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...Is Everybody a Hypocrite?



Walk into a school environment and you will see students putting up good outward behaviours whenever they are in the midst of their teachers. Walk into an office & you will see workers putting on hardworking characters whenever the boss happens to stroll by. Walk into a church and you will see religious people who try to impress each other with showy outward behaviour, such as wearing a non-attractive and hungry look during

a brief fasting and praying impressively whenever people are watching.

Why is it always like this? It is because we live in a world where people tend to judge by outward appearances and so can easily be fooled. This is always the reason behind the surprise attitude of most people whenever a criminal guilty of a crime is arrested; "he seemed like such a nice man", they always insist. Hmmm! but the outside appearance did not match the inside reality. This leads to my question, "Is Everybody a Hypocrite"?

I think it is irrelevant what the answer to this question is, but what is relevant, is the fact that God is not fooled by appearances and therefore we cannot fake behaviours to impress Him. He knows everything, He knows when our inside reality is filled with dark thoughts of lust, greed, pride, covetousness, hatred, jealousy, unforgiveness, deceit, dishonesty and so on, regardless of how vibrant we are in church and that's why Jesus came to deal with these internal problems buried inside of us. All you need to do is to let Him rule over you.

Living a double life doesn't pay, it doesn't matter what your reasons are. The time has come for you to change, not just the outside, but also the inside of you. Only then will you be able to enjoy the awesome glory, grace and power of Christ Jesus in your life. Only then will you live a meaningful and prosperous life on earth.

Identity Magazine is here to help you in your walk with God. My promise is that you are going to encounter God in every page of this premier edition. Do enjoy the magazine as you open up your heart to God to be transformed.

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THE EDITOR'S DESK



WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE

How will you answer this question? Many people when asked this question, just hurriedly say "I am a doctor, nurse, lawyer, accountant, etc. others can say they are principled, loving, caring, intelligent, diligent, very understanding and all, hmmm! its quite an interesting CV, but is that all that qualifies your very special being? Is that all you really are?

The issue of identity is really paramount. All over the world, people are working frantically to create an identity, others are working

frantically to maintain an identity, and others are suffering miserably because their identity has crashed and collapsed, because it is not built on the right foundation.

Therefore, it is important for you to know that irrespective of who you think you are, whether you are a celebrity in the entertainment industry, or a model in a magazine, whether you are a first class student or a school dropout, whether you are beautiful or you feel your not, whether you are rich or poor, working class or not, whether you are such a winner or you feel like the worlds biggest failure, regardless of who you think you are, the reality is, your true identity can only be discovered in Christ Jesus. Wow!!! Now, that does sound awkward right? No, it doesnt. As simple as it may sound, it is the truth in all ramifications.

In life, it is essential for you to know that you are nothing outside Christ. Acts 17:28: *In Him, we live, we move and have our being*. The totality of our being and existence is in Christ alone. True living starts with self-knowing and to know yourself therefore is to know what God

knows about you.

Who Do You Think You Are? You are not what people say you are, but what God says you are. Through the death and resurrection of Christ Jesus, you are and can be the Son of the Living God, and that comes along with you living a righteous life, a life in accordance with the word of God. The discovery of God's purpose for your life is the key to a meaningful life on earth. And the only way to discover God's purpose for your life is by simply giving God permission to act out His will in your life.

Read about great people in the Bible: Esther, David, Joseph, this people changed the world forever. Inside of you is a person with that same power and same world changing capability and your responsibility in life is to find that person and set that person free. Thats who you are! Genuinely come to Christ today and discover your true worth.

I want to officially welcome you to the premier edition of Identity Magazine. This edition is loaded with inspiring features, articles and stories that will motivate and equip you to finding your true identity in Christ. Our style of presentation and languages ensures we communicate to the world in such a way as to make the reading enjoyable, interesting and comprehensive.

To you our readers, we send warm thoughts reciprocated with love and affection. Do enjoy the magazine and please open up your hearts to be transformed.

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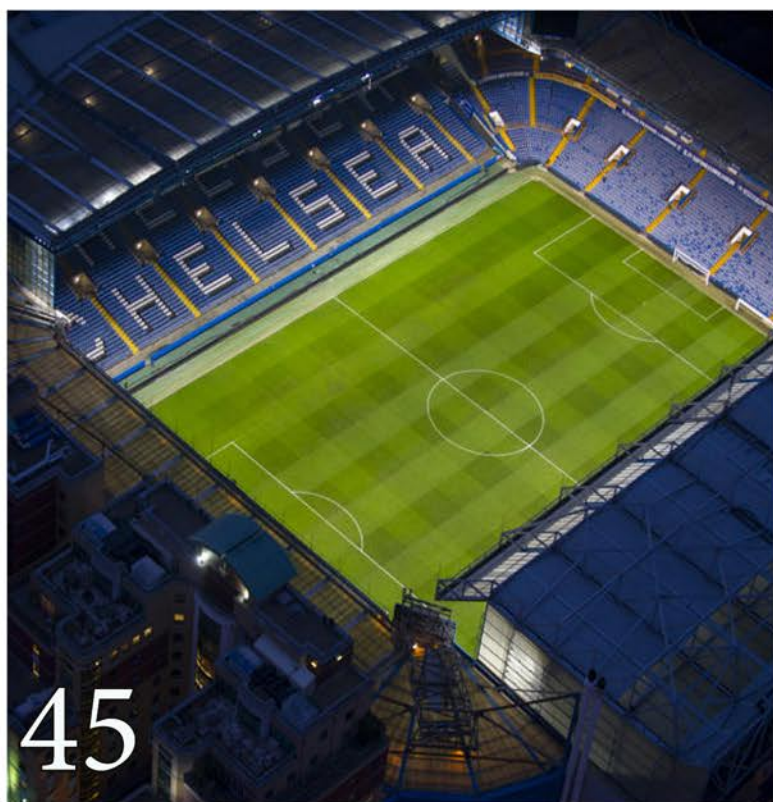
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IN THE FINAL HOUR
OF YOUR LIFE,
WHAT WILL YOU WANT?

Your College Degree?
Your Cars in the Garage? or
Your Financial Statements?

OF COURSE NOT!!!

WHAT WILL MATTER THEN
WILL BE WHERE YOU ARE GOING
TO SPEND YOUR

LIFE AFTER DEATH#
HEAVEN OR HELL

Life is full of
uncertainties,
no one knows
tomorrow,
therefore
if "LIFE AFTER DEATH"
will matter then,
**SHOULDN'T IT
MATTER MOST NOW?**



LIVING WITH POWERS YOU DON'T USE

He was praying in a certain place, and when he ceased, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray... (Luke 11:1-4)

After scoring a stunning goal, Diego returned home from the football field when his dad and the family lawyer were discussing an issue about "his father's will". After taking a bathe and having his dinner, he sat beside his dad on the sofa, "as my only share of your inheritance, I will like you to teach me how to write", Diego said to him.

Beaming with shock as though he has just seen a purple cow, "you are my favorite child and the closest one to me, why ask for that? Ok, lets just say you are being humble, why not ask me to teach you how to drive so you can have my Ferrari?" His father responded.

"Dad we both know it was through the sales of your books and magazines that you made your fortune. So, please keep your Ferrari, leave me the garage with a shelf and some books on it. Give me the pen that came with the keyholder, teach me how to write and soon I will be just like you, even greater", Diego said.

The dialogue between Diego and His dad is the same type that ocured between Jesus and His disciples. The disciples were the closest ones to Jesus, they saw Jesus walk on water, they saw Jesus turn water into wine, they saw Jesus cast out demons, they saw Him heal the sick and even raise the dead and when an opportunity came for them to ask for something, all they could ask for at that moment was "LORD, TEACH US HOW TO PRAY."

Is that not amazing that the closest ones to the Son of God(matter of fact, God himself) could ask for that? Couldnt they have said "Lord, teach us how to walk on water, so we dont have to wait for the boat anymore, we will just walk right through; Lord, teach us how to turn water into wine; better still, teach us how to multiply food, so we will never have to worry about hunger anymore, we just double the ones we have." They didnt say any of these, instead they said "LORD, TEACH US HOW TO PRAY".

It is just like living in a hut, when you know it is possible for you to live in a duplex. Even if these disciples were totally retarded, their request to Jesus, is a revelation that Prayer is essential and that it will be impossible to define our relationship with God

without it.

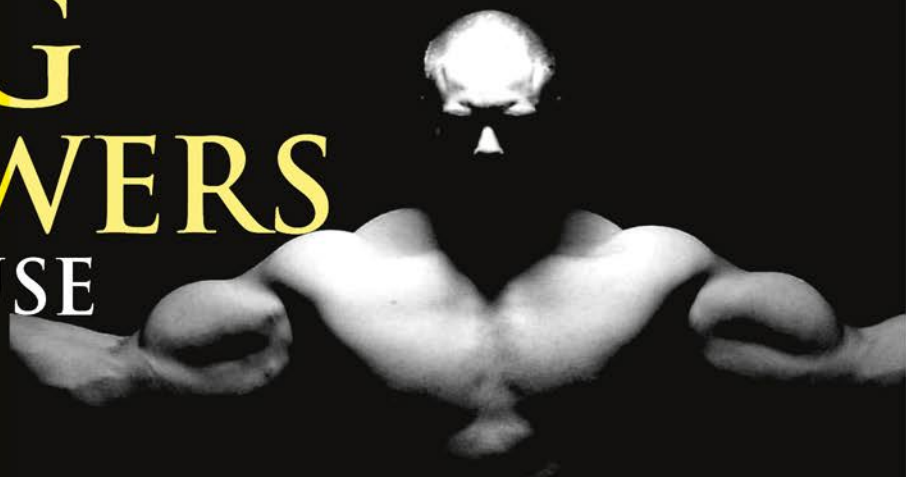
The Secret Weapon of a born again believer, is his/her daily communication with God. The more they keep communicating with God in private, the more God keeps showing up in their public life, giving them a helping hand in everything they do. Just like the Blue Band margarine kids sing on a television advert, "B without B.B is just like a train without an engine, No B. without B.B", so it is in our relationship with God, "a Christian without an effective prayer life is just like a train without an engine". And you know what that means, the same way a train cant move forward without its engine, so will that so-called Christian not move forward in life, because there will always be a bridge he/she would be unable to pass.

THE NEED FOR PRAYERS

So many questions you cant answer, way to many life challenging debts that you cant cancel, far too many powers beyond you and way too many trials that you cant handle, but guess what? You have got all the powers that you need to overcome all obstacles in life. You are powerful beyond your imagination.

Right from the day you were born, God has installed in you breathe-taking powers to enable you get through all obstacles in life. But in order to access these powers, YOU MUST PRAY and live a righteous life. Therefore, if you are struggling with your prayer life, and living an unholy life, you are simply "LIVING WITH POWERS YOU DON'T USE", fighting your academic, financial and other everyday battles with powers you don't use.

Life is a risk, everyday is a threat, but if you are prayerful, you shall fear no evil, because prayer is your insurance. It is your insurance that you are not going to die today, it doesnt matter what the doctor says. It is your insurance that you are going to get that job. Backing it up with hardwork, it is your insurance you are going to get good grades in school and be prosperous in your business. It is your insurance that you will get married to the right person, raise your children in the right way and make the right family





standards for righteous living" just because some people dont like it.

If you want to experience the power of God, the glory, and the divine favour of God in all areas of your life, one thing still stands, **YOU MUST PRAY AND LIVE A RIGHTEOUS LIFE!** Talking about power, we dont just mean doing amazing things such as walking on water, it also includes your ability to live your daily life with a smile on your face, and having victory in all your struggles in life. Maintaining a living communication with God through prayers is the secret to living an overcoming life. It is the key that opens every door to this life and the life after.

decisions. Backing it up with righteous living, prayer is your insurance that you are going to make it to Heaven. Prayers in the name of Jesus is your insurance over everything. But the insurance wouldnt take place if you dont do effectively.

A prayer being effective is not about the lifeless words people always say which they dont really mean; friends were going for an altar call of prayer you decided to go with them, no. It simply means spending quality time with God in prayers(worship, prayer and supplication) backing it up with repentance, consistency, persistency and faith.

DON'T NEGLECT PRAYERS.

In a church meeting, someone stood up and made a suggestion "*I think prayer meeting days should be expunged from our weekly activities. I dont think people like this prayer thing*".

Hmmm! That sounded like such a nice idea, but in reality that is heresy. It is just like a transformer disconnecting itself from the power grid. These days, people want to go to Heaven provided they do not have to pray effectively, believe, think, say or do anything the Bible says, but the truth remains that "God will never change His

DEVELOP A HABIT OF PRAYER

Have you ever seen an untrained fighter who doesnt understand where he is not supposed to punch an opponent. He will punch and kick anywhere. Thats exactly the type of person the devil is. He is not a nice devil waiting on the bell to ring before he hits you. He is a hateful nasty devil that will kick you anywhere, fight you anytime, but if you know who you are, you will understand that you have greater powers than the enemy. Develop a habit of Prayer. Through Prayers, God adds super to your natural which makes you able to operate in supernatural powers and live a supernatural lifestyle.

With prayers, you have the powers to mould and shape your everyday reality the way you want it, because simply, prayer is all about talking with God on how you want your reality to be in total obedience to his word.

There are so many keys to success in life, Prayer is the first and the most important. We have 31 days in a month, make it your objective to pray atleast 1hour(30 mins morning,30mins night) a day, your life will never remain the same, because there will be a total positive turn around of events in your life. God is waiting on you.

THE ENEMY IS NOT WORRIED ABOUT YOU

Opponents panic whenever a player is with the ball.

Not because they are worried about the player in question, but simply because they are worried about the ball in the player's possession.

Thats same as life.

The enemy is not worried about you, He is worried about God's blessing in your life.

He is worried about your talents, and what you are going to use it for.

He is worried about the anointing, Thats why he traps it by all means through SIN.

Thats why he installs in you the spirits of fear, lack of confidence and low self-esteem.

Thats why he makes you feel intimidated by your dreams.

Thats why He brings confusion Confusion in your academics just to make sure you fail.

Confusion in your business, just to make sure you make no profit.

He brings frustration.

Frustration in your family.

Frustration in your job.

Frustration in your relationships.

But if you have an understanding of the word of God, you shall fear no evil.

"No weapon fashioned against you will prosper"

Thats a direct message from God to you.

You are anointed to live this life

To be successful

To be prosperous

To be happy

In Everything you do.

Academics, Business,

Family, relationships, everything.

Dont Give Up.

Say no to depression and discouragement.

Surrender your life to Jesus Christ and your life will never remain the same, & never you forget this The ENEMY is not worried about you. He is worried about your blessings.

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THE POWER OF CHOICE

PASTOR A.S AGARRY

In everyday of your life, you will be involved in taking decisions concerning your life, and every choice you make has consequences. That's the reason why it is advised that before you make decisions about your life, it is good for you to seek counsel, for the bible says "*in the multitude of counselling, there is safety*".

Seeking counsel does not necessarily mean you must come to a Pastor. If you have one, go to Him, but if you don't, there are elders and people out there who must have passed through the same road which you are in now. Therefore, in order for you to make an informed and positive decision in life, you must seek counsel.

CHOICE suggests that you have alternatives, and that you are only picking one and leaving the other.

ILLUSTRATION

When you are making decisions, if you don't weigh the consequences, you may not be able to cope with the consequences when they come. *Imagine a marriage between a tall man and a tall lady. If God grants them children, how do you think the children will look like? They will be like those who play basketball in the United States: Very Tall. Now, imagine a marriage between a short lady and a tall man, how do you think the children will look like? Some may be like the lady, some may be like the man or the average between the two of them: the consequence of that decision. Also, imagine a marriage between a fair lady and a fair man: the children may end up being albinos.*

At the point of making a decision

on any of them getting married, they probably did not weigh the consequences of their children. It may not occur to them how their children will look like.

If all they ever wanted in their marriage is to have beautiful kids, when the opposite starts happening, how do you think they will feel? Therefore, it is important you know that life is all about choice, and every choice you make, has consequences.

There are three major decisions you will have to make in life:

1. Where You Will Spend Your Life after Death?
2. Who to Marry?
3. Career Choice?.

CHOICE ON WHERE YOU WILL SPEND YOUR LIFE AFTER DEATH

Is it with God in Heaven, or with Satan in Hell? This is the greatest decision you will make in life, whether to serve God or to serve the devil? It is a self-driven decision, a decision that will affect everything about you in life, your values, attitudes to life and even your career. It will decide and shape what will become of you thereafter. Therefore, if you have not taken this decision, it means you have not started life and once you take it, beware that it has consequences.

Where will you spend eternity? If you choose eternity with God, it means it will affect your appearance, your dressing, your communication and your total way of life. If you are a party man or lady, if you are a prostitute, a fornicator, a drug addict, gambler, drunkard, murderer or you are doing things that are against God's word, the decision to spend eternity with God requires you dropping all these sinful habits/lifestyle to embrace the new life in Christ.

When we say people should give their life to Jesus, it doesn't mean just coming to cry that day at the altar and say "I surrender, I surrender all", it doesn't end there. It goes further to affecting everything you will do from that day forward. If you come and say you have given your life to Christ, and you went back to your former and sinful ways, it means you don't understand what you are doing, because every choice you make in life, there are consequences. And the consequence of following Christ is giving up your old and sinful life, in order to live a righteous and holy life in accordance with the word of God.

I can't fight in a garage. I can't go for a night club. I can't steal? I can't commit adultery or fornication. Of course not, why? Because I am a child of God. That's my identity. The decision I made to be a child of God has gone a long way in affecting my personal liberty. My lifestyle is not all about me anymore, it is all about God now. That's the same way it should be with you too. If you say you are a Christian and a child of God, live like one.

CHOICE ON WHO TO MARRY

Love is not and has never been blind. If love is blind, why not marry a blind man easily?

A decision of whom to get married to, is a very important decision, and believe me, the last thing you will want to do in life is to make mistakes in this type of decision, because such mistakes are very costly.

If you want to get married, what will you find in a person that will make you to marry that person? A prayerful woman! An outgoing person! A caring and loving person!

These are all good qualities, but the first thing you should be looking out for is someone who fears God. Do you know why? A person who has the fear of God is a person who will be able to live right in marriage. A person who has no fear of God can do anything in marriage,

nothing will guide him/her. The person can cheat on you, disrespect you in all aspects of marriage and can even beat you up, it doesn't matter who is doing the beating. These days, wives beat up their husbands. Therefore, it is important to look for someone who fears God.

You say a prayerful woman? Where do you find a prayerful woman? Is it in a disco club or any similar place? Of course not! You find them in the Church. However, there are people who are in Church, who do not fear God. That's why the marriage committee is there to guide you in making the right decisions. Seek the counsel of the marriage committee before getting married.

YOUR CAREER CHOICE

Success is not a matter of CHANCE. It is also about CHOICE, and just like the other choices of life, you must also be ready to face its consequences. What consequence do you think a married lady will face for choosing to be a banker? She will face the consequence of not being at home for her children, therefore allowing househelps to assist in the upbringing of her children. If eventually, her children becomes armed robbers, what will you say is the cause? She made the wrong career choice.

Making a good career choice means more than just choosing a job; it is all about choosing something that will provide you with the lifestyle you seek.

One of the main reasons for wrong career choices is the simple fact that people don't even know who they are, let alone what they want to become, and that's why at one point in their life, they feel pressured into making a choice before they are really sure of what it is they want to do.

Before you make a career choice, take time to discover yourself, what you are good at and how it is going to affect the environment which you are in and the people who are close to you, whether positively or negatively.

BEFORE YOU MAKE ANY CHOICE IN LIFE, IN ORDER NOT TO BE OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS, ALWAYS REMEMBER TO WEIGH THE CONSEQUENCES OF THAT CHOICE YOU ARE MAKING.

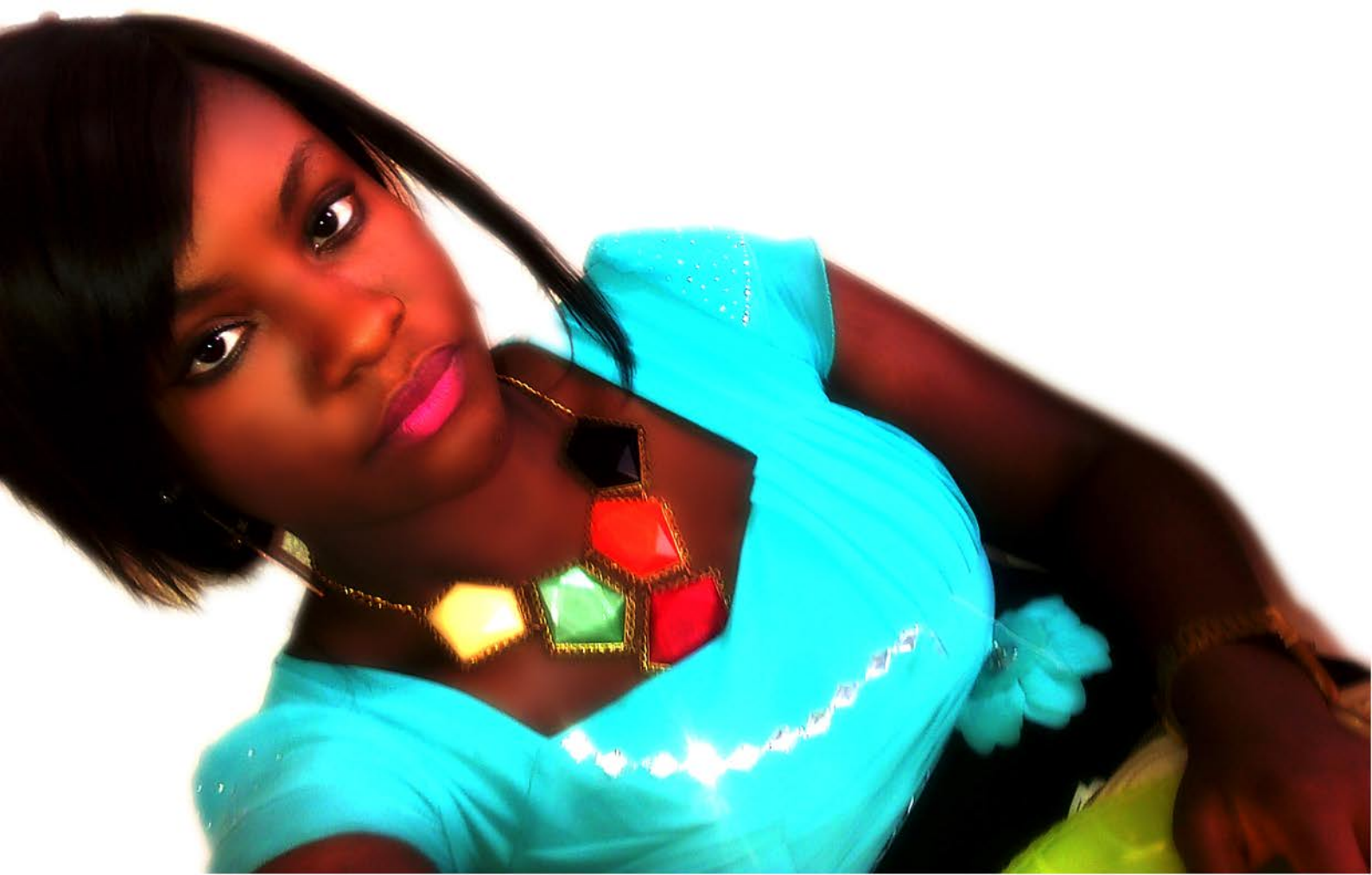
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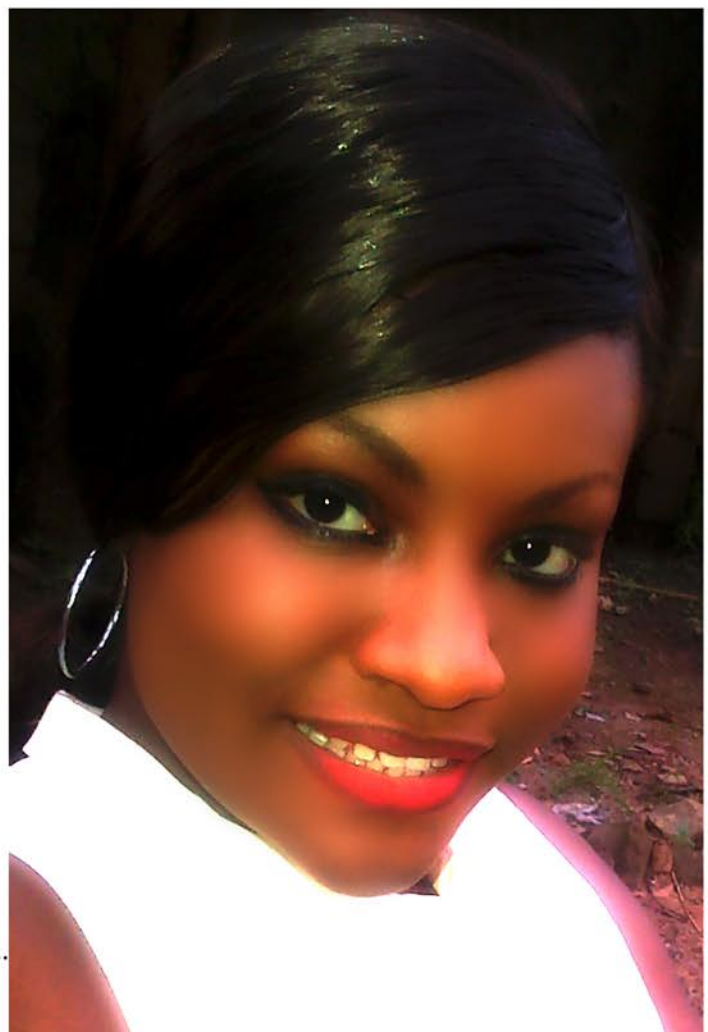
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If today should be your last breathe, will you say your life was purposeful? If yes, on what basis? Is it education, business, or is it personal? What does that word "purpose" mean to you? From the day you came into this world, it is going to tell the story of your life. For Ahamefula Vivian Chinenye, the real definition of "purpose" is SERVICE TO GOD.



If her voice didn't hook you, her smiles likely did. The Nigerian born, Holy Spirit filled, God loving, demon-rebuking and sanctified damsel is extremely in love with Jesus and has dedicated her life in bringing Glory to God, cost what it may. As it turns out, Charismatic Renewal Ministries has played no small role in the life of Vivian.

Born in 12th October, 1992 to a Nigerian father and mum, a family of 3 of which she is the 2nd, her name Vivian Chinenye (Life is God's Gift) was likely more unique than any other in Abuja, the city in Nigeria, West Africa, where she grew up.

Her Academic journey began at Suzz Tenderly International Nursery & Primary School, Abuja, West Africa. Started her High school Education at G.D.S.S G/lada and ended it at the best school in Abuja: Christ Academy International School G/lada. A Graduate from University of Abuja where she studied B.A English and Literary Studies.

Vivian is a worship leader, who has Ministered with numerous choir such as the FECA Choir, CSF Choir and RVC Choir where she also served as Welfare Coordinator & Vice President (FECA), Music Director & Vice President (CSF) and Prayer Coordinator (CRM National Youth Choir) respectively. Also known as the founder of SWAD (Sisters with a Difference) a non-profitable organization born in the place of prayer with the vision of raising Godly, spiritual, prayerful, wordful & virtuous women by reaching out to young ladies out there.

Chinenye is a committed, passionate, strong and purposeful youth who is focused, realistic and fashionable. She likes singing, dancing and reading spiritual books especially the Bible which she calls "the manufacturer's manual".

A simple, reserved but strong person who isn't afraid to speak her mind and likes to encourage people. She also loves cooking, giving, praying and most importantly service to God and humanity.

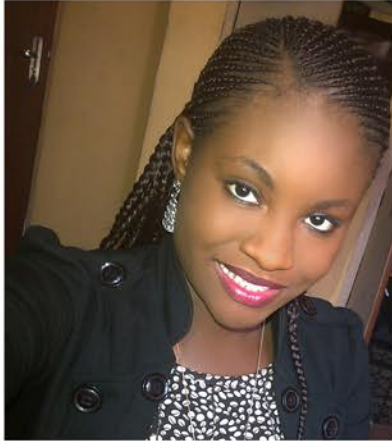
Vivian has a dislike for sin and is specially intrigued by the love Jesus Christ has for mankind. She can't stand insincerity, cheating, backbiting, stealing and she has her mum as her role model.



Aside from her involvement in singing, she also writes and designs and is currently the Editor-in-Chief of Identity Magazine, and also CEO of Frontline Decor and Event Management.



MESSAGE FROM VIVIAN



Your Mentality Creates Your Reality

Life is good", LG(an electronic company) always say, but perhaps the only way life can be good is when our mentality comes to terms with the reality that good things actually exist in life. We live in a world where the power of thought is been underestimated, a world where most people are failures, not because they dont have what it takes to be successful, but simply because they think failure more than they think success, they think impossibilities more than they think possibilities.

Every now and then, individuals all around the world make the mistake of seeing reality as that which is happening within us, but actually, reality is nothing but that which is happening inside of us, with the help of our mentality.

When everybody said the earth was flat, it was the "mentality" of Christopher Colombus that made him believe in the reality that the earth was round. The world portrayed him as a fool then, but not anymore, he is now seen as a genius.

Everybody thought Alexander Grambel was crazy when he "thought" of the reality of another method of communication other than the telegram. But when all was said and done, He invented the telephone(the fastest method of communication).

What are your goals and objectives in life? Is it business, education or is it personal? Do you want to be successful? If yes, then it is important you control your mentality, because success isnt only about hardwork and determination, it also involves monitoring your thoughts and expectations so they are in alignment with who you want to be, otherwise you might become a victim of circumstances outside your control.

SAY NO TO NEGATIVE THOUGHTS

I AM NOT GOOD ENOUGH

If you have a N1000 note, and it falls on the floor into a puddle of mud, does that N1000 note lose value? Of course not! So why do you feel that you are not good enough? Why do you feel that you lose value based on what you have not done or must have done in life. You might not have the skills or tools to achieve what you want now, but the truth is "you are certainly good enough and worthy of what you want". Don't limit yourself, because everyone is good enough.

THINK POSITIVE "I am worthy of all I desire in this life, just like everyone else".

I CAN'T DO IT

In the words of Henry Ford, "Whether you think you can or you can't, you are right". Meaning that if you tell yourself that you can't, you are sending messages to your mind and brain that you can't, and so that will be your experience, but if you tell yourself that you can, you are also sending messages to your mind and brain that you can, and that also will be your experience. Your mind and brain works with the thoughts you feed it with.

THINK POSITIVE "I can do whatever I put my mind to".

I'M NOT BLESSED AS OTHER PEOPLE

This normally arises from the illusion that other people's lives are better and they are more blessed/lucky and that is what separates you from them. It is very dis-empowering to think that way, because it is simply not true.

THINK POSITIVE: Good things can and will happen to me

I DON'T THINK I WILL EVER

Whatever your thoughts are, whatever you believe in will all become your reality. You shape your future everyday by the choices you make and your habits. Limiting the positive thoughts in your mind can sabotage your breakthrough opportunities in life. What would it be like if you believe that you could do what you really desire and have the experiences you wish instead? It is not getting it right the first time, but trying. Don't stop yourself before you have even given yourself a chance.

THINK POSITIVE: "I am Confident I will, I know I can"

I AM NOT STRONG ENOUGH

It is only natural to feel that you are not strong enough at times. We are all human and there is nobody on the planet who doesn't feel weak at times. What is important though, is the conversation you have with yourself afterwards. If you keep reinforcing the fact that you don't feel strong, how then can you be strong? Instead, tell yourself that you are strong enough and support yourself to find the strength you need in that moment, especially when you lose something.

THINK POSITIVE: "I am Strong Enough to Deal with This"

THINK JESUS, THINK SUCCESS.

Every now and then, questions are always raised about the best possible way to live above sin and remain righteous in everyday of our lives.

Answers always proffered are "praying regularly, reading your bible regularly and going to church regularly", but above all this, one of the best approach to living a righteous and holy life in every minute of our life is "Changing and Controlling the Way We Think". If we limit our mentality, thoughts and imaginations to things of God such as meditating on his word, listening to gospel songs & possible ways of saving lost souls, it goes a long way in helping us to stay away from sin as far as possible. If you surround yourself with the love of God, and the salvation of Jesus, you will be successful, not only in your relationship with God, but in everything you do!!! Think Jesus, Think Success!

DISTRESS IN HELL

Edwin-Ezeh Ruth A.

So heated up to its highest
peak
Was where I remained
To be tortured
For my sins unknown

Feeling the heat of the
flames
I wept with my loudest
voice
Annoyance swept the
beast

Whose throng was ready
to pierce
Help deserted me
Forgiveness developed
a stony heart
Pains answered to
every roll call

And regrets became a
friend of my soul
A second chance I asked
for
But the white shop ran
short of mercy
"Oh had I known"
Was the cry of I from beneath

LOVE BIRDS

Edwin-Ezeh Ruth A.

In two decades
We have longed for the
best
No opportunity in the days
But found we rest.

Our eyes have opened
To the beauty of trust
And darkened
To the heartbeat of disgust
We have both our hands
taken

Never to know departure
For involved is the creator
therein

To help us feel no torture
This love shall the foetus
enjoy

Feeling the warmth of its
carrier

Prayers we shall incur
For there will be no barrier





PLEASURES WORTH MORE THAN SEX & MONEY

All over the world, all over the nation, people do nasty things and commit some many atrocities simply because they can't resist the natural forces of SEX AND MONEY. Sex and money seem to be the highest form of pleasure on the planet, but the "the secret is out", there are other pleasures worth more than sex and money.

1. Finishing Your Meal with the Last Piece of Meat.

The saying "save the best for last" does not only apply to movies and music, it also applies to food. It is pleasurable to eat the meat last to savor it. It is the best part of the meal so you did like to leave it for last so you can take your time to enjoy it.

2. Getting Baptized in the Holy Spirit

Our walk with God sometimes gets tiring and tedious, but it becomes pleasurable when you are baptized and filled with the Holy Spirit. With the Holy Spirit, worship and communication to God becomes

easier. The Holy Spirit makes your work with God enjoyable in such a way that you can even hear God speak to you instantly. you will no longer need to go to your pastors to say "please what is God saying".

3. Getting in bed when its raining hard and stormy outside

When it is raining hard and stormy especially at night, honestly, the last place you will like to be in is somewhere that is not your comfort zone, eg. a local kiosk, on the veranda of somebody's house, under the bridge or probably on the main road, unless you are dysfunctional, you wouldnt like to be in

this type of places, because the best place to be in at this particular time is YOUR BED!!!

4. When something stuck in your teeth finally comes out

Have you ever been made uncomfortable by a piece of food(probably meat, mango or orange) stuck in your teeth. How did you feel when that piece of food finally came out? Probably one of the best moments of your life.

5. Breathing Properly

You may ask, how is this a pleasure? Well, try holding your breathe for

just 60seconds and you will agree that the day you completely had your first breathe is probably the best day of your life and you will forever cherish it. Walk into the ICU(Intensive Care Unit) of any hospital, and you will see people wishing they had your lungs, as a result of their inability to breathe properly. There are so many pleasures in life, but breathing properly is the first, thats why anytime you see the sunshine, you should atleast drop down and give thanks to God, atleast one time.

6. *Finding a toilet, any toilet and finally being able to pee/poop after being pressed for over 2hours or less.*

Being pressed for long is just like a criminal pinning you down on gunpoint, but finding a toilet, any type of toilet at all and finally being able to pee/poop is just like the police coming to rescue you.

7. *Making Noiseless Laughs*

One of the greatest pleasures in life is laughing so hard you cry, so hard that no noise comes out. You are just there shaking like an idiot and holding onto your poor stomach. Nothing beats such pleasures.

8. *Watching Your Favorite Sports Team Lift a Trophy*

Are you a Chelsea or any other football club fan? How do you feel when your team lifts a trophy, especially the league tiitle? It is a great feeling I guess?

9. *Angrily banging your phone across the room, rushing to pick it up gently, inspecting it carefully only to find that NOTHING, Absolutely NOTHING has happened to it.*

10. *Doing something for hours, then returning to your phone and finding it full of text messages and missed calls.*

11. *Fresh-Off the Shower to Sleep*

There is nothing as cool as going to bed imediately after taking a shower, especially after an exhausting day or night out.

12. *Finding Out that there is more time for you to sleep*

How will you feel when you wake up suddenly, you checked the clock, only for you to find out that you have plenty of sleeping time left? You did smile your way back to sleep.



13. *The smell of clean, dry clothes, straight from the dry cleaner or hanging line.*

14. *Making a baby laugh, over and over again.*

15. *The Moment when it is too hot in bed and you stick out one leg and catch some cool, cool air.*

16. *That moment in a public bus when your favorite song ends exactly when you've reach your destination.*

17. *Having a serious itching at a certain spot on your back, trying to reach yourself and scratch yourself unsuccessfully and finally getting scratched by someone else perfectly.*

18. *Clean, fresh bedsheets/bed covers on your bed.*

19. *Holding a baby and watching them sleep.*

20. *Asking a question on Google and seeing it finish your words*

Meaning that there are others out there who share your thoughts and imaginations.

21. *SERVING GOD*

"What does the word INTIMACY mean to you"

When Janet married Ryan, she was convinced that even though they were not emotionally close before getting married, that sex would change all that. After all, she'd seen the movies; she had watched television where two hearts blended into one once they became sexually involved. Sadly, things didn't happen like it did in the movie, as she was heartbroken when the emotional connectedness she longed for didn't show up after she made it to bed.

We live in a world of users where the word INTIMACY is often viewed from the corner of sexuality, but when it is all said and done, the real definition of INTIMACY seems to be far from SEX. INTIMACY means IN-TO-ME-SEE, meaning that you being intimate with somebody requires that you are going to be transparent enough, you are going to be vulnerable enough, you are going to be open enough to really allow that someone to see "this is who I am, this is all I am, when you have me, you will get all of these attitudes". INTIMACY-IN-TO-ME-SEE, and this is not experienced just by merging bodies in sex, it is found by merging and blending of our heart with another's, so we can "SEE INTO" who they really are, and they can "SEE INTO" us. It is the mixing of our life with another's, a mingling of souls and a sharing of hearts.

How many couples go to bed at night, share their bodies, but not their hearts? How many couples share the same home, children, but still have an intense fear or a distinct block to revealing their deepest, innermost fears, dreams, thoughts and feelings, their real selves for fear that they are unlovable, not good enough or they simply cannot trust that they will be safe enough to expose that part of themselves? How many friends are willingly to share their secrets, dreams, innermost fears and anxieties with one another?

Granted, sharing who we are with others is often not easy, but the fact is, "TO LOVE IS A RISK". It can be uncomfortable exposing the deepest parts of ourselves. Thankfully, the good news is you don't have to do it all at once because developing INTIMACY is like peeling an onion—it can happen just a little at a time, while TRUST is developed.

Without the courage to experience true INTIMACY, you will never truly experience your full capacity to love or be loved for exactly

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TRUST IS THE BEDROCK OF INTIMACY, NOT SEX

who you are and be at ease in your relationship. You can go on for years and never feel truly fulfilled.

INTIMACY is not only between lovers, it is also between friends, and even your relationship with your family members. In a disposable society like this, the only reason why people walk away from anyone and anything is because there is no INTIMACY. The only reason why couples, friends, and families can easily disconnect is because there was no real deep connection in the first place.

INTIMACY means letting down your guard in order to have a meaningful connection with somebody. Bringing down the wall so they can truly see what your environment looks like, but however, that can only happen when there is "TRUST". Trust is the bedrock of "INTIMACY", meaning **"there is no way you can be in a healthy relationship with somebody you don't trust"**, because it takes trust for you to open-up.

In the days we live, people no longer understand how fragile "Trust" is, and so they do things whether consciously or unconsciously that sabotages other people's ability to "TRUST" them. TRUST is the driving force of "INTIMACY", which is why in order to experience INTIMACY, people involved must have to earn Trust, and they must demonstrate that they are trustworthy, and once they have earned it and demonstrated it, the issue of guarding the "TRUST" comes to play.

SEX is a refreshing thing to do, and there is nothing wrong with being refreshed, but the problem is when you go to the wrong place for the refreshing, and at the wrong time. This is exactly the reason behind the death of so many relationships.

There are so many individuals that have been hurt because they gave the best of themselves to the wrong person, and what they got out of the relationship was the distorted definition of INTIMACY, and it is this distorted definition that robbed them the TRUST, robbed them the FOCUS, robbed them the FERTILITY, and also robbed them what they needed to give to somebody else.

Until you start seeing INTIMACY only from the angle of TRUST and being transparent enough, you will never truly experience your full capacity to love or be loved for exactly who you are and be at ease in your

relationship. You can go on for years and never feel truly fulfilled.

INTIMACY WITH GOD

Intimacy with God is real and rewarding, because God created us. He intimately knows us better than anyone can. For this reason, He can make us feel known in a way that no one on earth is able; and in this, we can experience INTIMACY in an indescribable way.

INTIMACY with God through His son Jesus, is the most rewarding and life-changing thing you can ever experience. It is the most important thing in life. It is more important than the person you are in a relationship with, more important than the clothes you are wearing, the money in your wallet, your college degree, the phone you are using, where you live in or your place of work. Having an intimate relationship with Jesus in effective prayers, regular bible study and obedience to the word of God is the greatest quality you can ever have.

If you need a friend that will stick closer to you than a brother, I will like to recommend Jesus. Right now, He is calling you to repentance. You may have done so many bad things, even beyond imagination, but HE LOVES YOU!!! It is only a matter of time, if you surrender to Him now, He will turn your life around. He will give you that inner peace, that unspeakable joy that can only be found and experienced in HEAVEN. Come to JESUS TODAY!!!

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WELCOME TO THE WHITE HOUSE

Every nation has one pocket where the President, his friends and families hangout. Tourists stroll by to gawk at the sights. In the modern society, the whole structure of the White House is known for that kind of lifestyle.

Located in Washington DC, and portrayed as one of the most protected building on the planet, the White House is the official home of the no. 1 citizen of the world, the President of the United States of America

168 feet (51.2 meters) long, & 85feet 6 inches (26.1 meters) wide without porticoes; 152 feet wide with porticoes, the White House has an overall height(to the top of the roof) of 70 feet on the South and 60 feet 4 inches on the North.

It takes 300 gallons of white paint to cover the exterior of just the residence portion(centre), excluding the West and East wings.

The White House has 132 rooms, including 16 family-guest rooms, 1 main kitchen, 1 diet

kiitchen, 1 family kitchen, and 35 bathrooms. Excluding storage rooms, it has 10 rooms on the **Ground Floor**, 1 main corridor, 6 restrooms. 8 rooms on the **State Floor**, 1 main corridor, 1 entrance hall; 16 rooms, 1 main corridor, 6 bathrooms, and 1 restroom on the **2nd floor**; and 20 rooms, 1 main corridor, 9 bathrooms on the 3rd floor.

The White House has 412 doors, 147 windows, 28 fireplaces, 8 staircases, 3 elevators (main, pantry and a lower-levels elevator under the Grand Staircase

A floor area (total of 6 floors approximately 55,000 feet), a tennis court, a basketball court, a putting green, a bowling alley, a movie theatre, a jogging track, a swimming pool, the White House indeed, is an amazing and world-class building.



THE WHITE HOUSE UNDER SIEGE

OLYMPUS HAS FALLEN



Secret Service Code ("Olympus") for the White

House, which is being led by a very President Kennedy-esque Benjamin Asher (Aaron Eckhart). But the true lead actor in this constantly gripping tale is Gerald Butler (Mike Banning), who was once the Secret Agent assigned to protect the President and His family, until a tragic event led him to be transferred to a pedestrian Secret Service job in the Treasury Department.

As the very convincing assault on the heart of Washington D.C and the White House itself occurs, Banning finds himself again thrust into the central action and quickly becomes the sole hope of saving the President and preventing a potential nuclear disaster that would end American life as we know it.

Banning has the physical skills and mental cunning that allows him to become a virtual one-man army against a phalanx of single-minded killers out to destroy America by cutting off her symbolic "head": the President himself.

The special effects in "Olympus Has Fallen" are superb. It truly looks like the destruction depicted onscreen has actually occurred, but when everything is said and done, Olympus Has Fallen is simply just another breath-taking movie, because the White House is still in tact, the State Security Service agents still alive and security still unbridged.

It is almost impossible to attack and take over the White House. It will be a suicide mission, not different from strapping a bomb on yourself and pushing the button.

It is almost a given belief that the White House is the most secure place in the planet, possibly in the universe. But when a North Korean terrorist plot can be executed with frightening precision - circumventing the seeming impenetrable defenses surrounding the U.S President and everyone around him - it calls for a moment of silence.

That's the premise of "Olympus Has Fallen," the well-crafted political thriller from Antoine Fuqua. This film's title comes from the fictional

STRUCTURE OF THE WHITE HOUSE

The White House is divided into the East Wing, West Wing and the Residence. The West Wing being the center of activity generally serves the Presidency, the East Wing serves as office space for the First Lady and her staff, including the White House Social Secretary, White House Graphics and Calligraphy Office and correspondence staff, while the Executive Residence is the home of the President of the United States.



WHY IS THE WHITE HOUSE WHITE?

It has nothing to do with the burning of the house by the British in 1814, although every schoolchild is likely to have heard the story that way. The building was first made white with lime-based whitewash in 1798, when the building of its walls were finished, simply as a means of protecting the porous stone from freezing. Why the House was subsequently painted is not known. Perhaps Presidents objected to the dirty look as the whitewash wore away.

The house acquired its nickname early on, when Congressman Abijah Bigelow wrote to a colleague on March 18, 1812 (3months before the United States entered war with England). In his words "There is much trouble at the White House, as we call it, I mean the President's House" (quoted in W.B Bryan, "The Name White House", Records of the Columbia Historical Society 34-35 (1932):308).

At various times in history, the White House has been known as the "President's House; the Executive Mansion, but the name "White House" though in common use, remained a nickname until September 1901, when Theodore Roosevelt made it official.

BUILDING OF THE WHITE HOUSE

In 1791, George Washington working with artist and engineer Pierre Charles L'Enfant, selected the site for the White House. The cornerstone was laid in 1792 and a competition design submitted by Irish-born architect James Hoban was chosen. After eight years of construction, President John Adams and his wife, Abigail, moved into the unfinished house in 1800. The total cost was \$232,372.

But however, on August 24, 1814,, during the war of 1812, British troops burned down the White House in retaliation for an earlier burning of Canadian government buildings in York, Ontario, by the United States.

James Hoban was appointed to rebuild the house, and President James Monroe moved into the building in 1817. The White House requires 570 gallons of paint to cover its outside surface.

ADMIN

The Chief Usher is in charge of keeping the house running smoothly. He has a staff of 90 workers to assist him: a head housekeeper, five full-time chefs, & numerous maids, butlets, carpenters, plumbers, gardeners, and engineers.

With the 5 full-time chefs, the White House kitchen is able to serve dinner to as many as 140 guests and hors d'oeuvres to more than 1,000.

The White House receives approximately 6,000 visitors a day, or 2,190,000 visitors a year.

SECURITY DETAILS

Extensive security measures are used to protect the White House. Security is primarily provided by the United States Secret Service. Since the September 11, 2001 attacks, the restricted airspace above the White House has been expanded and better enforced, especially with the installation of an automatic weapon called "HYDRA" loaded with missiles, always ready to automatically shoot down any flying object that is considered a threat, once it is within range.

Barricades are also built on the streets surrounding the White House, with well-trained Secret Service agents scattered all over the building, from the roof to the ground floor.



FRAME OF PERFECTION

PROMISE BENSON

Standing alone without you
am so ugly
Before I met you
My life was without a meaning
But on my way to self-destruction
your love found me.
Now am beautiful, is what your love
means to me.

Since you framed me up
My life is beautiful.(x2
You are my frame of perfection
You make me beautiful.
You are my frame of perfection
You make me beautiful

Before I met you,
I felt it was by my struggles
So everyday I hustle,
Just to be successful
And now I know the race
is not meant just for the swift
Am leaning on your everlasting arms

to make me.
Since you framed me up
My life is beautiful.(x2
You are my frame of perfection
You make me beautiful.
You are my frame of perfection
You make me beautiful

See am beautiful
Am Born of Zion
Precious to Judea's Lion
The way He is,
is the way he has made me now
Incorruptible, His hands is on me
Victorious, no more struggling.
There is nothing greater than for
me to lift my voice and say
Am beautiful, you make me beautiful
You are my frame of perfection
You make me beautiful
My past is gone
Story is changed
Love is come
Defeat is gone

TOP 8 WORSHIP SONGS OF ALL TIME

1. What Can I Do?
- Tye Tribbett
2. How Deeply I Need You
- Shekinah Glory
3. Yes
- Shekinah Glory
4. Great&Mighty God
- Joe Praise
5. Imela
- Nathaniel Bassey
6. Great are you Lord
- Sinach
7. Majesty
- Michael Smith
8. Awesome
- Pastor Jenkins



Tye Tribbett

Music Director, Greater Anointing

Tyrone "Tye Tribbett (born January 26, 1976) is an American gospel music singer, songwriter, keyboardist, choir director and founder of the Grammy-nominated and Stellar-Award winning gospel group Tye Tribbett & G.A. (short for "Greater Anointing).

Tribbett was raised in a Pentecostal Apostolic Church in Camden, New Jersey. His father is a pastor and his mother is a minister as well as a well known disc jockey in the Philadelphia area. He is married to Shante Tribbett, who was a member of Greater Anointing and they have two daughters together. He also has a brother, Thaddaeus, who is part of the band 'Soundcheck' and is now the current bassist for artist Estelle. Tye also has two sisters; one sister DeMaris, also sang in Greater Anointing.

Tribbett toured with Faith Hill in 2000, leading to work with Will Smith, Usher, Don Henley, Justin Timberlake, and Sting. He has since released four Albums: Life(2004); Victory Live(2006); Stand Out (2008); Fresh (2010); Greater Than (2013). His last album "Greater Than" was released August 6, and earned him two Grammy Awards.

Some of his top songs of all time includes:

What Can I Do; You are Everything; Bless the Lord; Bless the Lord(Son of Man); Take Over. When one listen to Tye Tribbett, it's obvious God has blessed him with many gifts. He is a songwriter of considerable depth and insight as well as a spirit-filled vocalist who knows how to get worshippers on their feet rejoicing. He is indeed, more than a talented musician.

Shea Butter and the Wonders it Does for the Skin and Hair



Shea butter commonly called "ori" is available locally in marketplaces in Nigeria. Shea butter, which is extracted from the nut of the African shea tree, is a rich, cream-coloured substance that has natural soothing and moisturising properties. The cream is extracted and prepared without the use of chemicals and rich in nutrients, including Vitamin A, which helps in improving a number of skin conditions like treating blemishes, wrinkles, eczema, and dermatitis, as well as burns and even stretch marks.

It is also packed with antioxidants like Vitamin E, as well as polyphenols and phytonutrients. These ingredients make it an anti-inflammatory, which is why it works so well at moisturizing and soothing all types of skin.

The Harmattan season is fast approaching and could be sometimes harsh to the skin. When the skin is not in good condition, the result will be a dull looking appearance and no one wants a



parched flaky complexion that feels itchy and looks bad.

The good thing about Shea Butter is that it is great not just for the skin but for the hair as well. Wow! Ladies, this will interest you greatly. I personally have been fitted immensely from the double packed goodness of Shea Butter. It can be used in its solid form or melted into a liquid state applied directly to the hair or skin or even mixed alongside with your cream.

HOW TO USE

1. Rinse the soap from your skin with a cool water rinse. Put your skin dry with a towel.
2. Apply the Shea Butter to the skin of your face and body using your fingertips.
3. Massage on the body until it absorbs into the skin and watch your skin glow.
4. For the hair, apply the butter to your scalp for deep conditioning, using fingertips to massage the butter into your scalp, paying close attention to the nape of your neck, around your hairline and behind your ears. Run the butter through your hair ends, using a wide toothed comb after massaging for atleast 10 minutes.
5. Wrap your hair in a towel or cover with plastic shower cap and allow the butter to sit on your scalp for another 10 minutes.
6. Finally, rinse it from your hair, using cool water.
7. Shampoo and condition your hair as normal. Do enjoy your experience with Shea Butter!

20 Proven Uses for COCONUT OIL

1. To cook with instead of vegetable or seed oils.
2. To wash your face with instead of soap.
3. As a body moisturizer.
4. As a hair conditioner.
5. To reduce scars.
6. As a treatment for lice.
7. To bake with in place of butter.
8. As a natural remedy for diaper rash.
9. To help lower high blood pressure.
10. To heal wounds.
11. To improve your memory
12. To make soap.
13. To make laundry detergent.
14. To remove stretch marks.
15. In a cough syrup.
16. To promote hair regrowth.
17. As First Aid.
18. To burn fat around your stomach
19. To stop nose bleeds.
20. To build more muscle.

H2O Helps Everything



Did you know that when you are trying to grow your hair or improve your skin condition, you have to drink lots of water? yeah! you read it right! Drink lots of WATER. It is moisture for your body. Make sure you drink the right quantity and you will see tremendous improvements. You are supposed to drink atleast 8 Glasses of Water a Day.

There is no question that fashion, is a living breathing thing. And what I mean by this, is that fashion is very responsive to society and everything that encompasses our daily lives. Whether it be political, technological, or economical, fashion is an ever-evolving creature. So it is interesting to bring up this very topic. What is the relationship between Youth, Fashion and Trendsetting? Well, it is a natural part of evolution and proves just how involved fashion is with the rest of the society



By Ruth Edwin-Eze

YOUTH, FASHION & Trendsetting

There are various stages of life, and one of the most crucial stages is “Youthful stage”, a stage that happens to range from the ages of 15-35 years. It is at this stage that people go crazy about various things like music, movies, and most especially, fashion.

Fashion has been a trend in the lifestyles of youths, especially students at large. Youths have assumed fashion to be just based on dressing alone and that assumption is wrong. Fashion is not all about the latest or the most popular or the most famous clothes. In reality, this social phenomenon embodies several things. Fashion could be associated with the style or manner in which a work is done; this could be a workmanship or an execution of a project. In some other way, fashion helps to show who we are and depicts our personality in the terms of visual information. In the way we choose clothes or do a work, we show our attitude to the world and other people. It is also some kind of communication, how we put some of our personality at everything; how we behave at different situations, what we eat and which style of clothes we choose at shops. All of these build the mainstream of fashion.

Fashion and youths are intimately linked. Fashion displays, expresses and shapes the identity of a youth. The fashion media and the advertising industries are very prominent in the lives of youths. Through the use of the print and electronic media, and watching of several celebrities display their unwholesome sense of style, youths come in contact with the latest fashion trend, most of which are misleading, and are sending the wrong ideas to the girls and boys of

this age.

Fashion is indeed a tyrant; no tyrant is greater than fashion. Everyone tries to imitate the latest fashion trends. The youths specially are mad for it. They would not mind any expenditure to be in vogue. They must have their clothes cut according to the latest fashion; their hair made up according to the latest style even if this places a great burden on their parents or brings about chaos in the society. Most of them, even after realizing that a particular fashion will soon fade away, still waste their money over it. Costly articles of clothing are often discarded, only because the fashion trend has faded away. Girls, especially educated ones, are the worst offenders of this respect. They are crazy over ornaments of latest designs and other beauty aids which happen to be popular at a given time. Often, the entire family has to suffer. Owing to their craze for fashion, many family discords and quarrels may be traced to this tyrant.

On the other hand, setting good trends promotes creativity and imagination. Youths who set fashion trends can gain confidence and a personal sense of style that others would often want to emulate. Setting fashion trends during the youthful age can be a serious challenge among peers and family members who follow traditional style rules. However, creating new and good trends could bring the rewards of respect. Trendsetting teaches youths to create new looks of things without spending too much money. Fashion trendsetting involves imagination and creativity, something as employing new styles in craftworks like bead making, hairdressing, confectionaries, dress-making, and also media/ graphic designs. Things like these can start a fashion craze that is inexpensive, original, easy to find and hard to fade. Setting attainable trends can teach the youths to make and use their money well. A youth who sets new and good trend may be interested in becoming a buyer for a major department store. A career as a buyer brings the reward of successful trendsetting with a salary.

Moreover, one can conclude by saying that the influence of fashion on the youths has so far not been encouraging owing to its misuse. Looking at the other side of what fashion could possibly be, youths can develop a different perspective about fashion. Therefore, rather than spending so much on the latest wears, youths could also employ the concept of fashion into useful activities like work(eg. Arts and designs) that could positively profit their lives.





by Laura Kuehn

Are You Raising a DAVID OR A PHARISEE

As a Christian parent, your automatic response to this question is likely "a David." After all, God called David a man after His own heart. Which Christian parent wouldn't aim for that? However, if we examine this question a little closer, some of us may find that what we really want is something else.

WHO WERE THE PHARISEES?

Pharisees have quite a reputation among the Christian community. We associate them with legalism, rigidity and pride - and rightfully so. But if you were alive in Biblical times, you might have a whole different take on them. In Jesus's day, Pharisees were among the most respected religious leaders. They were righteous, law abiding...as close to perfect as you could get. Even Paul referred to his former life as a Pharisee as "faultless" (Phil 3.6)

WHO WAS DAVID?

David on the other hand was a bit of mess. He lusted. He committed adultery. He purposely deceived. He arranged a murder. He called for a census in direct opposition to God's command. And he did absolutely nothing when one of his sons raped his daughter, Tamar (see 2 Sam 13). This was the man after God's own heart? THIS IS WHO WE SAY WE WANT OUR KIDS TO BE LIKE?

THE KEY DIFFERENCE

By all intents and purposes, the Pharisees were perfect. They did everything "right". They tithed, they followed God's law to the letter, they prayed. In effect, their lives were completely devoted to God. On the outside they looked good, godly and holy. That is what everyone around them saw. In fact, if you lived back

then, you might have said, "Gee, I wish I could be more like the Pharisees. They have it all figured out."

But that is not what Jesus saw. He saw through the facade, right into their hearts, and that their hearts were in bad conditions. For that reason, He called them hypocrites. The key difference between the Pharisees and David was the condition of their hearts. David's heart was messy and unkempt, at times full of his own desires, but at times, emptied out before God for Him to fill. David's heart had room for God, softened by the remorse over his sins (see Psalm 51:4). The Pharisees, on the other hand, had hearts filled with their own righteousness - filled so full that there was no room for God at all. Their hearts, like their behaviours, were polished into a shiny and impenetrable shell.

IMPLICATIONS FOR THE CHRISTIAN PARENT

We may say that we want Davids, but do we really? Are we concerned more with behaviour that is right or with hearts that are right? Do we fear sin in our children? Do we worry about what our children's behaviour says about us as parents? Are we concerned about how our children appear before man or how they will stand before God?

We can insulate, indoctrinate and regiment our children's spiritual journey by restricting what they see, read or hear. We can control their prayer time, devotional time and behaviour. All of this may produce a "good" Christian child - one who might make other parents think, "Gee, their kids are so good - they have it all figured out". But without a focus on the heart, we may end up raising Pharisees (people whose hearts have no room for God) instead of Davids (people whose hearts have room for God, softened by the remorse over their sins).

PARENTING THE HEART, NOT BEHAVIOUR

Would you say that most of your parenting interventions focus on your children's behaviour - either what they are doing or what they have done?

Behaviour is what we can see, so it tends to be what we respond to most. While focusing on behaviour might be effective in the short term, we need to dig deeper if we want to have an impact on our children's spiritual development. Let's start digging with the best tool available: God's Word.

In 1 Samuel 15, God gave Saul a clear instruction through the prophet Samuel: wage war against the Amalekites & completely destroy them and their belongings as punishment for their wickedness against His people. Saul goes out, fights, wins the war and brings back the king of Amalekites and the best of the plunder.

God pronounces a judgment on Saul, stating that his kingdom will be removed from him because of his lack of complete obedience. To paraphrase, Saul replies, "But God, I saved all the good stuff for you!" God's

TRAIN UP THE HEART, NOT BEHAVIOUR

answer is not what Saul expects. God replies "To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams. Because you

have rejected the word of the Lord, he has rejected you as king."
(vs 22-23) .

God didn't want the sacrifices. He didn't want the burnt offerings off the plunder. He wanted Saul's heart. But He didn't have it. God cares about our Heart- the intent behind our behaviour. Whose interest do we have in mind - ours or God's?

We are judged not because of our behaviour, but because of what our behaviour reveals about our heart. Behaviour is much easier to see, so it is much easier to discipline. But if, as Christian parents, we ignore the heart behind the behaviour, we miss an opportunity to shine the light of God's love into the dusty, dark corners of our children's hearts.

HOW TO PARENT THE HEART

The very best tool that you have available to affect the hearts of your children is not a method, intervention or tactic. It can't be summed up in a chart, a reward system or a list of consequences.

The secret to parenting the hearts of our children is to focus on our own hearts.

Saul's army didn't obey because his heart was not devoted to God. Likewise, we cannot lead our children in the ways of God if our hearts are not seeking after the Lord. Assess the condition of your own heart. Evaluate your motivation for doing what you do. Live your faith out loud right in front of your kids - not a polished, candy-coated faith, but one that is worked out with fear and trembling amidst the hills and valleys of life.

Our heavenly Father cares about the heart - it stands to reason that as Christian parents, we should too.

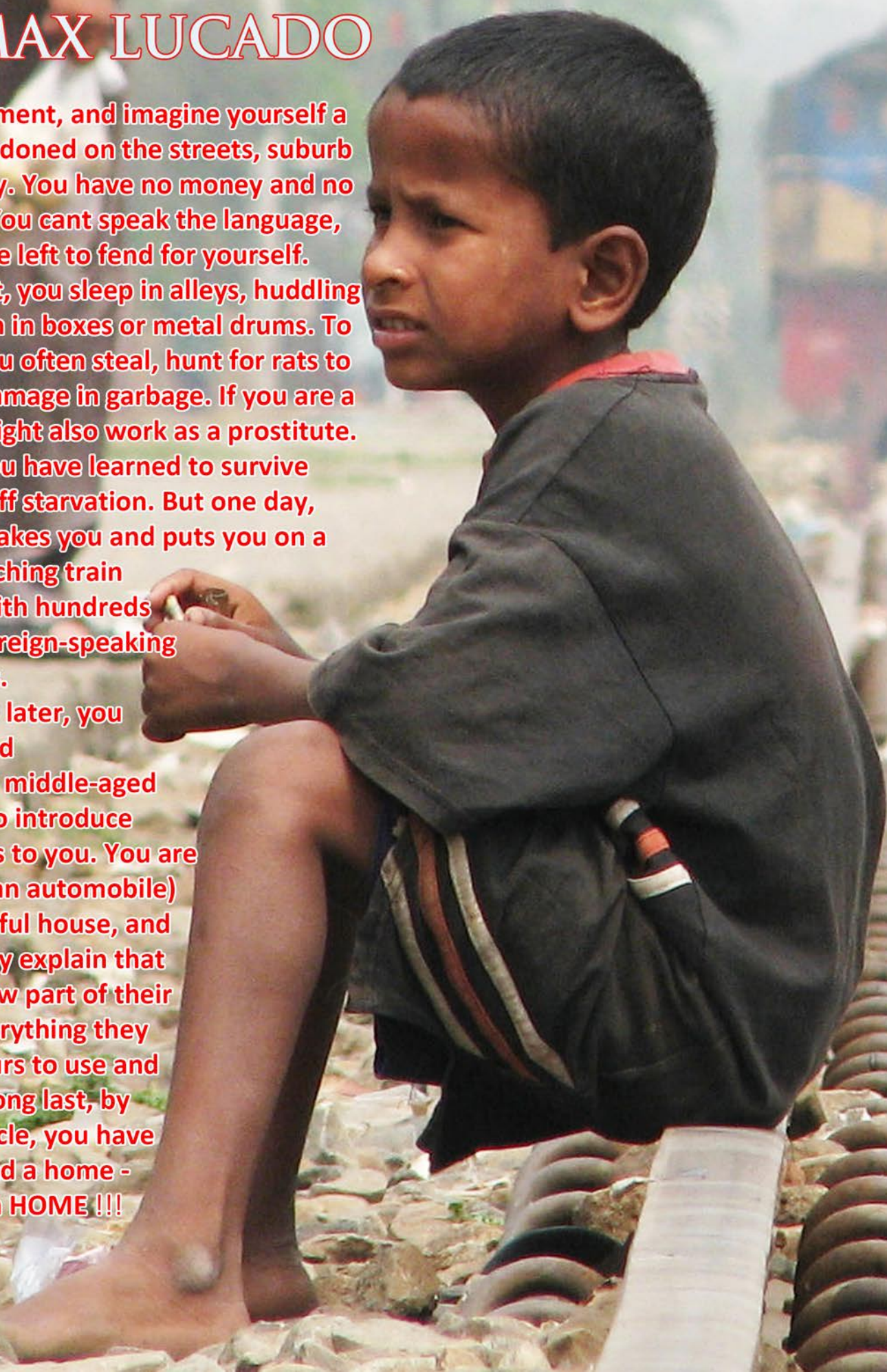
"For the Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the Heart." 1 Samuel 16:7

ADOPTION

BY MAX LUCADO

Take a moment, and imagine yourself a child, abandoned on the streets, suburb to a big city. You have no money and no relatives. You can't speak the language, and you are left to fend for yourself. Every night, you sleep in alleys, huddling for warmth in boxes or metal drums. To survive, you often steal, hunt for rats to eat, or rummage in garbage. If you are a girl, you might also work as a prostitute. Imagine you have learned to survive and fight off starvation. But one day, someone takes you and puts you on a smoke-belching train jammed with hundreds of other foreign-speaking youngsters.

Three days later, you are selected by a kindly middle-aged couple who introduce themselves to you. You are driven (in an automobile) to a beautiful house, and they quietly explain that you are now part of their family. Everything they have is yours to use and enjoy. At long last, by some miracle, you have a family and a home - and what a HOME !!!





All through my years of ministry, every now and then, I have been hearing of "**UNPLANNED PREGNANCIES**", but one thing I haven't heard of before is an "**UNPLANNED ADOPTION**". When couples go for adoption, they don't do it unconsciously, they do it with an understanding of selfless love that they are going to take care of that child, cost what it may. God does the same for us, He seeks, and then He adopts us. He signs the papers if you will, and then He brings us home.

It is a wonderful thing that Jesus lets us to be servants in the kingdom. It is a wonderful thing that Jesus lets us be soldiers in the army of God. It is a wonderful thing that Jesus invites us to be worshippers in the heavenly worship, but **nothing can be more wonderful in the simple fact that you are called and you can be a son and a daughter of the Almighty God.**

That's the highest title you can ever have in the whole universe. This only should give you enough confidence to face and conquer all obstacles in life. God has chosen, **not just to save us, but to adopt us.** It would have been wonderful for Him just to save us, we would have never complained, but it wasn't enough for Him, He chose to adopt us.

WHY DID HE ADOPT US

Few years ago, I was speaking in another state. A lady approached me after the message and said "can I call you when you get back to San Antonio" and she did. She explained to me that her pregnant daughter was seeking a home for an unborn child. Did I know anyone in our congregation who is looking to adopt? Well I did. So I put her in touch with the family and I took a front row seat as the drama unfolded. I watched the joy, the resolve in the eyes of the father

and the determination in the eyes of the mother, they will travel as far as it took, and spend whatever was necessary. They wanted to adopt that child, and they did. Only moments after his birth, the baby was placed in their arms. And this is no exaggeration, that mum and dad smiled for a month. Everytime I saw them, they were grinning; even in the parking lot, they were smiling; walking down the street, they were smiling; I think I could have preached the sermon of the agony of hell and they would have still smiled the whole time. They just smiled. Why were they so happy? Why did they adopt that child? They had a good life. They were financially stable. They were happily married. They were gainfully employed. What did they hope to gain? Did they adopt the baby so they could get an extra sleep, or extra cash? No, they knew they will lose both, the minute they brought

that baby home.

Why did they adopt that child? Why do people adopt children? As you are formulating your answer, can I tell you why God adopted us?

Ephesians 1:3-5 (TLB)

Long ago, before God made the world, God chose us to be his very own. Through what Christ would do for us; he decided then to make us Holy in his eyes without a single fault, we who stand before Him covered in his love.

*His unchanging plan has always been to **adopt us** into his own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And he did this because He wanted to.*

God adopted us simply because He wanted to, not because you were good looking, not because He needed your money, not because of your skills, or your wisdom. Isn't it something to know that the motivation for your adoption as a Son of God really has nothing to do with you, but everything to do with God? That he just adopted you because He wanted you, he wanted you in His family.

To be adopted into a family is not the work of the person being adopted. Adoption works because the parent takes the initiative.

Parents don't go to the orphanage and say "we want to adopt somebody, help us find a kid that has a lot of money, or help us find the smartest of your kids or help us find a kid that will not give us any trouble". A good orphanage will tell those parents to leave, because the success of the adoption depends on the parents, not upon the child, **THE CHILD DOESN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO OFFER.**

God knows all these, but still, He adopts you. Will you receive Him today and say, "Lord I want you to be my father". He has done everything necessary to take you home. All you need to do now is to manifest your identity as the son of God, by living a life in accordance with the word of God.

GOD AS OUR FATHER

After dying for your sins, and in the spirit of adoption, Jesus has invited you to call God "father". So what does a father do? He hears us when we cry, He holds our hand, he gives us words of exhortation and sometimes words of correction, He leads us, and when we step quickly or into dangerous intersections, it is His job to pull us back. He walks us across the street, He walks us through difficult times. And then there are occasions, just out of the love he has for us, he lends down and He picks us up and He carries us

to the next level. Why not pause for just a second, before anything else happens, Will you let God be your Heavenly Father? If you let Him, he is going to bring glory out of the ashes of your struggle, out of the fumes of your disgrace, and out of the dismay of your predicaments in life. God is going to bring glory in your life. But right now, He is calling you to repentance.

MANIFESTING YOUR IDENTITY

Even if you don't remember anything I have said, I want you to remember this: "you are and can be a Son and a daughter of the Living God. That's the highest Identity you can ever have in the whole universe. This only should give you enough confidence to face and conquer all obstacles in life, and it is your mission on this earth to manifest that Identity, by living a righteous and holy life in everything you do. We live in a perverted world, where everything has been turned upside down, but however, as the Son and daughter of the Living God, you must live a life that is harmless, lameless and without rebuke. A life that is not compatible with SIN, a life connected to Heaven, which is the only path to achieving greatness in life. The only way to achieve this is to let the Word of God rule over you. Read your Bible daily, meditate on it day&night, put everything you have read into practice, & your life will never remain the same.



Final Goodbyes

Take a moment, on your own, ask yourself, what does that word "goodbye" mean to you? From the day you came into this world, and as you grow old, it is a word you are going to learn how to say and express, whether you like it or not. Nothing on this green earth lasts forever. All over this world, every now and then, people say goodbye to many things, to a friend on a visit, to their jobs, to their properties, but the most painful is the Final Goodbye to a loved one who has died.

If you know what it is to weep, if you know what it means to have the kind of pain that feels as if you cannot be comforted. If you know what it means to be at the end of a rope and feel like your life is over and you got questions that cannot be answered, and you are confused, then you will agree with me that grief over the lost of a loved one is not something you shake off easily. I listened in horror to the news of the death of a teenage girl, who was hit by a bikeman, on her way back from purchasing her birthday

goodies. What a tragedy! Her mum was inconsolable, because nothing in this world can ever explain a mother's pain when her child drops dead, especially in the most unusual circumstances.

DEATH IS INEVITABLE

It is almost a given belief that strong men of God will only die at a very ripe age, possibly in their 90s. But when Dr. Myres Munroe and his wife were confirmed dead after a plane crash - it calls for a moment of silence. Questions then arises to where God



was when that plane crashed? Well, the same place He was when John the Baptist was beheaded, same place He was when Stephen was stoned to death, same place He was when the 12 disciples were executed, and even, same place He was when His only begotten son was crucified.

This sums up the fact that irrespective of who you think you are, DEATH IS INEVITABLE. But however, a person who is close to God can, in one sense, look forward to death, as Paul did (Phillippians 1:21-24). But what he or she is really looking forward to is not death itself, but waking up with a new spirit body in God's kingdom.

IT IS PART OF LIFE

When you grow older in life, things get taken from you. That's parts of life. Therefore, losing someone (a friend or family) to death is a stage in life, which you must pass through. Right from the point you were born,

you will see people come and go, you will see people being born and die, you will stand over the cold graves of people you loved, and drop hot tears. No matter how much you pray and believe God, you will have to release people who were dear to you. You will say goodbye to people, and not understanding why they died, what seems like untimely, unnatural and unfair deaths, you will deal with many troubles and adversities, but if you trust God, if you TRUST GOD, He will strengthen you to overcome these pains, for the bible says that "those that sow in tears shall reap in joy". (Psalm 147:3) says that God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

God is the greatest source of comfort. He alone knows our hearts and also how best to help us. When we are grief-stricken, if we will talk to God and read His Word, we will experience great comfort, hope and healing.

Prayer and Bible study are two things we need to do every day in our lives.

Ecclesiastes 7:2-4

It has been said, "An open casket can be worth a thousand sermons". When you think of someone's else's death, it's an important time to think about your own life and inevitable death, and also think about your relationship with God. Because when it is all said and done, what matters most is not how, or when you die, but where you are going to wake up in the after life: In God's Kingdom or Satan's Kingdom, it is your call to make.

2Peter 3:11

No man knows his time of departure, therefore it is necessary to get prepared and stay prepared. Yes! Jesus is coming soon, but don't get it twisted! To everybody who encounters death, to that person, Jesus has come! DO YOU KNOW WHY? Because after death, comes Judgment. Think about this!!!



Timeout With Ruth Iyoha

YOUNG PEOPLE ASK!

1. MUST I HAVE A GIRLFRIEND? IF NOT, HOW DO I CLEAR MY MIND OF THE FEELINGS I HAVE FOR A GIRL?

The world has taught us to follow our hearts (feelings), but God warns us that our hearts (feelings) are deceptive and cannot be trusted (Jer. 17:9). The world has also taught us that when we feel lonely, then we should begin to seek intimacy with the opposite sex. However, you must know that "loneliness is not the absence of affection, but the absence of direction". The truth is, when you discover God's purpose (direction) for your life, your feelings for that lady will change drastically. A young lady's greatest need is someone who would point her to God so she can fulfill God's purpose for her life.

The world has made ladies seem like mere sex objects that desire nothing but intimacy and sex. This is far from the truth. I would suggest you start seeing that girl as God's project in need of direction and not affection. You don't need a girlfriend, what you need is a fresh commitment to God's assignment for your life. Don't let your feelings distract you.

2. WHAT IS THE RIGHT AGE TO GET INTO A RELATIONSHIP?

There is really no fixed age. When you are ready (mature) physically, mentally, financially and emotionally for marriage, then you can consider a relationship. If you get into one prematurely, believe me, you will get hurt. If you are a man, then according to scriptures, you should be able to earn a living before you consider a relationship. Proverbs 24:27(GNB).

"Don't build your house and establish a home until your fields are ready, and you are sure that you can earn a living".

If you are a lady, then scriptures says you should not allow any guy excite your emotions prematurely, wait until you know you are ready to get married
Song of Solomon 2:7

"Oh let me warn you, sisters in Jerusalem, by the gazelles, yes by all the wild deer. Don't excite love, don't stir it up, until the time is ripe and you're ready".

As a young person/teenager, you have a lot to occupy yourself with, a relationship is not yet part of your itinerary. Let God prepare you first. When He is through with you, you will be ready. The most important thing for you at this phase of your life is to serve God whole heartedly and trust Him to take care of your future. There is so much work to do in God's kingdom and God requires your full attention (see 1Cor 7:32-35)

3. WHAT IS REALLY THE BASIS FOR A GOD- KIND OF RELATIONSHIP? IF YOU'VE HAD A FAULTY OR SINFUL FOUNDATION ALREADY, WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

I'm sure by God-kind of relationship, you mean a relationship that honours God. For a relationship to honour God, it has to first be inspired by Him. Is it God that is leading you or simply your fleshly passions? (Romans 8:5-8).

Secondly, your motive must be right. Are you ready to get married and therefore seeking a relationship or are you just playing the "dating game" when you know marriage is still very far from you? The only relationship that makes sense to God is one that is gotten into by two

people (a man and woman) who are ready to get married (Proverb 24:27).

Thirdly, both partners must be determined to please God at all cost. Kissing, sex, smooching, etc are completely out. The focus is not your bodies but your souls. Making heaven and maturing spiritually must mean more to you than exploring how your bodies feel.

Once you have discovered that you are building on a faulty (sinful) foundation, the remedy is very simple. Tear down the building and start afresh with God. Pleasing God and making heaven must always be the focus of your life. Jesus says:

Matt. 5:29-30 (GNB)

"...if your right eye causes you to sin, take it out and throw it away! It is much better for you to lose a part of your body than to have your whole body thrown into hell..."

What would it profit you if you gain your relationship and lose your soul? Save your soul first and God will take care of the rest. You are better-off pleasing God than pleasing your partner. **DO NOT PLAY WITH YOUR SOUL.**

Your time as a single is very precious, don't throw it away because of the pleasures of this life. Occupy your mind with God and consecrate your heart to Him afresh. This will help you forget about the relationship and to focus on serving God. When you are ready for marriage, you will know.

4. IS IT WRONG FOR A CHRISTIAN TO LISTEN TO SECULAR MUSIC?

Secular music (songs with wrong messages) is not designed to entertain you, but kill your fire for God (Rom 8:6-8). It quenches the Holy Spirit and makes you ungodly (1 John 2:15, 2 Tim 2:16, James 4:4). The presence of a desire for secular music in a Christian is actually proof that the devil is attacking your faith. It's not possible to experience the presence of God and still desire or enjoy secular music (see 2 Cor 3:18, Matt 13:44-46)

People say sometimes that Christian songs are boring or too slow or not cool. That is not true at all. It's just a lie propagated from the pit of hell. Worthy of note are songs by young people (like you and me) affecting lives for Christ. Foreign gospel artists like Deitrick Haddon, Tye Tribett, Da Truth (rap), Lecrae (rap), Britt Nicole, Tobymac, Mali Music, etc and Nigerian Gospel Artists like Nathaniel Bassey, Promise Benson, Preye, Solomon Lange, Sinach. Godly music transforms. It helps to build you up and draws you closer to God in your daily life.

5. WHO AM I?

Today, at this very moment, you are Set Apart. You are Beautiful, Fearfully & Wonderfully made. You are Gorgeous, You are Redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus. You are Loved & Forgiven by God. You are Made to Excel. You are \$Wise, Whole, Confident, Precious. You are Set Free. You are Blessed, Better than your past. Renewed and Imperfectly perfect.



HUMOUR

14TH FEBRUARY

Hmmm! Valentine almost sent me to jail. And you surely know that a descendant of Eve is involved.

Gently gently I sat on my own on the 14th of February when my fiance told me that she wont be available for Valentine. I became happy and sad. Happy because that means no shopping, sad because I will be alone, and that is bad on a cold day, right?

As I was doing some calculus in my mind about that day, an ex-girlfriend just called me, graaaaaan graaaaaaannnn. Before I could say ABC, she had invited me out.

I jumped at the offer, God has buttered my bread, adding sugar to my tea.

We shopped and shopped and shopped and shopped. It was at the paypoint that my heart started doing BOOM BOOM BOOOOOM BOOOOOOMMM. Hey, what if this girl doesnt have enough money? Will she ask me to pay?

Before I could say A, she gave the cashier a credit card and paid for our items worth over 200grand. *mouth-opened* I became suspicious and I asked her where she got the money from.

Hmmm. No reply.

As we stepped out of the mall, three army officers surrounded us. Just then, an army major stepped out of a wicked looking black SUV.

Fiam! My ex was on her knees, apologizing for being a bad girl.

I wanted to ask her what was wrong when someone hit me with something like a bag of cement.

Actually, it was one of the soldiers who gave me a killer punch.

All what I saw next was my great-great-great grandfather asking me what brought me to him. Haaa!!!

I ran backwards. What actually sent me into the sky was the kick an army officer gave me.

As I landed, you should see the speed

with which I ran off. I ran so fast that my shadow was left behind. Infact, it was the next day I got back my shadow and soul.

It was this evening I heard that my ex had stolen her sugardaddy's ATM card and she was traced to the mall.

panting just had my thanksgiving today ooo. please.

MONEY CALLS

A dog died and the owner so much loved the dog. For this reason, he took it to his Pastor. He asked the Pastor if he could organize a funeral service for the dead animal.

Pastor: No we cant hold a service for your dog in our church but there is a church down the street, maybe they will do it for you.

Man: But pastor, will that church accept a donation of \$3million(dollars).

The Pastor shouted and asked, why didnt you tell me the dog was a BORN AGAIN?

TIME OF THE PROPHET

A man stops taxi, entered it and said "Please turn off the radio for *in the time of the prophet*, there was no radio and my religion decreed that I should not listen to it especially the Western music. This is because they sing of infidelity and all," the man said.

The driver turned off the radio, came down, opened the door for the man and said, "In the time of the prophets, there was no car. So please come down and wait for a CAMEL.

SUICIDE OR JOKINCIDE

A man had just been laid off from work. On reaching home, he caught his wife on bed with another man. He decided to hang himself, and here he is standing on a branch of tree, tied the rope up and when he was saying his last words, a python crawled out from one of the branches of the tree and guess what: The Man took to his heels, ran as fast as he could, shouting "Snake o, snake o." I come they wonder, no be die you wan die.



PIDGIN BIBLE

ENG: As it is written in the Bible.

PIDGIN: As dem yan 4 bible.

ENG: Jesus entered the boat with his disciples

PIDGIN: Bros J cum enta canoe with em padi dem

ENG: As the boat was sailing, there was a great storm.

PIDGIN: As the canoe dey move, na em yawa cum gas!

ENG: The storm was so great that it was like a whirlwind!

PIDGIN: as d yawa dey gas, na em kasala burst join

ENG: The disciples became so afraid and they shout Master! Master!

PIDGIN: Na em liver fail em padi dem, na em dem begin dey hala Bros eh! Bros eh!

ENG: Jesus got up and calmed down the wind!

PIDGIN: Na so bros J get up kon arrange the mata.

ENG: He turned to his disciples and said, Oh ye with little faith!

PIDGIN: Na em bros J luk em padi dem, shake him head, kon provoke: "O BOI! UNA FALL MA HAND O! Simple mata, una no fit arrange.

ENG: The disciples replied and said "What manner of man is this?"

PIDGIN: em padi dem kon hala "shoo! Bros J, which levels nah, hmmm "na wich kind guy be this"

CHIBUZOR: Mekus wetin happen now...who die nau?

EMEKA: Bros na Amaka o

CHIBUZOR: chizooooosu!!! Amaka don die?

EMEKA: My brother had it been she even die sef I no go cry...dis girl has finished me ooo.

CHIBUZOR: oya pls calm down and tell me what happened.

EMEKA: Can you imagine Amaka that I have been paying her school fees upto her final year now uses idiot 2 save my name in her phone.

CHIBUZOR: mshhhhhhhh na the idiot dey pain u? even makin u cry? U get time my broda.

EMEKA: Bros no be d idiot dey

pain me, d tin is dat my own idiot is idiot number 18.

CHIBUZOR: hmmm, my broda manage d idiot nau, afterall my own girl dat I wan to marry use Evangelist David to save my name in her phone...
EMEKA: (laughing now) na wao, atleast dat one is even beta.

CHIBUZOR: Shut up! When I scrolled d phone further, I saw 3 other evangelists (Ibe, Timothy and Jacob), then 2 pastors(Mike and Anthony), and den 4 Apostles (Chidi, Samuel, Mike, Greg), den 2 Rev (Chika and Ifeanyi), and then one Bishop Francis.

EMEKA: hahahahahaha: May be dat bishop is the general overseer of her heart and you be ordinary branch pastor! hahaha hahaha

An Igbo man on a pilgrimage to the Holy land wanted to cross the red sea on a canoe:

Igbo man: How much am I to pay?
Canoeman: 500 pounds (N4000)

Igbo man: (Shouting) Chai! Chai! NO WONDER JESUS WALKED ON WATER.

A 90 year old man marries an 18yrs old woman and goes to a doctor.
MAN: My 18 year wife is pregnant, what is your opinion doctor?
DOCTOR: ok, let me tell you a story. A hunter in a hurry, grabs an umbrella instead of a gun. He moves into the jungle, sees a lion, lifts the umbrella, pulls the handle and BANG...the lion drops dead..!
OLD MAN: Thats impossible, someone else must have shot the lion. DOCTOR: thats my opinion.

CAN YOU IMAGINE?

1. A poor witchdoctor who promises you wealth.
2. A Dentist with rotten teeth and bad breathe.
3. When a Company Driver's children walk atleast 2km to and fro to school everyday
4. The Principal's child who has repeated class more than any other student.
5. The Professional Boxer whose child gets bullied in school.
6. A Vet Doctor that is scared of dogs.
7. A book street vendor selling books on how to become a billionaire.
8. A Farmer whose mother died of starvation.
9. A gym instructor with pot belle.
10. A carpenter that uses only plastic chairs at home.
11. A single and lonely on Air Personality "DJ" talking about love matter and match making over the radio.
12. A mechanic without his own vehicle.
13. A doctor suffering from flu and malaria.
14. Uncircumcised doctor doing circumcision.
15. Someone promoting gay rights when he's happily married to the opposite sex.
16. iphone supplier who has a nokia 3310 or torchlight phone.
17. A manager at MTN who uses only AIRTEL.
18. An unmarried person being in a marriage committee.
19. When a divorcee becomes a marriage counsellor.
20. The DSTV staff who uses Star Times in his home.
21. A property agent that is still squatting with his friends.
22. A canteen owners' daughter sent out of her husband's house for being a bad cook.
23. When a pilot's child has phobia for flying.
24. Working in a shopping mall you cant afford to shop in after being paid.
25. Working in a hotel you cant afford to sleep in after being paid.

26. Earning so much money without paying your tithe.

27. Going through your everyday life with no single thought of God or thanksgiving.

DRESS SMART JOOR!

Anyone who understands communication will tell you verbal communication only makes up a small part of it. Sometimes people get a wrong perception of who you are simply by looking at you. They might never get to know who you really are because they wont have enough time.

What people see on the outside will determine whether or not they'll be interested in really getting to know what lies on the inside. How you dress, how you present yourself and how you keep your hair sends very strong messages. and determines what kind of people associate with you.

CHECK THIS:

Having on a short party dress on a monday morning to work or class makes you look like someone only out to have a good time. What would entirely be in place at the club will look oddly conspicuous elsewhere. You will start noticing that only heavy drinkers and weed addicts will start chasing after you once the length of your clothing shoot up to six inches above your knee. I always laugh when I hear girls complaining that only non-committed losers admire them. It is business 101, the kind of marketing you do determines what customers you'll get.

Dressing like a nun wont do you any favors either, if you're not Arab, I dont see why you should have an oversized T-shirt with a road sweeping skirt or trouser. Dressing like an older woman or man is not bad, i.e if you're looking for a job. Otherwise you'll end up chasing away potential mates. Dress smart! Never sag your pants or pants that are your appropriate size. For the guys, nobody wants to see your designer boxers, save it for your wife. THE WAY YOU DRESS, IS THE WAY YOU ARE ADDRESSED.



You Can Be A BOSS (BUILT ON SELF SUCCESS)

By Promise Austen

There comes a time in life when you must decide on the career that will drive you to success. Two things will help you make that decision: Your Degree Certificate and the talent you've got, and you making the right decision depends on your ability to identify "who you truly are", what you are good at, your strength and weaknesses.

Just like Christmas period, everybody has got a gift, from who? From God, but the question is? Who is willing to open that gift, and for what reasons. You might not be needing your degree to achieve success in life. A skill, just one skill, is enough to turn your life around. What is that skill? You need to ask yourself that question, because in reality, the real definition of success is finding what you know how to do best and getting people to pay you for it. Success is not about how many rich folks you know, or whose son or daughter you are.

Success doesn't depend on all that, it depends on you, and that's why in the society we live in today, it is 100% possible for you to be a BOSS (Built on Self Success).

We live in a world whereby the unfortunate lives of individuals are usually blamed on the Government, the Economy and even the parents of the so-called individuals. Should we continue to put the blames on others, or should we find a way in recognizing what our true potentials are?

The whole truth is, nobody on this planet was created empty, nor was anybody made useless. It is up to you to discover and use the gift God has given to you. It could be a gift of dancing, singing, writing or even sports.

Success isn't as hard as you thought. And if you are still confused on what to do, here are 5 jobs you can do to set you off to success and self

accomplishments.

PHOTOGRAPHY

To some of us, photography starts and ends with us taking selfies, but guess what! PHOTOGRAPHY IS MORE THAN WHAT YOU THINK IT IS. Photography goes beyond a group of people running around from one event to another looking for who to snap.

It goes further to being creative, being able to recognize beautiful scenes in every day activity, eg. capturing a bird in flight, a raining atmosphere, a thunder bolt, prominent personalities, or even an accident scene and also being able to edit and package pictures in such an attractive way, with the help of computer applications like Photoshop.

When you do this, you get paid through photo journalism, where people (especially journalists) pay to get your pictures. You can even sell your pictures



BAKING/ CONFECTIONARIES

This is a resourceful and profitable business. If you've got the capital, you could invest into this business. As long as weddings, birthdays and anniversaries are in fashion, you'll be in business, for the people involved in these occasions will require something to spice up the occasion and you could be called to bake a cake, meat pieces, etc. You can get 30,000 naira for baking a single cake. Now, there is a lot of competition in this business so if you are going into baking, then there must be something unique about your business. Spice it up and packaging is also important.

FASHION DESIGNING/ TAILORING

I usually get upset when I hear and see people condemn the fashion world. In order to wear good clothes, you must surely find someone who makes the good clothes. But, have you ever thought of making those good clothes yourself. In spite of what you see or feel, it will interest you to know that fashion designing/tailoring has developed into a multi-billion dollar venture with so many different sectors. An example of the few who would take the world of fashion designing/tailoring to its highest level is the one and only GRACE IYOHA, CEO of La Grasse Fashion Ville. Her success in the line displays a good understanding that talents in Fashion Designing/Tailoring aren't in vain. What are these talents about? It is all about having the foresight and insight to anticipate what people would go crazy about next and once your idea or concept is liked, you are on the go and success is yours. See GAVRIEL FASHION AND STYLE (Sarah Odegai - CEO) and you will see fashion designing and its positive outcome.

WRITING

With mere words, have you got the ability to create a picture in the reader's mind of what you are trying to pass across? What are you waiting for? Get busy and start working on that talent. Writing is the coolest talent of all time, but the funny thing is that this skill is mostly owned by so many who have decided to keep it silent/dead. So, if you are reading this, and you believe you are a good writer, am encouraging you to take a

success step towards that direction. If you take that step, deal your cards well, with time, you will be on the road to riches, diamonds and wealth. Examples of those who made it to the top through writing are Wole Soyinka (First Nobel Award Winner), Chimamanda (her book is still celebrated even till the day after tomorrow).

Imagine a book with over 1 million copies sold and at a price of N750 - N1500 each! Now, that's huge. The writer is already a multi-billionaire. So dear, get busy and start writing something. You can earn cool cash by simply writing articles, stories, poems for top-magazines as such as Identity, Time and Verbatim Magazine.

ICT MEDIA, GRAPHIC AND WEB DESIGNS

Almost everybody is good in computer, but only a few are making cool money from it. Do you know why? It is because only a few are determined to take their ICT knowledge to that level where there is abundance of cash, the level of MEDIA, GRAPHIC AND WEB DESIGNS.

Being a computer literate is no longer all about Microsoft Word and a bunch of wordprocessing packages. Yes, you are very good in Microsoft word, coreldraw and all that, but if you want to be a BOSS in the ICT World, you need to hook up to the next level of ICT MEDIA, GRAPHIC AND WEB DESIGNS.

Kalu Viktor, CEO of Hendrix Group is a good example of the few who fly with the stars in the skies in the ICT world. His success in the ICT is also a good understanding that talents in packages like (Adobe Photoshop, Indesign, Premiere, Dreamweaver, Web Design and Development and Blogging) aren't in vain.

OTHERS

The general idea of being a BOSS, is "learn a skill". Once you do that, through hardwork and consistency, always be determined to take that skill to the highest level, because treasures are always found on top of the highest mountains. Wishing you all the best in life. Cheers!



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YOU COVERED ME

DR. R.A VERNOM (2014)

I don't want to sing the latest song.
I don't want to percolate the crowd
I just want to make you smile

I don't care who thinks I'm right
or wrong
I don't care who tries to calm me
down
I just wanna praise you now.

You covered me in the midst of it
all
You love me, gave me another
chance
You saw my needs when others
saw my faults.
You forgave me

I don't have to listen
for my name
They don't have to
walk me down the aisle
I just wanna make you proud

Should I make the hall of fame
Or they save a special seat
I just hope that you'll be pleased

You covered me in the midst
of it all
You love me, gave me another

chance
You rescued me
I was going to fall, going to fall
You saved me.

So in my life, in my life
Be glorified, Be glorified (yeah
yeah)
(repeat)

You get the glory
You get the praise
You take the honour
I just want to say...thank you(4x)

I've come back to say
Thank you
Thank you Lord
Thank you (For everything you've
done) (4x)

You get the glory
You get the praise
You take the honour
I just want to say...Thank you (4x)



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