

THE RIGHT PATH TO SUCCESS

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PROLOGUE:

A path means route or road toward a particular destination, most times connecting two or more locations.

Literally, a path to a goal talks about the plans and principles that would help make you reach that goal. Life is in various stages and various degrees. We are either climbing up, descending from the top or dormant at a position without any movement and the rate at which we make decisions is important in helping us achieve that particular interest or goal. This is just a little piece/write-up that will enable you make some major decisions regarding your intended successes.

CHAPTER 1: Making a Choice

A path connects two or more locations, therefore, without those locations there wouldn't be any path at all. That's to say for you to kick-start your "journey" to the unknown, a goal must be set first.

Naturally, everyone has a goal and something he/she is craving for... Not as a want, but as an indispensable need that if once achieved, one would consider his/her life's work to be finished. For example: a little boy that wants to be a great person in future has chosen Medicine as a career... NB: Medicine is only a 'career' and not a 'destiny' (Career and Destiny is treated in Chapter 2 and 4)... He goes to school and studies medicine. He was successful enough and came out a Medical Doctor. Now, once career is started, he now plans ahead how to become great and affect his society positively(that was his goal). So what did he do? He started a foundation, started a research firm and helped people reach their potentials just as he reached his. His work made him famous and well known. He has everything he needed.... Now in some few years later when most of the purpose for starting his INC's has been achieved.. He can now be beside himself saying he has finally achieved his GOAL.

Looking at the short imaginative story, one can make out that achieving such goal had steps to take and decisions to make. So firstly: to have yourself a befitting future, make a choice first. Decide what you want for yourself. Before that, God created everyone of us unique and different from everyone else. And He also deposited a

gift/gifts that will help us make our decisions. Make a choice and decide what the principal element of your future, ie the basis for your future will be. Don't allow people to make your own decisions for you. Make them yourself and always make sure you know what you're doing. So many people are afraid of making decisions because of how bad it might result but we learn everyday... For there to be a lifting up, there has to be a casting down first. Go on your way and make your own decisions by yourself.

CHAPTER 2: Making the first Move

Good! You've made a decision, a very important choice on what you want for yourself in your future. Now its time to break forth from dormancy and buckle-up for the - rather - dangerous flight. Don't get scared. It involves normal activities you've got to do daily.

"What's my first approach?": The first question that pops into your head. The answer to that question is "A Foundation" a house without a foundation always crashes. And the builders start afresh. There are two types of foundations: the faulty foundation and the good foundation.

The faulty foundation can be as a result of improper planning or a missing aspect/element in the preparatory session of the project. Literally, a faulty foundation always collapses and that principle also applies here. Firstly: what do you call a foundation? Your foundation is the basis for your goals. It is that part that ushers or helps you attain that goal you've made for yourself. In this case, you can call it your:

- 1: Career
- 2: Bussiness
- 3: Interests and Cravings

Career talks about your profession and occupation. Mostly referring to your academic choices: Whether you become a doctor, an

engineer or a barrister etc. It is totally different from your destiny (treated in Chapter 4).

Bussiness here refers to the sect that do bussiness in preference of career and academic proficiency.

Interests and Cravings are a complex set of people: they most times mix it up with either a Career or a Bussiness. Eg: a Musically talented person with academic interests and a Musically talented person doing bussiness. This can also be called the gifted set or people.

Now these are the three aspects or three tools used in setting up a proper foundation. Academically, make a wise choice, don't let people decide for you. That course or study that interests you. Choose it! In the bussiness scale. Do the bussiness that makes you feel cool! In the last aspect. Exercise your talents and gifts with the flavor of your academics (choiced) or with the bussiness that makes you balance well on the scale (choiced too). That's the meaning of good foundation

The faulty foundation involves wrong decisions regarding your career, bussiness or both in the case of talents and cravings. Never let people make decisions for you. Make your own decisions (the best you can ever make for yourself) and stick to it!

When you've chosen your foundation clearly, now you can move on to the next stage/step: TAKE-OFF!

Chapter 3: Take-Off

Noticed the tech of how a bird takes-off? It makes a smooth jump - upwards - and spreads its wings I.e it pushes it self up - by its self, not by the wind or something - then starts to fly.

What am I trying to say? You are responsible for yourself! Don't wait for a "baby sitter" to pull you up before you make a change. Start the first step and make the last step!

"Ok.. How do I take off?": you take off by doing something cool: 'Hard Work' doesn't sound so cool to you?! It better do. A lazy man is always a hungry man just like a hungry man is an angry man. In order to prevent being hungry and subsequently being angry, you've got to start working hard. Now let's look at the three foundations stated in Chapter three:

1) Career: You've made your choice of career, work towards it. Be hard working and never give up even if it seems not to be working out - work it out! Be smart, pay attention, do researches, ask questions, start up healthy arguments on topics of interests... These will help you have a positive grasp on where you are going.

2) Business: Engage in the business of choice NB: No business man/woman is illiterate and don't let people see you as an illiterate. Work hard and channel your full energy on your work. Do research! Yes! You can research about your products or business elements

and thereby enlarging the boundary. That's a good way to break forth from stagnation. Remember: Never stop moving.

3) Interests and Cravings (Talents): You need a tutor? Go find one! Exploit your fullest potential and reach the peak of your abilities. Don't mind the early stages, people might look down on you but not to worry, talents are amazing when you've mastered its art. Never stop learning and never stop trying.

These are practical ways to take-off and be in the air/wind..... Wind is unstable, sometimes it goes against the flight of a bird and that refers to turbulent times in our 'flight' towards our goal. A bird never stops and falls back; if the wind goes against its flight, it does one thing: release more speed! Do the same. When you meet a problem, don't give up, tackle the problem in every possible way and continue, remember the story of the patient dog!

Good, you're now on a path... Now its time to consider and discover that hidden part of the whole story!

CHAPTER 4: Your Destiny

Destiny simply means purpose. Every creation on earth has a reason behind its existence and most times, it is usually hidden from being known.

How do you then discover what your destiny is? You simply ask God to help you out. Remember He's the one who created you with it so He could tell you all about it. You have to be in good terms with God for Him to help you discover it. Here talks about accepting God's will for your life and super-imposing it with your goals and visions for your future.

"How do I discover my destiny": Firstly, bear in mind that no body was created to be a failure, we all are created to be great in our own ways. Now that's what matters when you're discovering your destiny. For you to know your destiny, firstly, tell God about it, He will then open your eyes and give you a beautiful clue to it. Its left for you to fix the puzzle and find out the answers to your questions.

Your career/bussiness/talents are a good way of discovering your destiny. Ask your self this question, and be 100% honest to yourself about it: "in 20 - 30 years time, what do I see my self as?" That's a question you can answer based on your interests and career or simply the 'end point' of the above mentioned. For example, you're studying to be a computer scientists. What will happen when you finally become a computer scientist? You could start up a job in an

entirely new field (considering the state of the worlds economy). But that's not what matters.. What matters is where your heart is leading you. Follow your heart, inside of it lies most of life's answers to questions we ask daily. That's why you should develop a good fellowship with the one who gave you your destiny because then would He start a work in your heart, leading you daily to your goal through your heart.

Next, how do I achieve such destiny?! Simple question with a simple answer! Go on with THAT which you've already started. Remember, foundations give rise to structures and once the structures have started rising, they would never stop until the building has been completed. Make sure you don't drift from your ideologies and philosophies. Don't allow compromise, rather keep off from being tempted into following the WROND PATH.

CHAPTER 5: Keeping to the Right Path

So beautiful the feeling of finally being on your way to a major event in your life. Its so great a feeling that it could make you fall off the grid.. Oops!

"How do I keep to the right path?": A number of things and a number of commitments must be considered in other not to fall off the grid; and this commitments must always be kept and maintained in the course of the journey.

1stly: BE POSITIVE: Positivity simply means never accepting defeat or never letting your self to be discouraged. Maintain a good level of positivity because without it, you may fall off the grid-line into an uncertain path that won't take you to your destination (Destiny).

2ndly: HARDWORK: I keep emphasizing on that term. It's the basis for any vision or goal to be actualized, without hardwork, your purpose and dreams would either be relegated to an impossible state or you would loose the whole thing entirely.

3rdly: COMMITMENT: This goes hand in hand with hardwork. Struggle with the ideal things, set daily accomplishment stats to your self and makes sure you reach it everytime. Take time into consideration: Our world is measured with time therefore, always be conscious of time and how it influences your daily struggle. NB:

Struggle here means you put your commitments in a highly prioritized list, and make sure it stays there.

4thly: GOD: This is the Most important step: GOD FIRST! Let Him help you, let Him direct your heart and your mind. Ask Him for strength and wisdom. Never underestimate what He can do and never take Him for granted!

These four elements would keep you going. IN STEP 3: Emphasis should be made on "daily stats". What does this mean? It simply means to have a sub-unit goal for each day. When you wake up in the morning or before you go to bed at night, set goals and targets for each day and make sure you accomplish them, all other pleasantries should come after that, and make sure you don't roll-over any days target to the next day. That would discipline you and aid you as you work hard in accomplishing your life-long goals.

Live everyday with the consciousness of what you're into, never feel bad. Yes, trying times will surely come but your response to each one matters a lot. If you make a mistake, never take it as a failure, rather, take it as a stepping stone because mistakes are there to give you skills that would help you avoid it when next it surfaces. That way, you can remain in that path to your success.