our attempt to overcome failure by facing the giants and conquering the enemy within. It is wrong to sit idle all day whining over spilt milk of wasted days instead of recovering lost opportunities by taking the bull by the horns. The way we respond to changes in our environment and victories that other nations have won with time will determine how soon we will overcome feasting in the morning. Determination is what we need and not desperation; we could be feeble but not puerile in action. The sacrifices we make to reach our optimum will differentiate us from the multitude tomorrow. In the nearest future, the networks are going to be experiencing more impacts based on faith rather than social reforms. It is not with religious bias but with spiritual values.

The fruit that we can offer to any ignorant African child that has refused all forms of education is the meek word of information. It is not for us to preach new sermon of do not drink; do not smoke; do not fornicate; use condom if you must have sex and so on. When we run out of words for the youth who has given up sound knowledge and is going for adventures, we simply lead by example. It could command more followership and discipleship to inspire men with bold steps taken to possess new lands than to dwell on eloquent loquacious lectures. The role we play is to reconcile the rebellious youth with the mentors and tutors who feel ignored and disrespected over the lifestyle of the misled. We don't relent when others are still doing great things and achieving more qualifications today. The moment you lose sight of the competition and begin to assume that you have arrived, the next pitfall is to remain an average man. The drive to keep seeking higher grounds is what sustains the vision of men who attain great heights. You cannot make it

by sitting down for alternatives when other men are laboring in the field to make it by following established patterns. Corruption destroys even the intellectual prowess and leaves men devoid of any properties and sound qualities. In any field you find yourself, be motivated to be renowned in your career. Irrespective of the mistakes you have made, make amendment while you can and forge ahead for better days to come.

A word is enough for the wise: the social network and its conventions are not supposed to replace the ambitions of men who follow standard counsel. Many users lose their creativity and ingenuity to adopting every trendy style that becomes prominent on the network without checking the adverse effects on their future. Some undergraduates instead of going for complete portable notebook systems that will aid their research will quickly invest similar amount of money into wasteful mobile devices that offer so much real-time social networking. The fact is that some of the extreme advocates and inventors of those ideas have dropped out of their academic pursuits and does not owe much sympathy to anyone who fails following them. As a believer you have to also establish some integrity in your faith while using the networks so that you don't dance to the tune of every sudden change or demand in the market. When you don't have personal convictions and established codes of conduct every popular feature on the network becomes admirable. Work not to be trapped in the net of those who build social platforms to become powerful billionaires at youth. You are too informed to be deformed with the ruthless ambitions of minds that don't have the salvation of your soul and your education at heart. Africa should not become a market for every Dick, Tom and Harry with new ideas that want to make waves. We are too unique to admit the influence of people who see our land as the place to dump all manner of distracting inventions. Our culture is too expensive to be traded for cheap works achieved through the science of programming.

The first recognized programmer was a lady Ada Lovelace who proved to be resourceful to Charles Babbage and his engines. When men depart from the education, the computer science of networking the world and the faith, and begin to dwell on mere programming, their activities take a feminist approach. The inventions of men like Larry Page and Sergey Brin who developed the Google platforms has aided research much more than networks that seem to only promote human profiles and any sort of communication – involving real time chat, file sharing, video calls, status updates, comments, likes, friendships, followership etc. Let's be reminded that our educational standard has been bastardized more by the advocating of such works among students rather than corruption. When we see reasons to embrace knowledge that brings real change not just the ones that have gained recognition and popularity, we realize that some works are really well-known but infamous. Nothing kills useful data bundles more than reckless download, pornography and social networks. They could become an addiction to the man who is given to obscene entertainment without proper education. Some platforms like research and news websites rather offer some level of edutainment to make the man informed and not deformed with uncensored rumors flying around ruthless posts online. People that are given to gossips and

mobile chats really allow some of these drawbacks of the internet to exhaust their finances and drain their pockets.

One of the reasons why we need to reconcile our faith with any valuable network is that several students seem to spend more time today on online social media and entertainment rather than on academic research. The quality of the graduates we produce from our tertiary institutions will keep dropping if we continue to neglect the need for social reforms on the network before it also penetrates our religious institutions. A general review of how we enrich the pockets of personalities who rather prefer self-promotion will help us to manage our finances to know the social factors that affect our foreign exchange. The value of the Naira also drops because men invest into foreign domains indiscriminately without taking steps to recover their loss. Any platform on the media that does not help the business of our nation to make profit is eating into our foreign reserve and local accounts. The future of the next generation is at stake if their foundation is laid with destructive works that cannot liberate their minds from corruption. So much foreign influence is quickly pedaled on the World Wide Web; hence we need to invest more resources to establishing research laboratories equipped with complete computer systems and internet facilities. This will help us to monitor and direct the nature of the skills we develop in the application of cutting-edge inventions. We would rather train programmers that can proffer lasting solution to the manual procedures in our industry and ministry, and devise indigenous products.

There could be a thin line between an educating and a distracting technology. Only an experienced mind deciphers the difference and runs from the adverse effects of similar technologies that only seem to raise more geeks and tech savvy smart kids that only savor the use of gadgets without the ability to create original devices and solutions. When we allow professionals to decide our use of devices and make consultations before adopting some technologies, we wouldn't be at loss. The problem is that several individuals and investors are too quick to trade the Naira for some expensive products that only seem to meet their temporary needs. The agenda is not to ruin the mind of the novice that wants to explore every new device in the market. Some of them could come with so many thrilling features that may not be necessarily healthy for public consumption. We need to protect our society from the experiments of some scientists who produce software solutions that are worse than nuclear weapons in wiping out decency from a generation. Some libertine produce acts that are communicated online and could mar the faith of many. We must mature to being able to apply knowledge wisely towards development and not to unwanted nemesis. Some people sell their reprobate ideas to certain ignoramuses at a very expensive rate and convince them of their good intentions. They would rather create more privacy rights to protect their properties than make laws that guide the common user from unwanted influence.

The computer science that we lecture is not to impart the learner with all manner of skills that will aid them to execute any requirement in the heart of clients. There are moral principles and

ethics guiding the use of knowledge to correct innovative ideas that may not be entirely void of harm. We are selective in the choice of syllabus that will edify the African child and not give them access to several unwanted influences. Some nations boast of having a more advanced educational standard but end up yielding to the propagation of some devilish handiworks. We are not too quick to embrace every trendy and fashionable research area in the industry but allow them to prove their relevance in making our community a better place to live. These limitations that are imposed make the learned professionals to dwell on the use of tested and proven aspects and not savor every wonderful feature on the internet. The social network is a subset of the International network; hence, when we address issues on the internet we also refer to the subset. The versatility of some platforms could appear like an advantage to the pioneers but could help in the spread of their corrupt aspects. We must not allow curiosity to lead us into fruitless adventures into the wrong implementation of codes and programs. We should rather embrace established academic curriculum that will enable us to focus on economic independence. This will enable us to define our own requirements and stipulate the features that we value in our markets and institutions.

An abuse of liberty into appreciating obscene inventions mars the faith and depletes the ozone layers of our financial buoyancy. Our inability to resist undesired and inconceivable ideas might even spread diseases like the HIVAIDS among the populace, indirectly through the notions they promote. The failure to control the communication that goes on in our internet facilities has the potency to crush our culture and introduce foreign dating ideas and violence. Measures have to be taken to keep the African youth abreast of the traditional and accepted standards in building good relations and having successful courtships. It is not to exaggerate the matter with an end-time sermon but to see vividly how such connections can mislead the feeble-minded to several social failures like unwanted pregnancy and unfaithfulness. Communication is important but we are not so desperate to relate with strangers who may spy on the privacy of the nation to find out the loopholes of the economy or get affluent people kidnapped. Some solutions were developed to foster fraud and siphon credits from the accounts of insecure economies. Trust has to be built in business; to avert the sad news of even students who embezzle their fees and allowances on online gambling and bet. The steps we take today towards taking reasonable action like *Malabites* and Great Nigerians will prove our worth globally. We need to amend the damaged paths; not necessarily an ancient path with obsolete edification. With such an attempt we would be able defeat the cankerworm that has derided our ranks in many tables and charts.

Constitutional rights need to be enforced on websites, domains, platforms and devices that violate people's privacy and bring to knowledge all sorts of unwanted information. If we don't act like this, we will soon fade away like temporary elites that were easily conquered with some malicious but yet desirable weapons which penetrate gradually until it poses a stumbling block. We should not savor corruption in our hearts but rather send a warning to some manufacturers who are quick at fashioning some hellish ideas to disrupt the growth of the youths in following

the paths of the elders in character and learning. While we seek to automate the manual procedures of doing business in our educational, government and financial institutions, some people are busy automating harlotry and the business of the corrupt sex workers into diverse institutions. We are not slaves to such attacks, for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, they are mighty. Some of these tendencies have a way of slowing down the advancement of our economy and bringing to focus some unnecessary problems. When we tackle such challenges, we spare our tertiary institutions of abuses; rather than passing bills against faculty members on accusations of molestation. It is not to spare the crux of the matter and begin to fight each other. The forces that sponsor such notions into our society is what we should join hands and eliminate. The Senate and the House of Assembly has roles to play in passing bills against some corrupt use of technology and networks that pollute the community and spoil the African culture.

There is much labor to be done to ensure that technological advancement is channeled to the right direction and given the correct perspective. If we don't eliminate drastic measures taken by some developers in meeting the requirements for any sort of system, then we'll keep paying heavily for it as we directly or indirectly fall victims of such works. Let's search for the black goat while there is daylight so that our children will not partake of the same corruption that we would have controlled today. We are not of them that look back unto perdition; we would rather persevere till we see the brightness of a new dawn. We will not allow some corrupt workers to make us give in to undue pressure in conforming to poor standards of using technology. Our networks need to be censored to withdraw elements that bypass ethical protocols and gain access to the underage populace. Some adult content on the internet needs to be properly managed to reduce the adverse effects of reaching out to the innocent youth. We fight not just for our belly but for the security of the future of our children. The same mistakes that could cost an entire nation of its elite population could also be reduced to a sample of matured minds that can govern it before it escalates. We have to devise means of channeling our energy and time to positive investments that edify the users and not produce a majority of unbelieving worldly audience.

Another way of checking the use of several networks is by making regulations that guide the environment where they are applicable. For instance, the use of internet-connected devices in places of worship or examination conditions should be guided in a way that does not compromise standards. Some technologies are meant for use in social and rather private locations for entertainment and not for public consumption or for the underage youth on the streets. Our ability to apply discipline in choosing wisely the right use of imported knowledge is paramount in achieving the intended goals of the developers. No knowledge is waste; yet some knowledge could expose some facts that haunt the feeble-minded. If we can control the kind of information accessible to our students on campus and even in secondary schools then we can equally give them a proper orientation on the right use of the network. There is time for every activity; even boarding house Colleges are being run with strict daily time table and academic calendar. There is therefore a need to control the timing and location of some network activities so that it does

not hamper the peace and unity of the entire nation. When we are properly guided, then we can make progress without depending on outsourced third parties to brush-up the populace on the need to be chaste in using these platforms. Several weaknesses of the systems are blamed on human error; of course, some of these machines are very vulnerable and insecure. So we ought to search out the right set of leaders to manage our databases with data integrity to reduce fraud.

Again, we do not study mobile phone science rather Computer Science or Information Technology. We have to attach priority to each of these systems to avert misappropriation of funds. We often speak of social networks; what of the network of our faith? We ought to achieve the linking up of believers who communicate with an edifying language and not obscene jokes. Some people could be callous in their approach to mismanaging our finances by providing services that explain away huge funds. Allocations have to be properly distributed to favor the weak and the strong alike. The way we propagate the Gospel will also determine the rate at which unbelievers repent and embrace the truth. If we live a double-sided life whereby the social media is separated from our life of worship then we'll raise hypocrites. If we must appreciate technology, let's also understand that we have to stand our ground without being shaken as reed tossed about by the wind. Several influences abound online just as there are several winds of doctrine that bring about diverse denominations. If we permit the enemy, he will attempt to sow a discord that will amount to more divisions in the church. However, we have to join hand as a nation to imitate good courses and be objective enough to refute and refuse bad influences irrespective of the reputation of the propagators. Our youths deserve better orientation than the liberty and credit we award to some devices. Each of them has a class of users in the society and might not be intended for just anybody who can afford it.

Let's give much thought and invest much time to making serious decisions on these matters. This is because the effects of these platforms are becoming more evident on the society than ever. All manner of topics – even political secession – can now be shared on large networks for deliberation without much restriction. All sorts of files, pictures and videos can equally be brought to view without minding the audience that has access to them. It could expose the economy to all manner of intrusions. The security of data and information that we need is not first of all in the use of gadgets and devices to encrypt and decrypt messages. We have to be wiser than the serpent and as gentle as the dove to protect our heritage from wolves among the flock. The time is ripe for us to gain independence from the neocolonialism that has devalued our currency and depleted our natural resources. It pays to be prepared for any sort of challenge that the wicked ones devise as a device to further reduce sanity and increase indecency and low moral standards in our nation. The end-point is in losing more positions in the global ranking of our institutions and personalities. The earlier we revisit the foundations of our education and government the better we avoid the calamity of building on untested platforms. We have to cultivate the habit of probing any product that involves fast traffic of financial transactions and

foreign exchange. We have the right to question the motives of some young billionaires who campaign for social reforms rather than academic and spiritual change.

We honor entrepreneurs who bring ideas that foster political, social, economic and spiritual change. The tendency of some Forbes.com recognized billionaires to use all approaches to amass wealth is alarming. They take risks at times hoping to gain penetration into some porous economies or parts of the world with poor orientation on the global market. We are too matured to be cajoled by people who look down on our understanding and try to create more religious differences which could breed violence. Very soon some of them will lose and be disappointed in making false assumptions and invalid syllogisms over the faith of believers in a nation like ours. Some of these investors study to see how we have embraced the telecommunications network system. Hence, they try to focus on creating more expensive services that give birth to the purchase of more data bundle for internet and social network services. Their attempt to miniaturize and sponsor more expensive portable internet-enabled devices into the economy has to be properly checked by our federal ministries. Some importers could be ignorantly pursuing their profits and need to be cautioned and guided on foreign trade. If they truly have good intentions then they should give more attention to raising local trainees and graduates on these fields and establishing production factories for them to practice the skills in Nigeria. One of the chief aims of the computer system is research and automation of manual procedures involved in processing data into useful information. Therefore any computing device that does not accomplish this goal could be another guise of malicious hardware.

We have to pursue a more stable economy that appreciates people's competence. The words that we speak have to be honest and truthful, no matter the circumstances surrounding our judgment. Decisions and appointments should be made based on merit and not by a knowledge and personal relationship of one or two influential persons. When employers begin to grant opportunities to graduates and qualified people for good jobs, it is expedient that the due process be followed in choosing the right persons. It will be catastrophic to build a system on sentiments and bias rather on skills and qualification. The computer system has also made it possible for people to supply their information through some online forms before showing up formal interviews. This gives the interviewers a proper perspective of the number and nature of people they will be expecting on a given occasion. We have to reason with an unbiased mindset so that corruption will not also affect the way we use our systems. Of course, when a corrupt judge handles a system, even though the values were supposed to be consistent, he renders it compromised. It is necessary that we assure our generation that we are competent and trustworthy enough to make decisions for the progress of the society. That is the only way we begin to receive much commitment from even international vendors who try to give credit to our integrity.

It becomes detrimental for us to abandon true worship and give heed to idols and traditional use of magic. Faith encourages elites to become more literate because it calls for more studies and

social responsibility. It should never become part of us to use charms to achieve our heart desires because it might warrant to destructive ends. The moment we abandon local measures of passing a system through due process but embrace more advanced measure like the use of computer system, then we would eliminate some social vices. Several errors are committed by people who do not see any worth in our skills and hence try to promote their wicked efforts. The Lord will help us irrespective of our weaknesses and shortcomings; however, we put more effort to ensure that we don't miss out of divine agenda. We would experience change if we can make decisions and stand firm on it instead of being as unstable as the waves of the sea. There could be individual differences, some rising and falling in our personal lives; but we try to maintain a good testimony. The moment you become ignorant in the use of modern technology to follow suit in what others are achieving, you are bound to look back and have several pitfalls due to laxity. When others are using computer applications to do business and secure employment and academic admissions and you feign indifference, then you may soon make a ship wreck. If you don't give interest as a professional or trainee then at least partner with the vision as a user.

Most people who refuse to be computer literate most times also refuse being well-educated. Nowadays, it could be very ignorant to refuse to participate in the use of computer applications to automate some manual procedures. The fact is that you become part of the corrupt system when you don't embrace change; things keep on going in the wrong direction. The day we stopped tackling innovative solutions is the day we will also give an open mind to research and education. Some people claim to be in the academia but they have not come to accept competition in trying to measure up to modern skills that are required of them to be efficient in their roles in their offices. Everyone should have an area of specialization; and irrespective of the variety, we should be able to adopt computer software systems in improving the efficiency of our various fields. When we make an outright rejection of technological solutions due to the challenges of measuring up to the standards and required skills, we become incompetent in the labor market. There is so much competition even in places of worship, so if we don't admit such a change and embrace cutting-edge technology then our faith could be based on archaic acts of fellowship. In times past, the Word was only made available on paper but today it becomes even easier to study the Word using computer systems. This aids research and education of the entire public on the need to concentrate on what is written in it.

There are several nooks and crannies of the earth where the hard copy Bibles and religious contents cannot penetrate. However, as we begin to give more attention to the measures of spreading the word using the versatile internet and other large networks then we will improve on our evangelism. There are several volumes of information that cannot be passed verbally to the public even in our government institutions where the number of learned employees is much. Hence the computer has proven to be a more efficient system of network in broadcasting information consisting of text, audio and video files. This is a recent advancement on other networks of mass communication; hence, we can utilize this just like the radio and television

network has helped in the distribution of information to masses; although, the latter cannot be used in the filling and submission of forms and applications. If we maintain an open mind then we can sustain the progress that we record in the industry by joining other nations to adopt these effective measures in spreading even the Good News. Religion and tradition is not supposed to make one ignorant and illiterate in the application of computerized solutions towards solving problems. But when we fail to learn then the next tendency will be to remain in regrets all through the days of our life for not being abreast of innovations. The moment we see a challenge and admit it instead of making several excuses then we will overcome the world in good faith. We ought not to be adamant by leaving these platforms to secular billionaires who knows how to amass wealth with them.

The world is not a place for you to fold your hands and relax as if there is no other higher ground to attain. The moment you doze for a moment, your records become obsolete and irrelevance sets in. You have to run the race as swift as you can without believing that other competitors will do better. The times have come for us to reason like adults and leave all ignorant notions that make us to abandon modern approaches to solving problems in a bid to patronize the ancient path. We have to create a balance in the judgment we make over the implementation of these platforms. If we allow the wicked ones, they will hi-jack the knowledge and subject us into more bondage. So the earlier we rise to face our challenges by ourselves without giving heed to deceitful fables and pessimistic ideas that make us reluctant towards making research with state-of-the-art equipments, the better we overcome underdevelopment. You have to integrate the knowledge that you have into the faith that you profess so that there would be harmony. If we fail to appreciate technology as other advanced economies because of dogmatic beliefs then we would remain economically dependent and seek foreign solutions to our industrial demands. Just like the banker uses computer applications to keep better records of financial transactions, so we have to also use the computer system to improve on our faith and not just our social relationships. Today, there are several social networks but only a few cares if there are Christian networks that focus on the faith and communication between believers and people of the same faith.

We have to also seek skills that enable us to develop and appreciate technology defined with our own requirements and tradition. The moment we rely on foreign vendors to produce these software solutions on the network then we will remain victims of foreign influence and technology. We can create our own user-defined networks and limit the excesses of always going for trendy applications that seek to win more approval and acceptance across the globe. In order to achieve this we have to encourage young people that wish to develop their skills on Information Technology and help them to actualize their goals and dreams. We must not always hold our social media with a critical perspective; we should rather seek to build our own original indigenous networks just like we have achieved that in the telecommunications industry. It could take some time, but we have to first appreciate the social network technology, see the need and then invest in our indigenous professionals to build with African interest. This will reduce how

much we lose to foreign investors who pilfer our funds through diverse fraudulent business techniques. It is expedient that we rise early and see the ability in us to achieve these things without always giving the credits to foreign and outsourced jobs. Our universities and tertiary institutions should also be encouraged with funds and grants to promote research works that have been done in these areas.

The more original we become in developing our own solutions, the more we are able to control the demerits and excesses of some international networks. Instead of criticizing the weaknesses and corruption in the use of some platforms, we can correct them by proffering competitive solutions. This is possible if we believe in ourselves and use the few resources around us to equip the youths as in several other nations. Some economies like the growing China nation have been able to tackle some of these drawbacks by sending their own best students to these advanced countries like United States and United Kingdom to be trained in the areas of knowledge that will help their industries to become less dependent on foreign technology. The earlier we recognized these cutting-edge fields that make us loose funds annually to foreign investors the better. We seem to have a populace of people who appreciate the social media and online research; hence, we should not only patronize the ready-made websites but also try to be trained on how to develop such platforms ourselves. This will help us in the nearest future to abandon a user's mentality and become developers just like we do in the movie industry. Our products may not measure up to the standard of some vendors who could be the inventors and patency-holders to these innovative solutions. Nevertheless, there is no harm in trial, we will definitely improve by persistence; we can at least encourage the large populace of youths who put in their little finances into these networks to invest on indigenous solutions with their interest at heart.

Our scholarship bodies should also give much preference to these bodies of knowledge to help interested candidates to take up more research in these fields. This would enable us to partner with foreign investors in rather raising human resources that can take over the operations of such companies at the home front. The ways we think affect our approach towards gaining recognition and becoming globally relevant in the IT industry. If the industry is making billionaires across the world, then our economy is not different; it can equally make our indigenous capitalists and entrepreneurs gain recognition even with the Forbes.com. The only problem at times is how we manage capital when we want to make an investment and the areas we throw our resources into. We have to be informed and properly guided in order not to remain backward by making investments in obsolete and rather outdated business fields and academic faculties. We can tackle poverty and hunger by making profit using these latest network platforms, not as sole users but as developers. You have to believe in yourself and spend such times as good developers spend learning new things by channeling your energy, time and resources on the things you have passion for. It makes a difference to build some confidence in your ability and give up some wasteful ventures that squander resources and rather seek to make it by consistent diligent effort to become successful.

We have to swallow some of our criticisms for the internet and social media and rather acknowledge our tremendous patronage to these networks. This will honestly make us to arise and face the need to be independent and wriggle out of the neocolonialism that some foreign vendors are using to exploit and drain our pockets. Some of our clergy are too quick to adopt some application packages like the EasyWorship and E-sword that help them to accomplish their business goals. However, some of them fail to encourage believers in the use of other software that can help their businesses even in the secular world and labor market. If we don't become competitive enough then we may lose much warfare. Some Muslim nations like Qatar and Arab Emirate are so rich that they attract so much business partners even from amongst us. Some of them do not even permit the entry of a page of the hardcopy Bible into their borders. It is as we begin to automate some of the materials we need for devotions and fellowship online that we and fellow believers in those remote places can appreciate the wisdom of sustaining their faith even in those strange lands. We don't have to fold our hands and become impoverished to the attacks we receive by patronizing the vast resources on the networks. We have to also become active systems analysts that make huge contributions to the growth of the network. It is at such an instance that we can also share our ideas and create notable impact and be awarded for it.

We don't have to remain children taking milk and everyday relying on some old sages to keep supplying us with latest inventions. We can give more allocation to our education, science and technology in order to produce creative and innovative inventions from our own laboratories. Instead of always building settlements to dwell at ease, we can help one another in our areas of strength to become more relevant as to escape death and gain recognition. We don't have to bury our talents; we should rather tap into our gifts and abilities to make the world a better place to stay. As much as we explore the oil and gas, and invest much energy into agriculture, we should also pay attention to the recent research areas that have gained much penetration to our society so as to be able to monitor the changes they bring to our culture and heritage and take charge. We cannot dwell on the receiving end when other developing nations reach out to advanced nations to receive training on how to do it themselves instead of always paying for the services. We should rather go for the knowledge and skill that will make us free from the shackles of some money-seeking billionaires who may not have the interest of our faith and education at heart. The change we need is in relieving some vendors and importers on the need to always bring us solutions that we need for our indigenous trade. It has to be a collective effort for the sake of unity irrespective of our various convictions, ethnic and religious differences. By so doing, we can eradicate the vices of some perverse developers who try to corrupt our networks with obscene inventions and fraud.

The African youths and negritude have to be given that assurance that their IT skills are competent to their contemporaries across the global market. This we can do by appreciating their works instead of throwing many funds into foreign technology. When some advanced nations have begun to legalize gay rights and some approve bold heathen bills into their legislature, we

have to become technologically independent not just savvy about their products so that the younger generation will not swallow the error alongside the fruitful knowledge. It is as we begin to make alternative solutions for our market that we will combat the failures of some political leaders in protecting our economy from intrusions. This will save us several hours of lamenting over the spilt milk of the religious and political jeopardy that some leaders have brought us into. We can as well take charge of circumstances by proving to the world that we are not just making idle protests over the face of our economy but diligently taking bold steps. The ranks of our education, leaders and entrepreneurs will appreciate when we awake to deliberate efforts towards liberating the populace from mediocrity. This we can do by fasting and praying over the state of things not just involving in religious activities that only promote ignorance and disunity. Our music industry and some of our capitalists have also witnessed some change in the global market. Notwithstanding, we have to also check the vices that keep other sectors of the economy in doom and gloom so that they can also experience some bloom.

Yesterday, we were toddlers, today youths and yet tomorrow will emerge as full blown adults if we refuse indolence today and show some patriotism in doing our research with originality of concept to eradicate insolence against our products. We can make a difference when we abhor indifference towards the situation of the economy and allow change to begin individually with us. If our education and technology sector were even as good as our sports sector then we could measure up to certain standards; some advanced economies don't put much interest in recreational ministries like we do. If not for any reason but the protection of our faith and heritage, let's face the giants and perhaps like David faced Goliath with a sling and stone irrespective of his sophistication. We would win if we wage the warfare in the name of the Living God and not with compromise and corruption that deter the competent in proving their excellence in times of need. We appreciate the efforts of some of our learned academics; at the same time we plead that the trend of making ranking tables based on a biased judgment on the state of education in our country cease to continue. Some of these measures have made the Western world arrogant and too confident of their own standards; promoting such prejudices in our nation will also create factions and break our society into fractions. By faith we can scale through every hurdle even as we find in our educational and political networks, if we can allow diligence to thrive and not strife and sloth. The world will celebrate your victory in several Republics if you win the victory in your secret chambers. From housetops you shall be pronounced if you denounce hidden works of dishonesty and announce results with integrity. See you at the very top. Shalom!

ABOUT THE BOOK

The author tries to relate common trends in social network, the internet, telecommunications and media to the basic elements of faith, peace, unity and progress as spelt out in the nation's motto. He emphasizes the need to see the computer as a device for education and nation building rather than secular appreciation and social recreation that breed corruption and fraud. The content of the book is free from religious bias and denominationalism; it analyses based on diverse convictions and cultural backgrounds. Each chapter treats a matter of national interest and makes suggestions on ways of gaining religious peace instead of fundamentalism. The perspective of the writer narrows down to helping the youths in our campuses and African society to embrace education with confidence and leave several dogmas that weaken the mind. This piece is motivational in as much as it uses current terms on information technology to further create an academic awareness. We recommend you study it as a work compiled from much research and not just personal opinions; the citations will help you to acknowledge past authors. The essence of the literature is to edify the reader and correct some views on reconciling faith and growth with various network platforms and their influences. Thank you as you read with an open mind.



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