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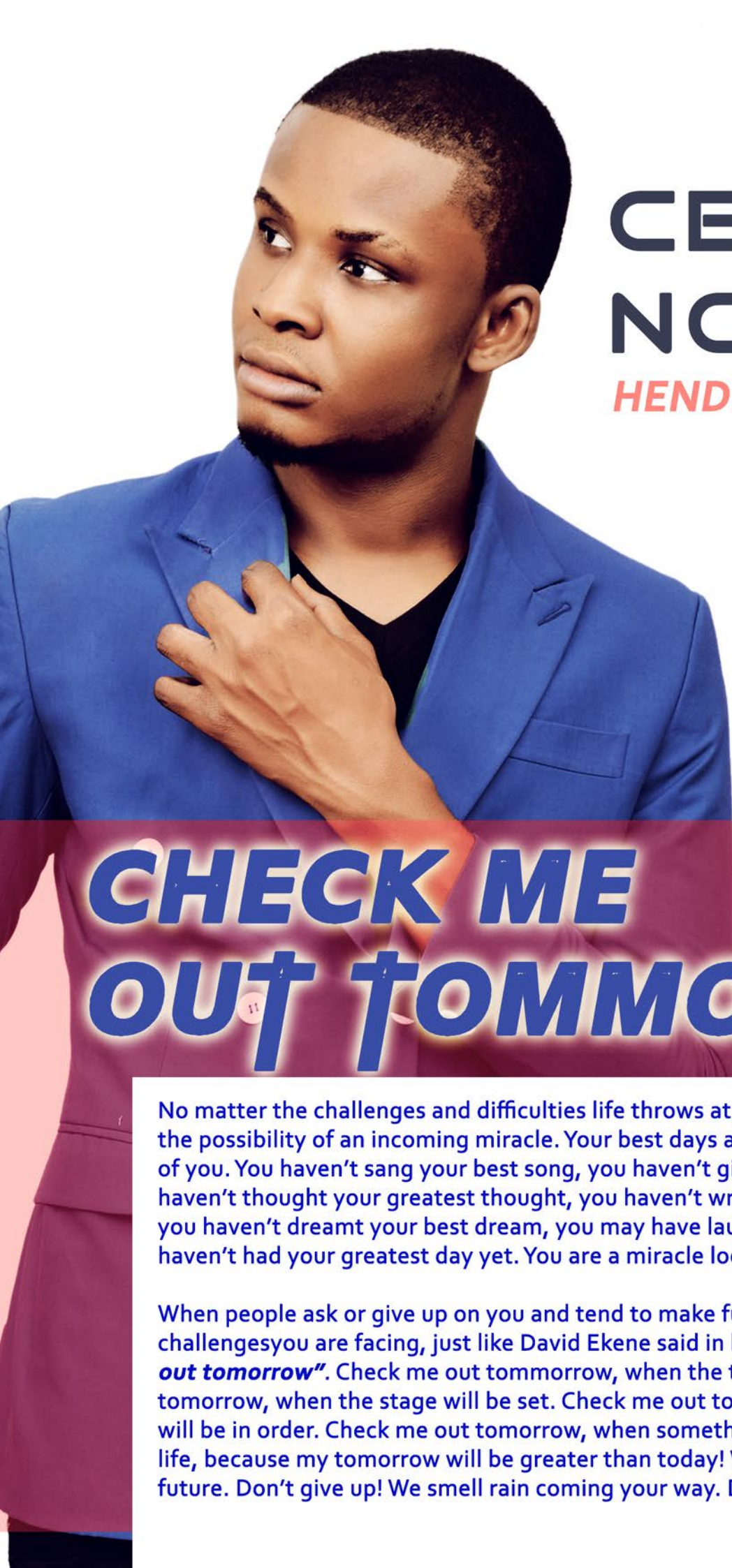
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CEO'S NOTE

HENDRIX VIKTOR KALU

CHECK ME out TOMMOROW!

No matter the challenges and difficulties life throws at you, believe in yourself and in the possibility of an incoming miracle. Your best days are not behind; they are in front of you. You haven't sang your best song, you haven't given your best testimony yet, you haven't thought your greatest thought, you haven't written down your greatest idea, you haven't dreamt your best dream, you may have laughed your best laugh, you haven't had your greatest day yet. You are a miracle looking for a place to happen.

When people ask or give up on you and tend to make fun about the misfortunes and challenges you are facing, just like David Ekeke said in his song, say to them **"Check me out tomorrow"**. Check me out tomorrow, when the time will right. Check me out tomorrow, when the stage will be set. Check me out tomorrow, when the conditions will be in order. Check me out tomorrow, when something awesome will happen in my life, because my tomorrow will be greater than today! We all are concerned about your future. Don't give up! We smell rain coming your way. Do enjoy the magazine!

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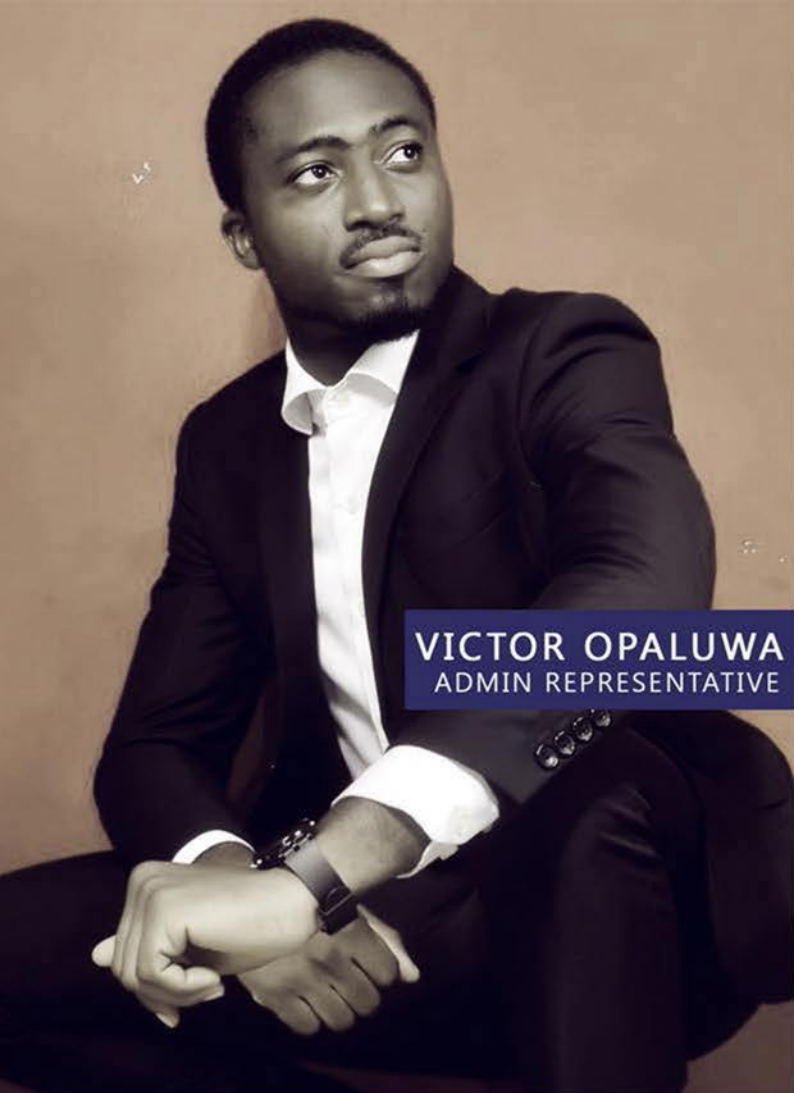
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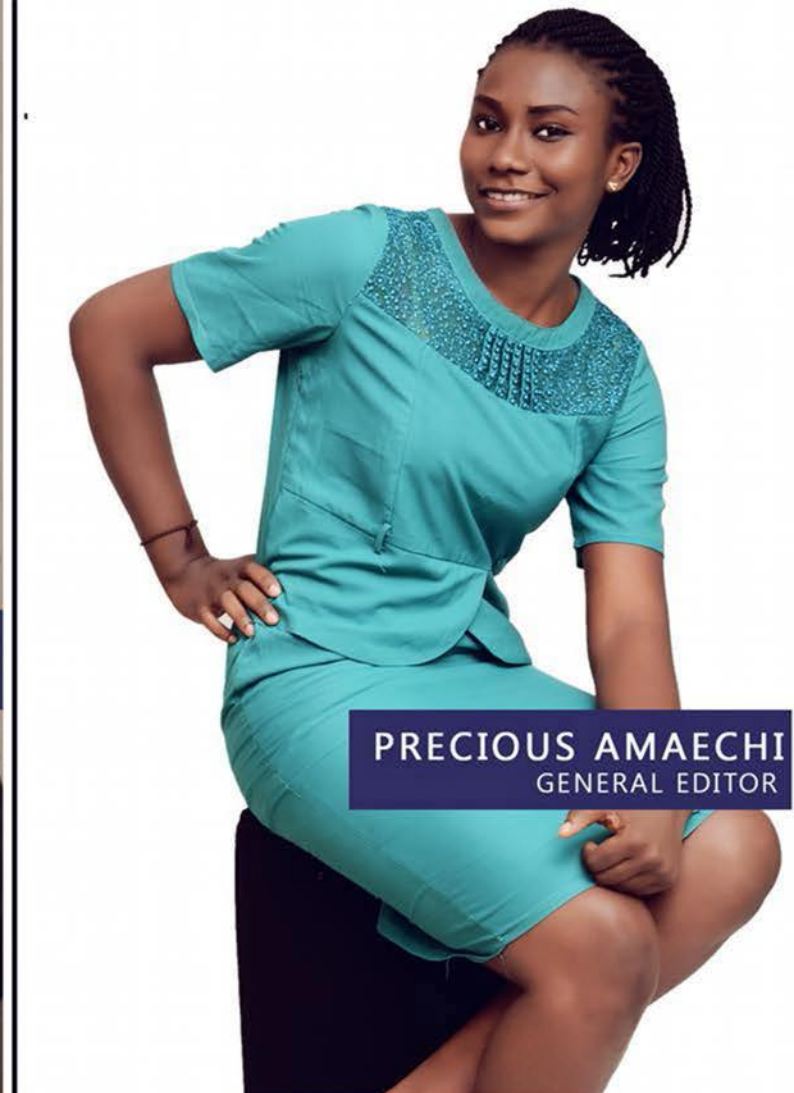
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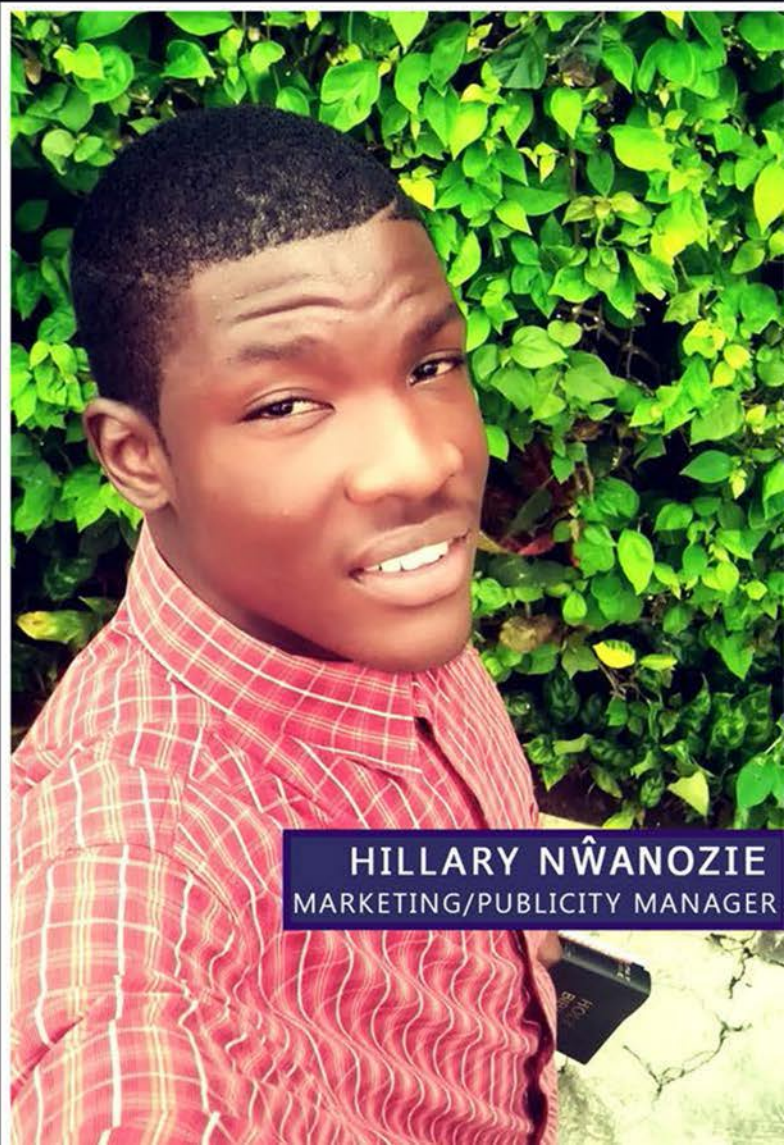


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Editor's Note

SELF PERCEPTION

MRS VIVIAN DENEDO

In this life, whatever you do, your perception of yourself is far more powerful than the circumstances in your life. How others see you doesn't matter nearly as much as how you see yourself. How you see yourself determines how you feel.

Do you feel fearful?

Do you feel unlovable?

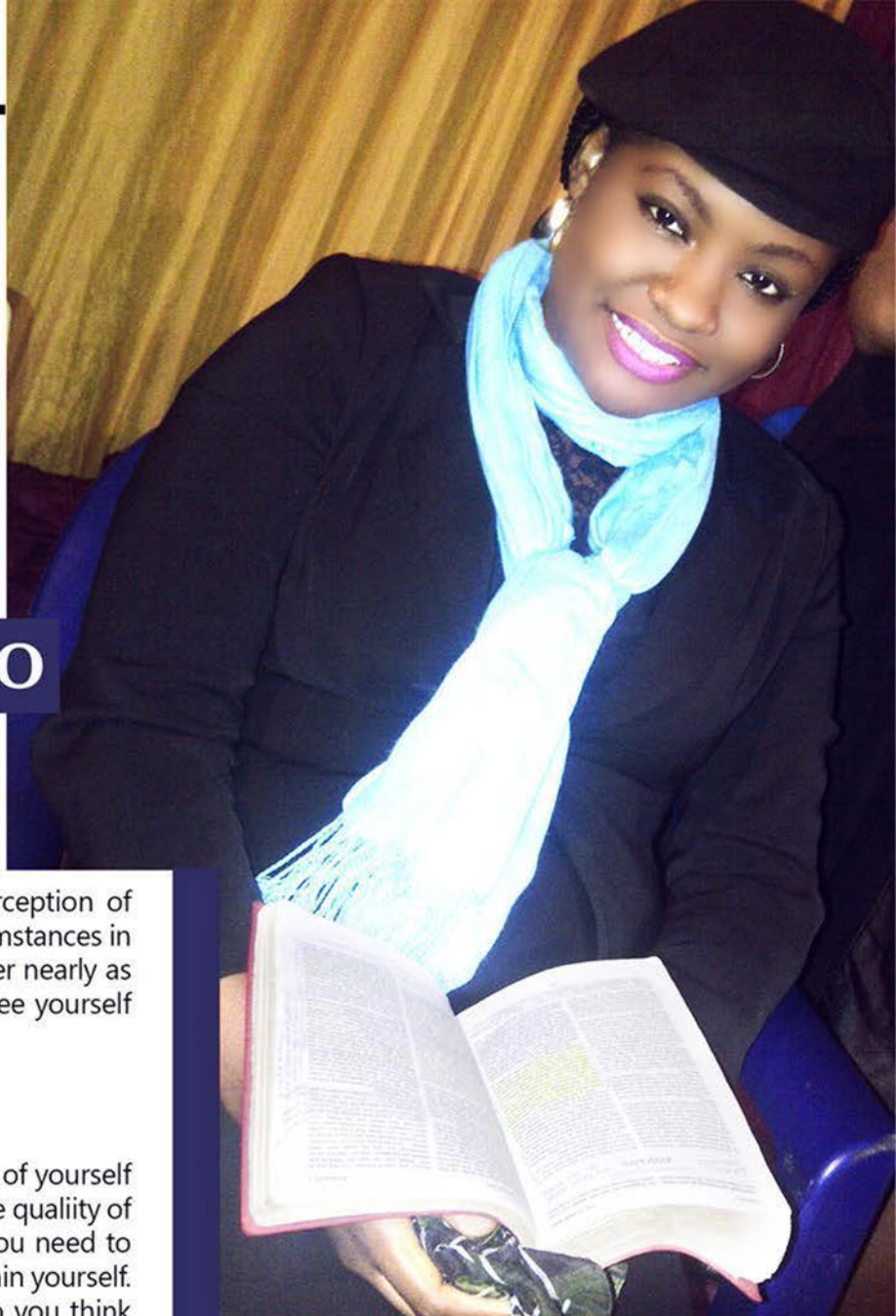
How do you perceive yourself?

To a very great extent, your perceptions of yourself drives your relationships. If you don't like the quality of people you hang out with, chances are you need to make some changes, first and foremost within yourself. You attract people who are similar to who you think you are. If you see yourself as a loser, you are likely attracting losers. If you see yourself as a winner, you are likely attracting winners.

The time has come for you to deal with your self perception! The more you begin to line up your self perception with who God says you are, and the more you reflect the image God holds of you, the more likely you will travel through the right directions in life, and the more likely you are to attract quality people who will help you to pursue the excellence that God desires for you.

You are a son/daughter of God, says the word of God (2 Corinthians 6:18) and I want to urge you to begin to perceive yourself according to what God's word says about you, and not according to what people say, have said, will eventually say about you.

Read about great people in the Bible: Esther, David, Joseph, these 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 in you and set that person free. You are great.



In this version 2.0, we travel to Lagos, where we bring to you a timely and life-changing message by Mrs. Folu Adeboye (Mummy G.O, Redeemed Christian Church of God(RCCG), on ***The Making of an Honorable Home***, a message for youths, young and old adults.

You will find also, an undiluted inspirational message by Pastor A.S Agarry (State Overseer, Charismatic Renewal Ministries) on ***the Power of Investing in Yourself***.

Most importantly, we have an interesting article where ***Identity Magazine*** crew had a chit-chat with one of the most profound and young gifted gospel artiste of our time "Steve-Crown". This version is also loaded with inspiring features, article, stories, fashion, humor and entertainment that will motivate, equip and challenge you to move forward in life.

Our style of presentation and language ensures we communicate to the world in such a way as to make the reading enjoyable, interesting and comprehensive. Do enjoy the magazine and please open up your hearts to be transformed.

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No child was born a bad child. Every new born is a good child, but change is inevitable and whatever they turn out to be in the future will be as a result of the circumstances they grew up in. That person who is aggressive, that person who is uptight, that person who is selfish and prideful, wasn't born that way, life made it so. There are so many reasons behind the issue of bad parenting, and one of the most crucial is the one that has to do with parent-child relationship. In this issue, in collaboration with **CureJoy**, we hereby identify 11 signs of bad parenting as a result of poor parent-child relationship

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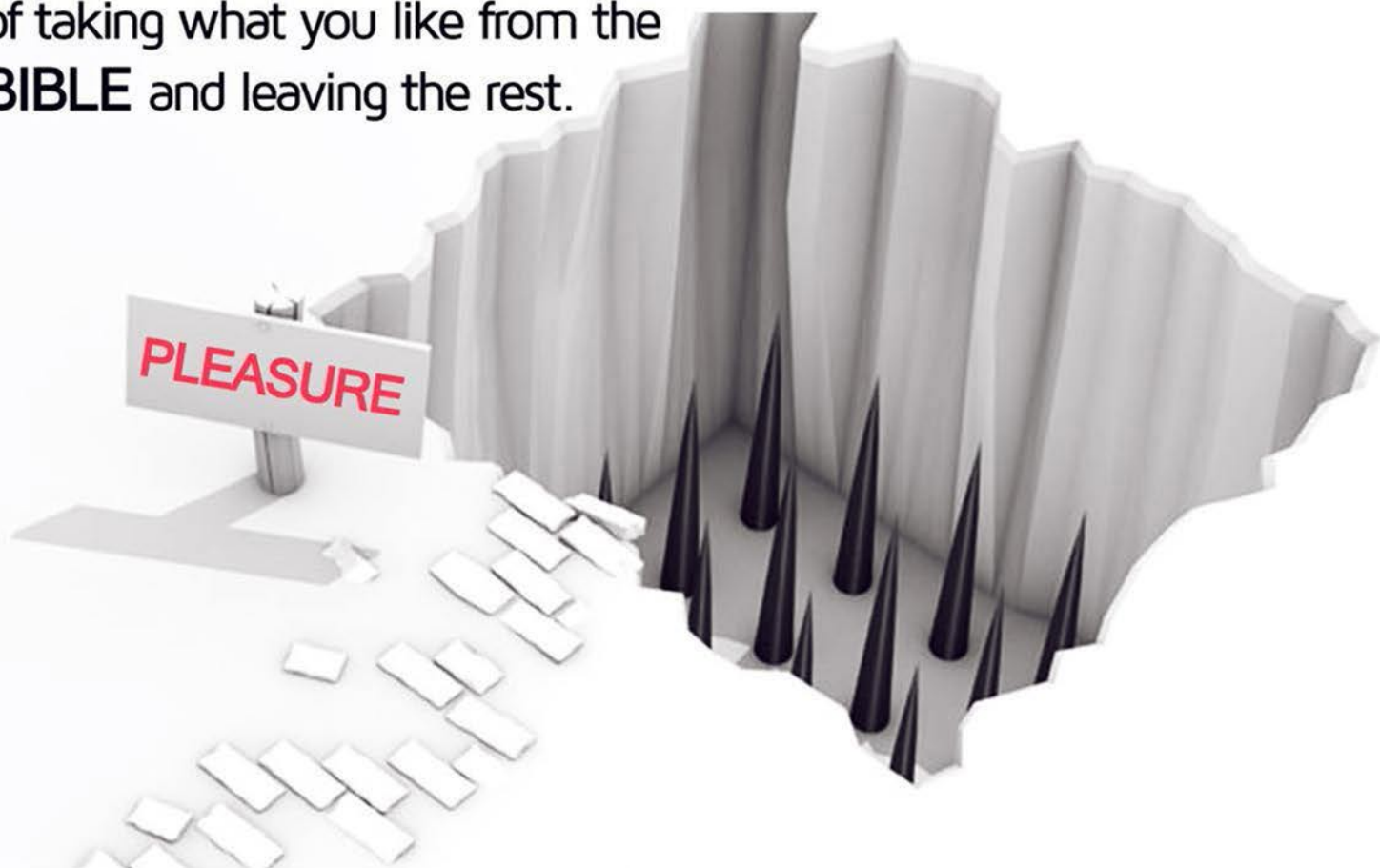
Lagos has it all: breathtaking galleries & leisure rendezvous, some of the best restaurants in the country - plus some of the most hard working people you're ever likely to meet. Discover the 6 best fun places to be in when you are in Lagos State. You don't want to miss this.

MIND, BODY AND SOUL

Read about life-saving, life-changing motivational writeups, stories and articles that will hook you up to the next level in life.

The Pitfalls

of taking what you like from the
BIBLE and leaving the rest.



As part of our Fresher's orientation during my first week in the University, someone from the school showed us around, especially the **UNINTERESTING** neighbourhoods surrounding the campus. Though these neighbourhoods seem to be boring, these were the spots, they said, that smart people always travelled through in order to achieve academic excellence.

Many Christians today don't really want to talk about the fact that the Bible has some **UNINTERESTING neighbourhoods** too, scores of verses and passages that are challenging and uninteresting as we seek to draw closer to God.

The world has raised up a generation of Christians who pay so much attention to that part of the Bible that doesn't contradict their current way of life, and ignoring the portion that suggests the need for a change, probably as a result of the commands been uncomfortable or almost impossible to follow. Love your

enemies; bless those who curse you and pray for those who persecute you; consider others before yourself; do not Covet; do not commit adultery (which includes willfully lusting); do not commit fornication; Children, obey your parents; Honour your father and mother; Serve God, not money; and most importantly; Take up your cross and follow me.

We all have so many rationalizations and excuses for always overlooking and ignoring some of the above commands whenever it comes to the Word, but whatever your excuses are, if you keep on taking what you like from the Bible and leaving the rest, you will never be the kind of Christian you need to be in a world that is mysterious and extremely messed up. Because, whenever you get ready to go to the next level with God and what He wants to accomplish in your life, there will always be that PITFALL that is going to take you down as a result of you not been fully rooted in the WORD.



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A “Pitfall” is a carefully concealed trap. On the surface, it looks harmless, but when you walk on it, you fall into a deep pit. The devil is an expert at building “pitfalls”. His carefully concealed traps look innocent enough, but they are deadly. Some of these pitfalls can keep you from ever having any meaningful relationship with God. Let us consider three of these pitfalls.



LIVING FOR THE MOMENT

“You only live once, therefore live for the moment” is the anthem of most believers today. This philosophy is of the idea that, you only go through life once, so grab all the pleasure you can. Wow! Is that not amazing? As interesting and attractive this philosophy may sound, it is one of the greatest PITFALLS of all time. Born again, Holy Spirit filled Christians over the years have fallen, walking through this path. It is a PITFALL that causes people to do things they WOULD NEVER DO if they considered the future.

A nineteen-year-old-girl with two illegitimate children said, “When you are young, all you think about is the weekend. Thank God it is Friday, night club day”.

But as you know *“Life is More Than A Weekend”*. It is the rest of your life here, and forever in the next world. If you reject Christ and end up in Hell, you are not there for the weekend. It is forever.

AVOID THIS PITFALL!!!

Recognize the seriousness and sacredness of life. In a world where everything is turning upside down and positive values of life are been lost daily, you need to live your life with extreme caution, before you get entangled in the web of destruction. What you do now affects both this life and your life hereafter.

EPHESIANS 6:3

Therefore take up the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you will be able to stand your ground, and having done everything, to stand



IT IS JUST THIS ONCE.

This is the smallest but the most deadliest pitfalls. It is just like a snake in a green grass. How many times have you heard people justify their sinful actions by saying: It is just this once. *Am only going to do it just this once.*

People now think it is ok to commit a sin as long as you believe in yourself not to do it again. This indeed is one of the greatest lies ever told by the devil.

It only takes SEX one time to become a SEX ADDICT and get yourself into trouble. *A young man, the son of Christian parents, had sexual relations with an immoral girl. From this one-time sexual relationship, he contracted a sexually transmitted disease. He received medical attention, but the disease was not brought under control. In less than a year, he was dead*

Juliet's future was set ablaze as a result of an unwanted pregnancy gotten from a ONE-TIME sex with her so-called Christian boyfriend.

It only takes one sniff of cocaine to make you a life long junkie. You only need one sip of alcohol to become a drunk. At the Garden of Eden, Adam ate the apple once, one bite, one apple and we have been working like slaves ever since. Because of just one moment of Hunger, Esau traded his birthright and lost his blessings. Judas kissed Jesus just once and lost his soul. Lot's wife looked back just once and turned into a pillar of salt. You can live a Godly life 50 years and one night, one time, just one moment of sin will ruin it. The wages of SIN is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. (Romans 6:23)

AVOID THIS PITFALL

Never you compromise your relationship with God for one moment of worldly pleasure. Keep yourself pure at all times. Worldly pleasures are not always what they seem to be. They are fantasies. Smoking lies that brings nothing but



temporary pleasure with destructive consequences. Giving into one moment of worldly pleasure is not worth what it will cost you.

MATTHEW 16:26

For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, but loses his soul? Or what will a man give as an exchange for his soul?



NOBODY IS PERFECT

"Nobody is Perfect" indeed is one of the greatest excuses for committing sin. Many people have rebelled against God using the "nobody is perfect" excuse. You sin, repent, then you purposely sin the next day. This mindset is indeed one of the main reasons many Christians are traveling through the path that leads to destruction.

To be honest, it is true we sin and make mistakes, but we must never use this as an excuse to sin and rebel against God's word. Just like babies grow older and wiser, we are to grow in Christ and grow in God's word. Put on the full armor of God, find the root problem to all your sins, and make an effort to overcome them instead of living in them. Stop using your own strength, but use the Lord's strength because through Him, you can do anything. Ask Him for grace. (Philiph 4:13)

MATTHEW 5:48

You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly father is perfect.

2 TIMOTHY 2:19

...the Lord knows those who belong to him, and everyone who wants to belong to God must stop doing wrong



mind, body and soul

20 THINGS YOU SHOULD START DOING ASAP!!!

1. START SPENDING TIME WITH THE RIGHT PEOPLE: The right people? Yes. These are the people who love and appreciate you, and who encourages you to improve in healthy and exciting ways.

2. START FACING YOUR PROBLEMS HEAD ON: It is not your problems that define you, but how you react to them and recover from them. Problems will not disappear unless you take action. Do what you can, when you can, and acknowledge what you've done. It is all about taking baby steps in the right direction, inch by inch. These inches count. They add up to the yards and miles in the long run.

3. START BEING HONEST WITH YOURSELF ABOUT EVERYTHING: Be honest about what is right, as well as what needs to be changed. Be honest about what you want to achieve and who you want to become. Be honest with every aspect of your life always because you are the only person you can forever count on.

4. START MAKING YOUR OWN HAPPINESS A PRIORITY. Your needs matter. If you don't value yourself and don't look up for yourself, nor stick up for yourself, you're sabotaging your own self. Remember, it is possible to take care of your own needs while simultaneously caring for those around you. Once your needs are met, you will likely be far more capable of helping those who need you most.

5. START NOTICING THE PRESENT AND LIVE IN IT: Right now is a miracle. Right now is the only moment guaranteed to you. Right now is life, so stop thinking about how great things will be in the future. Stop dwelling on what did and didn't happen in the past. Learn to be in the HERE and NOW and experience life as it's happening. Appreciate the world for the beauty that it holds RIGHT NOW.

6. START VALUING THE LESSONS YOUR MISTAKES TEACH YOU: Mistakes are okay. They're the stepping stones of progress. If you're not failing

from time to time, you're not trying hard enough and you're not learning. Take risks, stumble, fall, then get up and try again. Appreciate that you are pushing yourself, you're learning, growing and improving. Significant achievements are always realized at the end of a long road of failures. One of the mistakes you fear might just be the link to your greatest achievement that is yet to come.

7. START ENJOYING THE THINGS YOU ALREADY HAVE: The problem with many of us is that we think we'll be happy when we reach a certain level in life. A level we see others operating at. Your boss with her corner office, that friend who owns a mansion at the beach, etc. Unfortunately, it takes a while before you get there, and when you get there, you'll most likely have a new destination in mind. You'll end up spending your whole life working towards something new without even stopping to enjoy the things you have now. So take a quiet moment every morning when you first wake up to appreciate where you are and what you already have.

8. START CREATING YOUR OWN HAPPINESS: If you are waiting for someone else to make you happy, you are missing out. Smile because you can. Choose happiness. Be the change you want to see in the world. Be happy with who you are now and let your positivity inspire your journey into tomorrow. Happiness is often found when and where you decide to seek it. If you look for happiness within the opportunities you have, you will eventually find it. But if you constantly look for something else, you may end up finding out something else as well.

9. START GIVING YOUR IDEAS AND DREAMS A CHANCE: In life, you hardly get a chance. It is about taking a chance. You'll never be 100% sure it will work, but you can always be 100% sure that doing nothing won't work. Most of the time you have to go for it, and no matter

how it turns out, it always ends up just the way it should be. Either you succeed, or you fail, but you learned something. Win-win!

10. START LOOKING FOR THE SILVER LINING IN TOUGH SITUATIONS: When things are hard and you feel down, take a few deep breaths and look for the silver lining. The small glimmers of hope. Remind yourself that you can and you will grow stronger from these hard times. Remain conscious of your blessings and victories and all the things in your life that are right. Focus on what you have, not on what you don't have or ever had.

11. START FORGIVING YOURSELF AND OTHERS: We've all been hurt by our own decisions and by others, and while the pain of these experiences is normal, sometimes it lingers for too long. We relive the pain over and over and have a hard time letting go. Forgiveness is the remedy. It doesn't mean you're erasing the past or forgetting what happened, it means you are letting go of the resentment and pain and choosing to learn from the incident and moving on with your life.

12. START HELPING THOSE AROUND YOU: Care about people. Guide them if you know a better way. The more you help others, the more they will want to help you. Love and kindness begets love and kindness. So on and forth.

13. START TAKING FULL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR YOUR OWN LIFE. Own your choices and mistakes and be willing to take the necessary steps to improve upon them. Either you take accountability for your life or someone else will. And when they do, you'll become a slave to their ideas and dreams instead of a pioneer of your own. You are the only one who can directly control the outcome of your life. And no, it won't always be easy. Every person has a stack of obstacles in front of them but you must take accountability for your situation and overcome these obstacles. Choosing not to is choosing a lifetime of mere existence.



LIFE AS

by Amaka'Creme Amaka

a teacher's kid

It's one thing to have a parent who is a teacher and it's a whole different thing to have your mum teach in the same school that you attend as well. Having my mum teach in the same primary school I attended wasn't the best thing that happened to me then, I had always thought, but now I know better.

I wouldn't forget the inability to ditch class without getting noticed and reported to your mother, or the fact that my mother will flog me when I get into trouble and sometimes the other kids will go free, or the compulsory extra mural classes (because well! You gats pass) or when you will have to be the errand somebody for the other teachers because they know you will not be able to run with their money or waste their time or when your school mates will be gossiping about school and shut up when you come around because they think you would snitch!... (But they wouldn't know that for sure na, I wouldn't snitch if it has nothing to do with my mother but if it does... Oh well!!)

At some point I couldn't wait to go into secondary school. But I got into secondary school and found

that every teacher knew my mum (yeah...its called teachers' web. aka NUT). It was as if my mum was there and wasn't there at the same time, because all the teachers for some strange reasons felt they are responsible for me.

Let me not even talk about living in the same house with a teacher, all the compulsory siestas while your neighbours are playing and then coming out to play when people have gone back to their house.

Fast forward to 2016, my mum is retired.. I am here, thankful for all I went through as a teacher's kid even though my mother never seems to stop making me and my siblings feel like primary school pupils. After I spoke to her today and she said her former student from 1980 something got her a gift, she was so happy and proud....I couldn't help but share in the pride...at least there are people out there who doesn't believe in that "the teacher's reward is in heaven bs".

So yeah..... Shoutout to all the teachers out there both formal and informal teachers. Your reward is on earth here biko...

THE POWER of Investing in Yourself

-Pastor A.S Agarry



All the successful and unique people out there had the same amount of time that you have each day. So, what did they do that you may not be doing? They invested in themselves, probably on the weekends, afterwork, evenings and even midnights. They put time and energy into something they wanted to do.

Most of the time, you find people putting money to use so that after sometime, they will receive an expected income or yield. In the same way, it is very important for you to also invest in yourself, so that after sometime, you will have something positive yielding and growing out from what you have invested in your own life.

Several people today have been written off, as a result of them misusing

the opportunities that have been given to them to show forth the grace of God upon their lives, and sometimes, such opportunities only come once, no second chances.

Investing in yourself is a call for you not to be casual in anything you are given to do, not taking any assignment giving to you for granted, no matter how small or big the assignment is. It is also a call for you to be a professional in whatever field you find yourself in life, because that may be your only opportunity to show the world what you are made of it. It doesn't pay to be average or a mediocre (ordinary).

As an individual, it is very important for you to invest in yourself, and have something valuable inside you, that will make people desire you; that will make



you an answer to the problems of this world.

The Bible talked about a simple story of a young-man named David, who invested in himself in so many ways. Saul, King of Israel, at the time, was possessed and tormented by an evil spirit. His servants, in an attempt to providing a solution to the King's problem, declared the need for somebody who is very skillfull in playing the harp, so that when that person starts playing, the evil spirit will flee. But now the question was, ***"Who is Qualified for this Job?"*** Then somebody said, I know of someone, his name is ***"David"***.

David, son of Jesse, was an ordinary Shepherd, and the last and least favoured son of his father, but his ability to play the harp very well, which was as a result of him investing in himself, marked him out for divine blessings. Maybe David had just one performance, or he was giving a special number the moment he caught the attention of the man that recommended him to the king. And when the King heard of David, he said, "bring that man to me".

Do you see a man skillfull in his work? He will stand before Kings; he will not stand before obscure men. (Proverbs 22:29)

One opportunity came, one person was needed, and it had to be a man of excellence, and they found David, and he stood before the King, because of his skill. Opportunities come to those who are already prepared.

When David was brought in, the evil spirit came, and when David played his harp, the evil spirit left

the King. ***"Tell the father of this boy that he has to remain with me"***. David changed his place of residence from the bush to the palace, all because of a skill he acquired and acquired correctly. You can experience the same change of status David experienced, by investing in yourself.

Apart from David been recommended for skillfully playing the harp, other important things were said about David. David was handsome, an eloquent speaker, he was a warrior, and God walks with him.

The qualities of David is indeed a revelation of the need to invest in yourself in major areas of your life as we are going to examine.

SPIRITUAL INVESTMENT



It is not enough to know God, or believe in His existence, it is also important for you to have a meaningful relationship with Him. Spiritual investment has to do with putting-in the Word of God in your own life such that your lifestyle will minister to the people around you.

Investing in yourself spiritually goes beyond the altar calls. It means having a day to day connection with God through consistent prayers, studying and meditating on His word.

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Let this book of the Lord be ever on your lips and in your thoughts day and night, so that you will keep in mind everything in it, then a blessing will be on your way and you will do well. (Joshua 1:8)

Invest in yourself spiritually. Feed your mind on the word of God. Let the word of God guide your lifestyle and not the system of the world. Surround yourself with Godly people, people whose lifestyle will help you to grow spiritually and draw you closer to God. **Blessed is the man that does not walk in the counsel of the ungodly.** (Psalm 1:1-3).

Spend valuable time in God's presence, by having a quiet time with Him, atleast one hour a day. Pray and study your Bible consistently. When praying and meditating, pick a place, time and position that clicks with you. And when you pray, have faith that God heard you and that He is able to do whatever it is that you ask Him. Spend time in God's presence and make yourself available for His works.

2. EDUCATIONAL INVESTMENT



Don't go to school because others are going to school, go to school with the mindset that you want to learn. So many people go to school because of certificate, and this is one of the major causes of the problems in the society today, alot of people with certificates and yet, they have no solution to any problem in the world.

Invest in yourself educationally, not just in any education, but in a functional education, an education that has to do with your willingness to learn for the sake of acquiring knowledge and not because of certificate, an education that will make you think outside the box, an education that will make you creative and useful to the society.

Invest in yourself educationally also by reading good books, motivational books that will transform your life. Back in the days of the Slave Trade, one of the major laws of the slave masters was "do not let the slaves read". Because when you let them read, their mind travels out. They may be in chains, but their mind is free. When they read about places, they will definitely look forward to going there. Reading will make them want to do things that will make them live a better life.

Reading good books sets you up on the path to greatness and wonderful exploits. Invest in yourself by reading atleast one good book every 90days.



3. SKILLS ACQUISITION



Oholiab and Bezalel were men that were skillful in every kind of work, and when it was time to build the temple, God choose them. As an individual, it is very important for you to invest in yourself in the area of skill acquisition. It is hightime you stop blaming the government and your family members for your financial predicaments. Stand up, learn a skill, and get something started. It is never too early or too late in terms of age to acquire a skill.

Learning a new skill:

##GIVES YOU A PERSONAL BOOST AND SELF-CONFIDENCE.

Regardless of whether the skill is for personal or professional reasons, the mastery of a new subject provides a nice psychological lift.

##INCREASES YOUR VALUE

Achieving competency in a skill that is in demand -and for which there are no shortage - will increase your value to your current and future employers.

##PUTS YOU IN CONTROL OF YOUR FUTURE

##HELPS YOU TO BRAND YOURSELF AND YOUR CAREER.

4. PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This area of investment is very important. Don't say because you are very spiritual, you now look very unkept and unpresentable. David was described as a handsome man, because he physically took care of himself properly. Personal and physical appearance is a collection of a lot of small investments of time and effort that add up to a slight but noticeable tweak in how people think of you. Personal appearance is something that you can maximize -or at least significantly improve with just a little bit of effort.

Invest in your physical appearance.

- Maintain a daily personal hygiene schedule;



- Take a bath or shower and clean thoroughly;
- Brush your teeth, floss, and dental checkups;
- Use deodorant;
- Keep your hair clean and trimmed evenly, at the very least;
- Shave, or keep your beard trimmed.
- Dress good and decent. Wear good clothes that fits. Pay less attention to oversized clothes.
- Wear good shoes.
- And most importantly, pay maximum attention to your health by engaging in regular mental exercises such as playing of games. Set aside a small period of time during the day to take a nap - thirty minutes should do it. Sleep extra on weekend nights.



5. CHARACTER DEVELOPMENT

It is not enough to believe in Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and saviour, you must also make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance, and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness, love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from been ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. (2 Peter 5:5-8).

Investing in yourself in character development as explained above is very important in our relationship with God, and also in our relationship with man. Having a good character pays. Invest in yourself in patience, self-control, anger management, attitude, kindness, and respect for others.

Dear brethren, what investments are you going to make in yourself? Your spiritual self requires an investment, you need to be more connected with God, by having a daily meaningful relationship with Him. Talk to God about yourself. Make extra efforts to invest in yourself in the areas examined above, and may you receive the grace to live a better life, in accordance with the word of God.

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Discover LAGOS

Lagos has it all. There are breathtaking galleries and leisure rendezvous, some of the best restaurants in the country - plus some of the most hard working people you're ever likely to meet.



Are you looking for a city that presents you with mixed feelings when you visit? You just found Lagos State, the city of hustlers where everybody is in a hurry, traders and customers and at the same time the city of made men and women where there is great fun, adventure and relaxation.

Of all the 36 Nigerian States, Lagos state is the smallest. Shocked? It looks absurd but it's actually true, and despite that fact, it remains to be the populous state in the West African country. Lagos State plays host to the NECOM House Towers, which is the tallest building in West Africa (160m above the city), and nearly all the acting scenes in Nollywood (Africa's most popular film industry) are in Lagos. It can only be compared to California in the United States

With its fascinating history, passionate culture, top-notch cuisine and lush natural attractions, Lagos, which means "lakes" is a port which originated on islands separated by creeks. To get the full benefit of your time in Lagos, you'll have to limit your itinerary to the most interesting sites. And there are lots of them. Whether it is walking on the sands of the awesome Bar Beach or exploring natural wonders such as the Lagos Island, your adventure begins here.

Here are 6 fun spots to be in Lagos. These are places that will put your body, soul and spirit at cloud nine and leaving you hanging there.

GET ARENA

GET ARENA is Nigeria's first and only encompassing entertainment, corporate, social, and top notch establishment. This highly rated fun gives you a feel of

what fun will look like in paradise for those who would make it. Located at **Oniru estate, off Ozumba Mbadiwe, Lekki**, GET Arena incorporates an excellent Bar and Grill with salivating spread of the finest dishes, and most sumptuous cocktails, a Lounge, with countless options of events for people who know what it takes to enjoy life to the fullest, be it football match days, hen nights, dinner parties, birthdays, etc.

There are also Goonies for the kids with all the arcade games you can think of, and the one and only state of the art go kart track which surrounds the complex

LEKKI CONSERVATION CENTRE



Located on Lekki Peninsula, Lekki Conservation Centre is one of the best places with serene environment in Lagos. Do you want to experience wildlife and biodiversity first hand, this is the best place to visit.



You get to see a range of animals - mammals, reptiles and birds. You can have a picnic with your family while you enjoy the amazing view of the reserve. A picnic with your family is an exciting outdoor activity and it's always enjoyable.

XOVAR LOUNGE

Located in Lekki, it's a beautiful stop for a date as it offers a lot in terms of entertainment, foods and drinks. The architectural piece is perfectly crafted to suit customers of all class with both an indoor and outdoor lounge. The ambiance is just right, not too casual and not too grand, with impressive service. It is the perfect spot for a romantic outing.

BAR BEACH

Arguably the most popular beach in Lagos. Located on Ahmadu Bello way in Victoria Island, Bar Beach is known for its sand bars, bar beach extends from the west by the Institute of Oceanography all the way to Eko Hotel towards the east. Many activities are available for sports enthusiasts including horse back riding, swimming and football among other popular beach sports.

Though you may be tempted to jump into the water on a sunny day, swimming and surfing is seriously discouraged because of the strong churning currents of the sea.

SILVERBIRD GALERIA

There are quite a number of cinemas in Nigeria, but one has stood tall for years. The Silverbird Galeria located along Ahmadu Bello Way Victoria Island is that cinema. The Ben Murray Bruce money spinning investment attracts many fun seekers and movie enthusiasts to its fold. There are some new amazing movies that must not

be missed during this season, head to Silverbird Galleria at Ikeja Shopping Mall or Victoria Island and enjoy any of the movies. Curl up with your loved ones, shed a tear and enjoy the Christmas touching movies.



IKEJA SHOPPING MALL

Ikeja Shopping Mall is one of the finest malls in Lagos. The mall is lined with a variety of stores from clothing outlets to gift shops. You'll find some exciting window shopping in the mall and of course a cinema. You had better not go to Ikeja Shopping Mall with a full wallet or your ATM card except its not yours. I'll bet by the time you are out of the mall, you will think you've been robbed. And again be wary of who accompanies you to the mall, that is very vital when visiting the mall.

Steve CROWN YOU ARE GREAT



One of the most unique things that took place in the year 2015 was the release of an exceptional, Holy Spirit filled, demon- rebuking, spiritual healing and inspirational gospel song: You are Great by Steve Crown, a Nigerian Gospel Artist.

Kids sparked places up singing this song. Choirs all around the world gave their congregation a good reason to worship God singing this song. Old men and women, who gave up on God, believed once again in Him, singing this song. People went back to Church, singing this song. Thousands gave their life to Christ, singing this song.

Many arguments about the Almighty God, but one thing that can never be argued about Him is this: He is Great. He walked upon the sea. He raised the dead. Demons tremble at His presence. Heaven and Earth adore Him, angels bow before Him. Everything written about Him is Great.

Identity Magazine have the great honour and privilege of having Steve Crown for our cover story.

It is indeed our little way of celebrating a servant of the most High God who with no reasonable doubt portray the true Identity of Jesus Christ. Our searchlight seeks such men and women of God.

We are committed to showcasing those who we have aptly tagged "pride of heaven". Steve Crown is that model who has consistently made Heaven Proud.

Steve Crown is one of the best Gospel Ministers in Africa and beyond, and has so many Awards to show for it, such as: CLIMA Best Gospel Album 2016 (You are Great), Best African Gospel Song of the Year 2016 (African Legend Entertainment Awards), Best of African Gospel Music Awards (BAGMA USA AWARDS 2016), Best Gospel Artistee of the Year (2016 Diaspora Entertainment Awards, DEA), and so many more. His life is a testimony. May God bless you as you key into his story.



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Steve Crown

STEVE

CROWN



Men are considered great when they "tower above contemporaries, when they are able to see above the ordinary and beyond the immediate". They exhibit a vision of the new prospect of their dream from a mountain top, which gives them an advantage over the society of their birth, and a sharper perspective of the future than any other. The life of Steve Crown fully corroborates such theories of men with great vision. His measured and elegant strides as he walks into his places of ministrations reflects his confidence in the Almighty God, as well as the qualities of a privileged son of God.

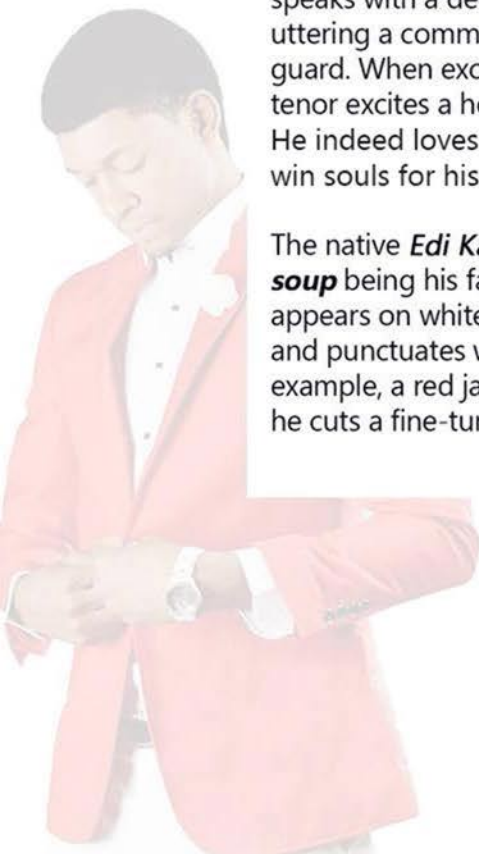
He stands at more than six feet tall. This exceptional height easily gains him access to exclusive quarters, especially in a country like Nigeria where size is an asset in status. Steve speaks with a deep-tenor voice, which, when uttering a command, could disarm anyone off guard. When excited or in perfect mood, the tenor excites a heaven-inspired laughter. He indeed loves life, and uses his voice asset to win souls for his Heavenly Father.

The native *Edi Ka Ikom*, *Semo* and *Vegetable soup* being his favorite food, Steve mostly appears on white outfits, which he alternates and punctuates with something red, for example, a red jacket or a cowboy cap. In these, he cuts a fine-tuned and neat corporate look.

A round head with neatly arranged black hairs, a moderate nose on a pair of lips that must have sang volumes to the glory of God, a slightly curved mouth enclosing a neat dentition, are some features that stamp the gospel minister's facial expression with a permanent smile, always radiating warmth and complete self-confidence even in crisis.

Steve Crown is a voracious reader of magazines & professional books, which satisfies the thesis that a good reader makes a good leader. A wise manager of men and resources, Steve is evidently a self-starter and team player that is very open to feedback in his dealings with fellow human beings, most especially his fans. He does not believe in arguments, especially where the facts at issue are obvious, or should be obvious to any man of average intelligence. He is also a humanitarian and philanthropist who nevertheless believes that deprived people should be taught how to fish instead of being feed with it.

Looking at the personality and mien of Steve Crown, one is reminded of the five-finger philosophy, that although all fingers were created equal, some by heavenly grace, are inevitably longer and therefore more equal than others. With these, nevertheless, Steve Crown has obtained and is moving with the Grace of God, which is the most important criterion for achieving success, in this life of unforeseen circumstances. His life is a TESTIMONY..







Identity Magazine: Can we Meet you?

Steve Crown: My name is Steve Crown, am a Nigerian. You know I have to put that first, because a lot of people have an issue with that, they don't know if am actually a Nigerian. Well, am from Benue State, from a family of six of which am the 3rd. Four guys, 2 ladies, a lady started and a lady ended, then we the soldiers were in-between. I was born in the North, grew up here in Abuja. Am blessed.

Identity Magazine: Is Steve Crown a stage name, or a biological name.

Steve Crown: *smiles*. A lot of people most times say it is stage name, but it is not. Even, a lot of comedians have made fun of it too. They were like, for example, you know most Sax blowers go like: My name is Tunde Sax, Kemi Sax, and this Sax. So, they thought I did the

same to my name. So therefore, Steve Crown is my biological name. My parents named me Steve and Crown. The meaning of Steve is Crown but they still call me the both.

Identity Magazine: Can you tell us little about your background?

Steve Crown: My life is a testimony. Was with the Governor of Akwa Ibom State recently, we got talking and he said, "when people look at you, they will just feel you grew up with a Silver Spoon because of your looks and all that but it is not like that. I never had it easy. My parents (Mr and Mrs Cletus Okolo) are very good people. I love them so much. They have really contributed to my success with good discipline and prayers.

The Steve Crown you are seeing now started from the bottom. I have sold Moi-Moi on my head. I have sold puff-puff in the streets of Zamfara State. Here in Abuja, I have hawked pure water. I don't think I will have to go too far for you to understand what I mean. It wasn't that easy. But I thank God, my parents really helped me.

Why am laying so much emphasis on them is because, it is difficult for you to see parents who will just endorse their child after going to school, to go and start singing. Some parents will be like *"don't you have any better thing to do? Look at Johnny, he is already in NNPC. Will you go and look for job my friend"*. But my parents didn't do that to me, they saw my passion and they encouraged me.

They even had to go through a lot of stress and embarrassment, but look at where I am today. Everybody wants to be associated with my parents. They want to be identified with them because God has helped me. But mind you, my family was doing very well at the beginning. It was just some little things that came up, and everybody had to go through that time.

Sometimes you could be born into a family that is doing very well, and later some things just gets very bad, but now we are back again.

So, my background has been God all the way. Presently, am enjoying His grace. My family is doing very well; we are happy people, as you can see that on my face.

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Identity Magazine: In one of your Ministration in a concert, you gave an insight on how you and your friends were mocked back then "as people who carry bible around". We want you to elaborate more on this by telling us how you came to know Christ and end up singing for Him, and some of the difficulties and challenges you faced working for Christ, that is before everything changed for good.

Steve Crown: Once again, credit to my parents. They encouraged me, starting from Deacon Kids (musical group of youngsters who sing and shared the word). In the school, because of the upbringing, I got used to it. All of us got used to it, so we decided to continue that way. We never needed anyone to monitor us, because our passion grew from the tender age. So, we were just enjoying God, singing in the choir, not minding to be superstars, just enjoying ourselves in the presence of God.

So back then, a lot of people criticized us saying "you people are too churchy, everywhere you go, you carry bible", and all that but we never backed down, because we knew 100% what we were fighting for and the direction we were travelling in the presence of God. We were heavily criticized but look at me, see what church is doing to me and I got swag.

Jesus pikin with swag.

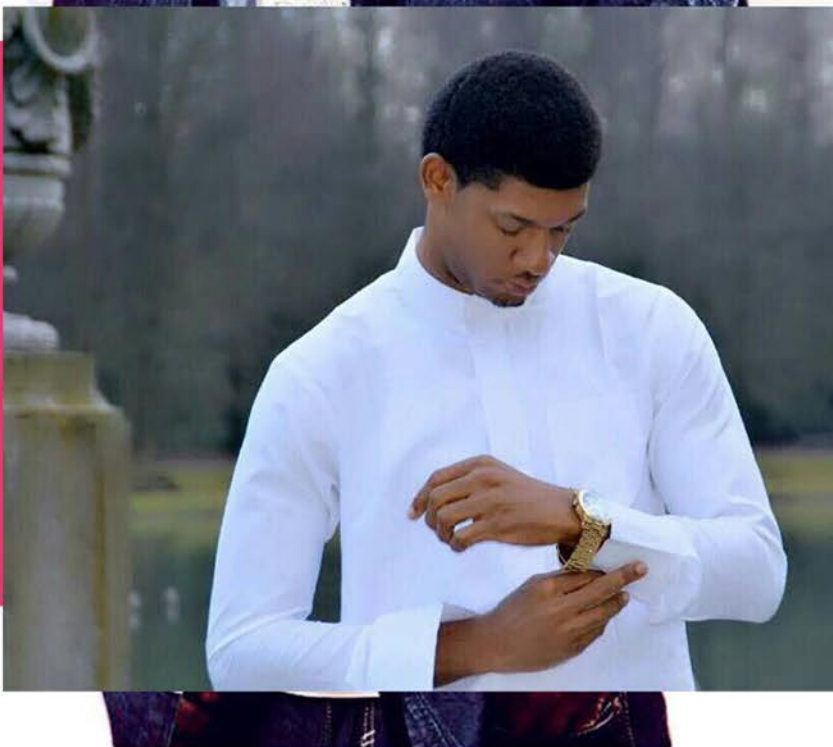
You see, when you see your peers, definitely, some of them will go into things that will look flashy. You see, the bible says, all that glitters is not gold. There are ways that seem right to men, ways that glitters to their eyes, but when it is all said and done, those ways leads to destruction.

I won't say we were not admiring them. We were in a way, but the issue was "we were stuck with Jesus" and we decided to continue. We were mocked, but it was by his grace that we were able to hold on, and He decided to reward us.

Identity Magazine: It is one thing for you to sing in the church, then it is another thing for you to start writing your own songs. So what motivated you to start writing your own songs, apart from the normal worship songs on Sundays.

Steve Crown: My motivation is my passion for God and for things of God. I feel my life has been a testimony and I owe it to God, because of a lot of things I have passed through and have been brought out from by His grace. So, I picked my passion from there, and I love singing.

Identity Magazine: At this point, we want to say congratulations on the success of your hit singles, *You are Great, We Wait on You, Imela, You Alone*, and *Awesome God*. When you were in the studio making this songs, where you actually expecting the level of



success that came with them.

Steve Crown: People keep asking this question. The truth is I just sang songs just to express myself about who God is and what I understood it to be. And I just wanted it to also minister to me first when I listen to it and also wanted it to minister to people. "You are Great", I was not looking for it to become it a hit; I was not looking for it to get attention from anybody.

I just wanted to sing something that will touch the heart of men, something that will make people remember that there is a God up there that we need to respect, there is a God up there whom we need to regard; there is a God whom everything written about Him is great. Lets have a rethink on the way we live our life; lets have a rethink on the way we regard Him. I just wanted something like that. I was not looking for a hit track that will blow me up, that will make people say: *chai, that guy can sing, see lyrics*. I wasn't looking for



A Snapshot: Steve Crown with Identity Magazine Crew

that. I just wanted a song that will bless me first, and also bless people. Because it is one thing for you to be blessed by what God has given to you and for it to also bless people. If you are left out of it, then there is an error.

Identity Magazine: Now, let's talk about the whole album. Indeed, there are other excellent songs in the album. So can you tell us, what is your best song in the album?

Steve Crown: ALL OF THEM! Let me tell you why? Every song I have been able to write by God's grace ministers to me in one way or the other. So, I cannot say I prefer this to the other, because all of them have a way of satisfying my soul, my spiritual need, at each point in time. I could be requesting sometime for God, and I will listen to **"We Wait on You"**. If I want to really experience God's power, and probably his presence around me, or am distressed or probably am not happy, I will listen to **"You are Great"** or my newest singles **"You Alone"** and **"Awesome God"**. Maybe, I want to tell Him am so grateful for what He has done for me, I will listen to **"Imela"** and it just makes me weak, because when I remember when I hawked in the streets of Zamfara and Abuja, and where I am here today, sitting with Governors and leaders of the country, not just because am a gospel artiste. Definitely, it is the secular people that have more chances with these people, but when God paves this kind of way, you ought to thank Him all your life. Also, if I want to feel great and hyper in the Holy Ghost, I listen to **Sonasa**. Like I said, I don't do songs just for people alone, **because they are given, they are ought to also bless me, if not, there is a**

problem. For example, like you all, with what you are doing now, in as much you are trying your best to see that this goes around motivating people; you also need it to motivate and bless you.

Identity Magazine: Ok. What were the challenges that you faced when you were producing the "You are Great" album.

Steve Crown: My challenges were numerous. Let me be honest, at first, I was not looking at going into music, so you people will not think maybe one day I just sat down and say to myself, *"father lord, work no come; nobody is favouring me; what I started did not work out; let me try music"*.

No it wasn't like that, I was not intended to do music. Just like that, I sang in Church, and somebody said, "you can do better na, you can be able to sing and write good songs. Why not just do something". Actually, that person wanted me to do secular, maybe you would have been hearing me sing with Tuface today, because that was going to be my first track with him, but as God will have it, he wanted me to work for Him.

Challenges? That was part of it. Because when you want to start something that God ask you to do, the world will bring flashy things to you. Who would trade the opportunity to sing with Tuface? Tell me. That same Tuface is doing well, but am not doing bad. Am happy and I will not expire like that, because gospel music hardly expires, compared to secular, so I made the right choice.

Now, another challenge I had was finance. Money was a big problem. Irrespective of people's opinions about God's work and finances, I want to say that in as much as secular needs money, God's work also needs money to move. Let's not lie to ourselves, when you don't have the money, you cannot do good music. There is no song that is a bad song, the problem with songs is promotion. I can sing trash, but if I promote it well, it will become a hit. Check out the worldly songs today, what sense do you make out of it? None. But because they promoted the song with good money and good hype, that is the reason why it rings in your heart, and at the end of the day, you will ask yourself, what am I even listening to self? You don't even understand, all you just know is that, it is melodious, because it keeps ringing in your head. So, finances was a big problem, but God always has a way out.

Also, a lot of people who believed in me, they gave up on me. They abandoned me. When it was time for me to launch my work, I was heart-broken, because so many people I believed, that had my back, backed out, but I thank God it had a way of putting things right and God as usual, showed himself.

Another challenge I had was the press, they have a problem with pushing God. Even if you have your money, what they want to do is to see how they can be able to satisfy the secular world that really appeals to people, because they don't want to be a denominational center. So, even if you have the money, you will still have to go through some of their rules, because they will tell you "we will not play your song week days, we will play it weekends". So it was a challenge, because your listeners, most of them will only have to wait for weekends, but as God will have it, I conquered it, because "You are Great" was played week days, and that is how that song went viral. Everyday, it was played on Wazobia, for more than 6months, every blessed day.

The sweetest success in life is when you depend on God alone and He helps you up. This is a message to the upcoming artiste "if you have a vision, it is you that can drive it, when people see how passionate you are about your vision, they will come and help you. Not that they will come by themselves, God will send them. There is something that God does, when He wants to raise you, he will give you a helper of destiny. Most times, the helper of destiny is not the one that will take you to your destination, he is a ladder that

will take you to a certain stage, then another ladder will drop that will help you climb through which will lead to someone else. As a Christian with a vision, you need to pray to God to know where to go to next at the end of every stage in chasing after your vision.

Identity Magazine: So Sir, who are your mentors, specifically in the music industry.

Steve Crown: I look forward to a day that I will stand in front of multitude of people, to bless them with the talent God has given to me, alongside Michael W. Smith. He is the one that sang "Ancient Words". Have you watched his concert? I have never seen a man that drags multitude like that. That man is graced. I love him so much.

Identity Magazine: Wow. We love him too. We noticed that you have a very good fashion sense. Tell us, what is the secret? Do you have any personal designer who is in charge of your outfits?

Steve Crown: I don't. I go and buy what I want, and I just combine them, if it makes sense to me, I put them and get out. To me, getting a stylist is not a priority, because I know I can dress well even without a stylist, that is the most important thing and am advising every youth to be able to dress well, even without a stylist, so that when the stylist is not there, you can still be stylish. I didn't say you shouldn't have a stylist. It is good. I advise people to have a stylist that is, if they don't know how to combine outfits.

Identity Magazine: There is this belief that Christians don't know how to dress, that they dress tattered, not dressing good or looking fashionable. So, what are your tips on good and classy Christian dressing?

Steve Crown: First of all, I don't endorse indecent dressing. You can dress with swag and you will still look decent. I have my style of dressing. It doesn't mean I don't have swag, I do. Afterall, you guys like

it. I wear cowboy caps sometimes. In fashion, you should be able to mix different attires, colours and outfits, but when you come out, there shouldn't be something that looks funny on you, and basically, Christians should be respected, because we are great people, we are leaders, so we are suppose to lead by example. You don't have to wear it too skimpy before you look good. Indecent dressing is not good. You don't have to dress in a manner that doesn't give glory to God, like sagging of trousers and all that. You don't need that, it is not just nice.



LAKELIGHT ENTERTAINMENT CREW

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Identity Magazine: What is your view on ripped jeans? In other words, torn jeans, the one that shows your skin?

Steve Crown: Well, it depends, because I wear ripped jeans, but this one doesn't show my skin. If there is any outfit you are about wear that will expose your body in a provocative way, don't wear it. For me, the ripped jeans I wore was not exposing my body in any way. And after I wore it, I put on a shirt with collar, and I wore a sandal, and a cowboy's cap, check that out.

Identity Magazine: What do you do to relax?

Steve Crown: I love football o. I use to be a fanatic, but all changed when God arrested me. I loved it but I was still doing His work at the same time. Sometimes, I will go to minister and a football match is on, and am like "When are you people calling me up now, Barca is playing", and they will be like, "but you are a man of God o" and God will now tell me "O boy, you remember where I picked you up from. Do you want to go back? Oya do my work". Now, that shows you I am a human being. In as much as I

have things I love, I am also focused. I don't want to miss it. Too much of everything is not good. There should be moderation. So, I love football, at the end of the day, I was able to get an alert app to help me keep up with the scores of Barcelona, anywhere I find myself.

I love reading also. I love to relax. I don't like traveling, but God's work makes me travel too much. Atleast, in a week, I must board to and fro about 8 times.

Identity Magazine: Wow. That is wonderful. Tell us little about Lake Light Entertainment.

Steve Crown: Lakelight entertainment is a vision birth and our main goal is basically the youth. Am young, and seeing you guys gives me joy. And I will love to be able to help the best way I can to make sure I can contribute the little I can to help every other person that is young like me to become somebody important in the society tomorrow. It doesn't matter whether the person is a Christian or not.

So Lakelight entertainment is an entertainment company geared towards that. Lakelight has different spheres, so the entertainment part of it, is what the world is seeing. Lakelight will have other parts, in which they will use to affect the society apart from music. Our crew members are wonderful people, and together we are coming up with a lot of projects.

Identity Magazine: It is no longer news that you are one of the most admired Gospel Minister in Nigeria; you are tall, fair, and handsome, with a unique hair style. How do you manage the pressure, especially from your female fans?

Steve Crown: You see all these people that scream and all that, they are not screaming at this guy, they are screaming and craving for the glory of God upon his life. Take me out of the glory of God, am naked, am nobody. They are loving me, that is what you are seeing, but the truth is they are loving God.

You ask me how I cope? *I dey thank God*, because of His glory upon my



life and people are happy about it. And I don't look at it and be like "all these girls cannot control themselves". No. Leave them. So what are you fighting? What are you trying to curb? You can't curb it. It is natural and that is what God has done. So, instead, why not use it as an advantage to bring them closer to God, instead of thinking negatively about the situation.

Nations Will Rise & Sing

The catchphrase "***Nations Will Rise and Sing***" began on my journey to the release of my song "**Awesome God**", but the vision was conceived from the moment I was called by God a few years ago. The vision is to lead and anchor the whole world as a choir into an insightful worship of the Most High God. Basically, God made us for his pleasure. We are created to worship Him and to reference Him. In the book of Psalm 86:9-10 says: "*All nations whom you have made shall come and worship before you O Lord, and they shall glorify your name for you are great, and you do wonderful things. You are God alone.*" So it is my vision that all Nations of the World Rise and Sing to the greatness and awesomeness of the one and only true God.



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WHAT THEY DIDNT TELL YOU ABOUT THE MOVIE "PASSION OF CHRIST"

Passion of Christ is a movie that talks about Christ crucifixion based on the New Testament. Judas Iscariot takes center stage in the downfall of Jesus (Jim Caviezel) by handing him over to the Roman Empire's handpicked officials. To the horror of his mother, Mary (Maia Morgenstern), Magdalen (Monica Bellucci), whom he saved from damnation, and his disciples, Jesus is condemned to death. He is tortured as he drags a crucifix to a nearby Calvary, where he is nailed to the cross. He dies, but not before a last act of grace.

Passion of Christ, have stirred up many moviegoers, but only a few know what it took to make a film of such great significance. **Jim Caviezel**, the actor who acted Jesus shares his terrifying experience:

"Acting Christ Jesus, I must say I was half delighted and half terrified. I felt that the whole way through. What was hard was the physical discomfort and the suffering. Make up time started from 2 a.m and it went until 10a.m. I was never sitting down. After day in and day out of this, I had a separated shoulder. It forced me to pray. I had to go to a place of something really deep because I was going crazy.

Was I a devoted Christian before accepting the role of Jesus Christ? Yes I was. Why would I subject myself to persecution unless I know that, that is the truth? Hanging on that cross, I may be playing Christ, but a lot of times I felt like Satan. I had atrocities wanting to come out of me. It was so cold, it was like knives coming through me. I felt so cold I could barely get the lines out. My mouth was shaking uncontrollably. My arms and legs went numb. I was suffocating on that cross. While all these are going on, you watch people have coffee and laugh. They were

very indifferent about what I was going through.

I was hit by lightning several times, especially when we were shooting the scene for "Sermon on the Mount". I was lit up like a Christmas tree. What they saw was fire coming out the right and left side of my head. Five minutes after I got hit the third time, Jon Mikalini, an assistant, walks over and says are you okay? And then he got hit too. It was a miracle that we were still breathing. During the flogging scene, they were moments the whip got to me.

The crucifixion scenes alone took five weeks. There were difficult moments when we were in the middle of a shot and all of a sudden a strong wind started. At that point, this cross is swaying from one direction to the next, and I'm on a thousand foot cliff. If that thing snaps, I'm dead.

At one point, I remembered yelling at God, "you obviously don't care! Here we are breaking our backs for you."

One of the guys working on the film was a Muslim. He was one of the guards who beat me, and he got converted. He had a real big experience there. But what was going on is that we had so many prayers worldwide while we were going through it, I really believe this is important because when things started happening, they were praying for us.

All the actors that worked on this film, some aren't going to accept it, but the opportunity will always be there for them. People will always come up to them, people will always ask them about the movie they were in, it will always been with them.

Now, on the question of whether my role as Jesus in the movie spoils my movie career? Well, this is what I feel. I believe I was called to play this role. When I look out to all my fellow Americans and people in the world, I say to them I want you to do this in the public and shamelessly express your faith in public. That is what I've done here, and I can rest as it is. I don't know where it's going, but if it doesn't turn out where I'm continually working, I'm still an actor. I'll always be one, whether I get another job or not. I fulfilled my mission right now. That was my opportunity, and I would have done it again."



We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of the dark, but the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of light. The best thing you can ever do for yourself in this life, is to have a meaningful & genuine relationship with Christ Jesus.



Deborah

On that beautiful morning, you examined your body, and on getting to your breast, you found something very unusual and it entirely feels different from the usual muscles and tissues you feel on your breast. You get scared, alarmed, worried. You begin to ask yourself, What could this be? What is happening to my breast? What am i going to do? Well, worry no more sister! The answer may just be that you have the beginning stage of *Breast Cancer*. What is breast cancer you ask?

Miss Deborah Daniel is a Nursing student of Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, and currently Miss Orange Tourism 2015/2016.

Breast Cancer Awareness being her pet project, the Beauty Queen enlightens us on Breast Cancer and its Risk Factors. In her words:

"Breast cancer is a cancer that develops from the breast tissue. It is of two type(Ductual and Lobular) which are so named from their regions of origination. A cancerous cell which originates from the *DUCTS* (a resevior for breast milk) of the breast is called **DUCTAL CARCINOMA** while a cancerous cell that originates from the *LOBULES* (passage way for breast milk) of the breast is called **LOBULAR CARCINOMA**. They are only said to be cancerous if after being properly screened are found to have the ability to metastasize (spread) to other regions of the body. The earlier a cancerous lump in the breast is identified, the better and easier it is to manage.

The most common early signs of breast cancer may include: a lump in the breast; a change in breast shape; dimpling of the skin, fluid coming from the nipple or a red scaly patch of skin(usually rare). In those with distant spread of the disease, there may be bone pain; swollen lymph nodes; shortness of breath; or yellow skin.

The actual cause of breast cancer is still unknown but there are certain risk factors for developing breast cancer. Theses factors include female gender, obesity, lack of physical exercise, drinking alcohol, hormone replacement therapy during menopause, ionizing radiation, early age at first menstruation, having children late or not at all, older age, and family history. About 5–10% of cases are due to genes inherited from a person's parents, including BRCA1 and BRCA2 among others.

With adequate knowledge on these predisposing factors,one can forestall the occurrence of breast cancer or better still apply prompt management.

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enlightens us on

Breast Cancer and its risk factors

Preventions of breast cancer have some much to do with awareness. I believe when women know they have certain amount of predisposition to breast cancer like (1)a family member has had a breast cancer,(2)has removed a lump from the breast. such enlightened woman would definitely apply preventive measures to prevent it occurrence. Such measures inculde.

1)Adoption of a healthy life-style habit(exercising,adequate nutrition,avoidance of smoking etc).

2)Regular self breast examination.

3)Regular medical screening of the breast

4)Prompt notification to your doctor on any deviation from the normal anatomy of the breast.

I strongly believe we have a major role to play in the prevention of breast cancer as well as helping those who have been diagnosed with the killer disease to still lead a happy life and hopefully become cancer survivors like we have in the developed countries. Dear sisters and mothers, join me. LET'S RISE AND FIGHT BREAST CANCER.

10 Bad Habits that Damage our BRAIN!

NO BREAKFAST

This meal is really the most important in the whole day, but when avoided all the time, the blood sugar levels get spiked and low and irregular. After a night of sleep and no eating, you need food. Otherwise, the brain gets no nutrient and is easily damaged.

RARELY TALKING

Talking makes the brain work and activates it. Engage in intellectual talks as much as you can and boost the health of the brain.

WORKING WHEN ILL

We all are in a rush, speeding, having too much things to do. We all work when we are sick, one thing or another. But, this means the body is begging for rest! Give the body some rest!

COVERED HEAD DURING SLEEP

It sounds weird but we need as much oxygen as we can get during the night, this limits you to breathe in the whole oxygen. Also, you get more carbondioxide this way!

NO SLEEP

No sleeping for long periods of time reduces healthy brain cells. Sleep repairs the whole body from the stress and regenerates every cell.

TOO MUCH SUGAR

Sadly, there is sugar in everything we eat or drink. You will benefit a lot if you reduce it. For starters, you can absorb more nutrients in the absence of sugar and prevent brain tissues.

SMOKING

The worst of all habits here. It has many side effects but for the brain, it causes shrinkage and dementia related issues like Alzheimer's.

OVEREATING

This makes you gain weight, obesity damages the stems in the brain and reduces the mental focus.

POLLUTED AIR

You can't wear a mask all the time of course, and there is not much you can do with this. The brain needs a lot of oxygen and this polluted air deprives us of it.

LACK OF GOOD THOUGHTS AND STIMULATIONS

To think also engages the brain in healthy work. It opens up new pathways and activates every segment of brains. You have to work the brain all the time, otherwise it shrinks up or gets damaged due to inactivity. Why not work on the skills you might be great at? Learn, talk, think!

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DID YOU KNOW



Debbie Stevens donated a kidney to her boss, who then **Fired** her when she took too long to recover from the operation.

If you sit for more than 11 hours a day, there's a 50% chance you'll die within the next 3 years.

There are at least 6 people in the world who look exactly like you. There's a 9% chance that you'll meet one of them in your lifetime.

There are three things the human brain cannot resist noticing - **Food, attractive people and danger.**

Laziness and inactivity kills just as many people as smoking.

You can survive without eating for weeks, but you will only live 11 days without sleeping.

People with blue eyes tend to be more intelligent, and perform better in their academic careers than people with brown eyes.

Your body is the weakest during 3am - 4am. This is the time most people die in their sleep.

Consuming a polar bear's liver will kill you because of its toxic levels of **Vitamin A**

On average, Americans consume 4 gallons of ice cream per person each year.

William Shakespeare died on his birthday.

The sentence "**the quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog**" uses every letter in the alphabet.

Leonardo Da Vinci spent twelve years painting the Mona Lisa's lips.

Computer keyboards can carry more than 200 times as many bacteria as a toilet seat.

There is a cruise ship name **The World** where residents live permanently as it travels around the globe.

349 people died in a supermarket fire in Paraguay because the owners shut the doors so people wouldn't leave without paying.

A woman named **Jennifer Christine Harris** burned down the house of a friend who unfriended her on Facebook.

When you have a crush on someone, your brain overlooks and ignores the flaws of that person causing them to appear flawless.

BMW had to remake their original GPS system because male German drivers were refusing to take directions from a female voice.

In World War 1, the British soldier, Henry Tandey, saved the life of a wounded German soldier, later identified as **Adolf Hitler**.

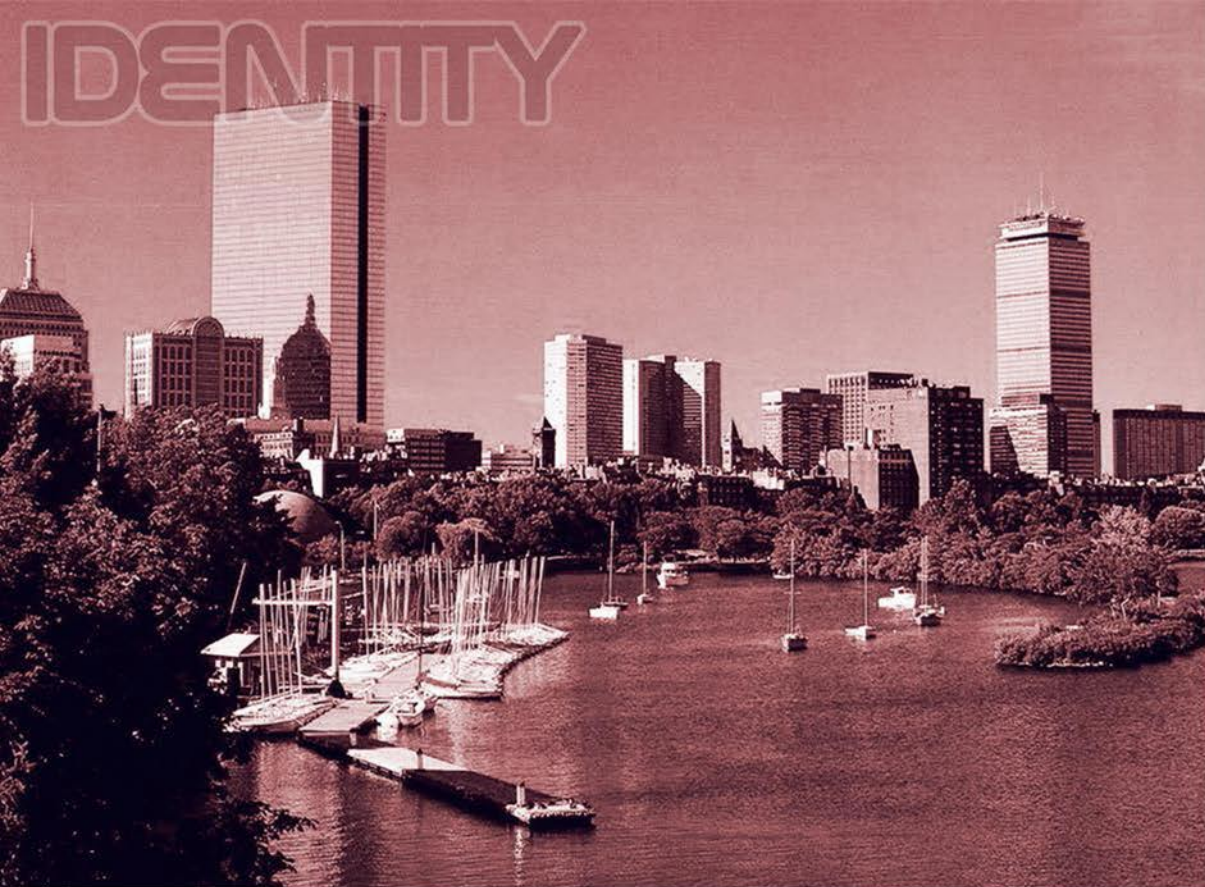
Hitler's great-grandchildren signed a pact to never marry or have children, in order to end the family's bloodline.

In 2007, Iran arrested 14 Squirrels for spying.

Vietnam has the largest cave in the world, where the cave has its own trees and clouds inside it.

If an ant was the same size as us, it would be twice as fast as a Lamborghini.

One Pufferfish contains enough poison to kill 30 people, and an Octopus has 3 hearts.



A CITY ON MARS

by SkyNews, UK

Are you tired of your time here on Earth? and sometimes you wish you can just build your space ship and leave this planet for good? Elon Musk may make your wish come through. The ambitious CEO of SpaceX is known for his literally out of the world ideas, and the latest is building a City on Mars.

Elon Musk has outlined his vision to build a colony on Mars with the first rocket propelling humans to the Red Planet by 2025. He said a return ticket would drop over time from \$200,000 to \$100,000 per person.

"We need to go from these exploration missions to actually building a city", Mr Musk told the International Astromautical Congress in Guadalajara, Mexico. With the help of a video, he made clear his ambitions: an interplanetary transport system based on reusable rockets, a propellant farm on Mars, and 1000 spaceships on orbit - each carrying about 100 people.

Spacecrafts would be built in such a "fun and exciting" way with a restaurant, cabins, zero-gravity games and movies. The self-sustaining city would include iron foundries and even pizzerias.

Elon Musk, the billionaire founder of SpaceX, has already started work on his vision of a Mars transport system, which he believes could also take people to the moons of Jupiter and beyond.

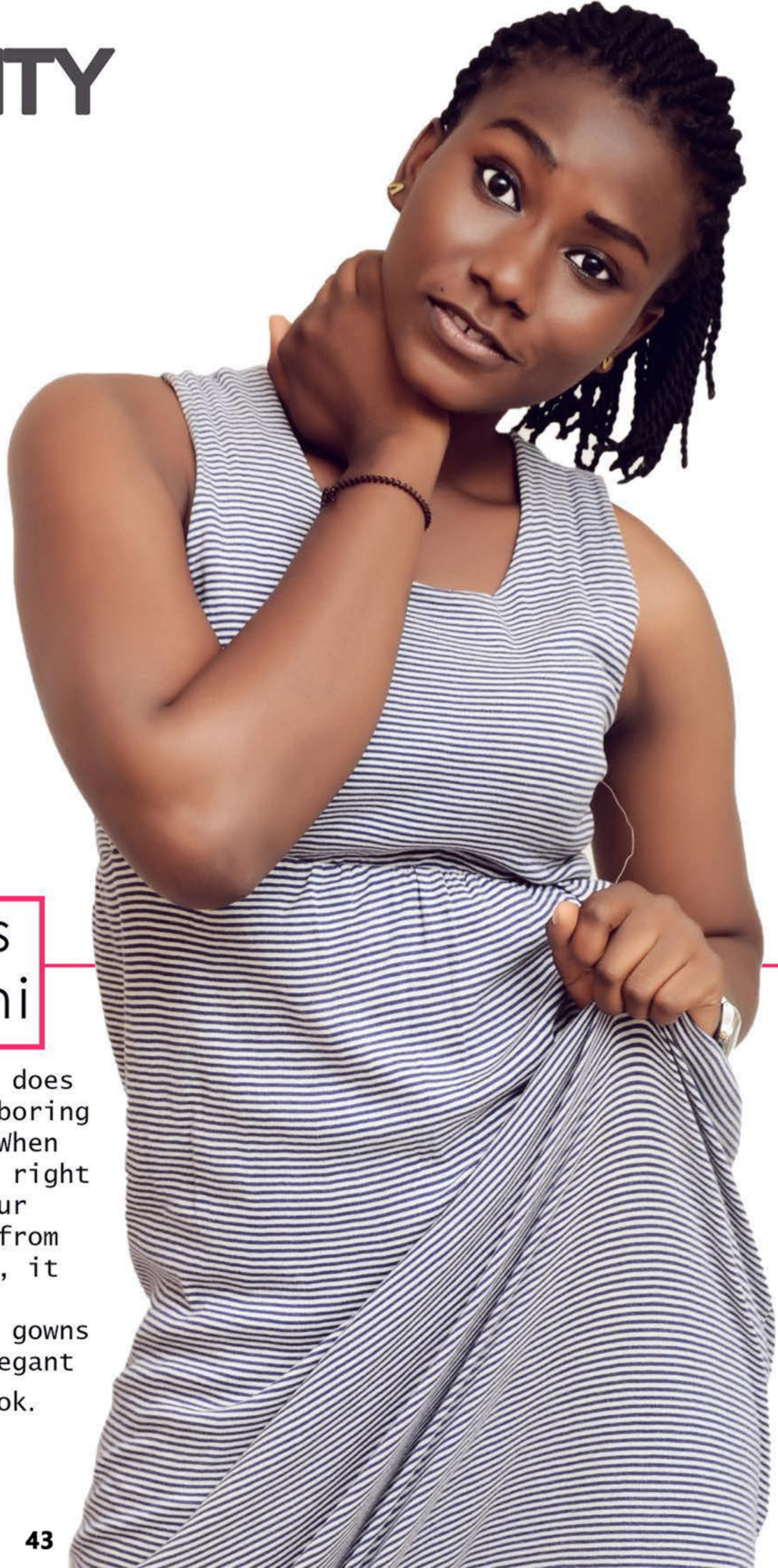
He acknowledged the risk of fatality will be high atleast for the first few trips - but also hailed it an "incredible" adventure. "It would be basically, are you prepared to die? If that's ok, then you're a candidate for going", he said.

SpaceX plans to send an unmanned Red Dragon cargo capsule to Mars as early as 2018 to test descent, entry and landing systems. "I think Earth will be a good place for a long time, but the probable lifespan of human civilization will be much greater if we're a multi-planetary species," said Musk.

Chris Carberry, Chief Executive of Explore Mars Inc, a non-profit corporation promoting the goal of sending humans to Mars within two decades, said the plan was "inspiring and achievable", but it would be "challenging to accomplish this in 10 years".

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By Mrs Foluke Adeboye

Making of an HONOURABLE HOME



THE FOUNDATION

No matter who you are, your profession or your qualifications, marriage is very essential, and the joy of every marriage is been able to have an **Honorable Home**. In order to achieve that, there are 3 things involved, and that is the issue of the **Making**, the issue of **Honor**, and the issue of the **Home** itself.

In **Making**, God is and should be the maker and the most important subject of every marriage. Except the Lord builds a house, those that are building, are building in vain. (Psalm 127:1). Talking about **Honor**, nobody wants to settle with anything that is not profitable or anything that is shameful. Honor is something of distinction, high ranking, noble and creditable. A **Home** itself, is where one's domestic

affections are centered. People will work and can't wait to get home, because that is where you relax and have comfort.

GOD is a perfect builder, He therefore doesn't settle for anything that is disgraceful, that is why when preparing to go into marriage, we must invite God in, even in our choice of choosing a wife or husband. It is very sad to see brothers and sisters in the Lord, who still choose according to their will, which indeed has led to the breakdown of homes.

A brother and a sister came to my office few years back, with the brother saying, "this is the wife God has chosen for me." We prayed, and on his way going back, I called him back and said "please come, go and

come, go and pray again". He was like "oooooh, she is the youth leader in that that ministry". He went ahead to marry the girl, and this man is almost 70 and he is regretting uptill today because the foundation has been wobbling. The marriage was not built on a solid foundation.

When you are looking for anything honorable in marriage, you have to surrender your will completely, just like Jesus taught His disciples how to pray: "thy will be done, as it is done in heaven" (Matthew 6). This is where an honorable home should take its foundation, that is, in the choice of girl or a boy for a life partner. Destinies can be ruined in marriage, so therefore, we should be very careful.

Don't choose by sight, because the just shall live by faith. If you choose because the girl is beautiful, she has straight legs, her eyes are dazzling, she knows how to paint her ears whatever, the boy is handsome, he is very rich, this and that, you are getting it wrong. The foundation in the making of an Honorable home, must be God and God alone, and please don't tell lies if God didn't say anything.



THE COUNSELING

One of the major causes of problems in our homes today is the lack of marriage counsel. In the multitude of counselors, you cannot go wrong (Proverbs 11:14). Through the course of counseling in marriage, you will know what you are to and what you are not to do, and this comes with humility from both sides, an agreement to go together for the counseling because of their submission of their home to God's will. It is not advisable for anyone to do a marriage counseling without his or her partner.



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THE CONSENT

After God has chosen, the next is to gain the consent of your parents. It is a must. By not gaining the consent of your parents, you have to wait. Don't be deceived!!! If you don't get the consent of your parents in marriage, you are building your

home in the air, and sometimes, it may crash, because in the marriage, there will be storm, the rain will come. You need somewhere to run to, and if you have discarded your parents from the beginning, you won't have anywhere to run to.

There was a man who waited for almost eight years before the father of the bride gave his consent, because the lady came from a Muslim family. The bride back then said she was not going to get married if she is not allowed to get married to him, because he is the Lord's choice for her. Today, they are having a wonderful honorable home.

You must also let your Pastors know, majorly to avoid confusion, so that God can give him the Godly wisdom to tell you what you need to know, either in prayers or in counseling.



THE PAYMENT

The payment of dowry/bride price is compulsory. Don't let anybody lead you wrong. All those parents who don't take bride price are going against the will of God, because in Genesis 24:53-54, dowry was payed concerning Isaac's wife and the parents received it, before they allowed the wife to follow the servant. Brethren, dowry must be payed. You can't marry cheaply. Whoever you are going to marry, you must pay her dowry.



THE MATRIMONY

When the date of the marriage has been fixed, please, cut your coat according to your size. This is very important. Don't go for high things. The marriage ceremony is not the marriage, it is not the Honorable home. You should put into consideration the days after the ceremony, when you probably will be



indebted, as a result of paying for the reception hall, the clothes, the wedding rings, etc. In anything you want to do, do it with moderation. Godliness with contentment is a great gain. Don't bring debt into your marriage from the foundation. It is only one day, and that one day is a few hours, from church to reception, that is the end of it all.

So, if you become a debtor before that day, and you begin to pay debt for another one year, already the foundation is wobbling, and that will be the beginning of argument, sorrow and fighting. I pray God will enlighten you about this in the name of Jesus.

There was this story about a lady in America, one of the personal assistants they gave me. She was looking so sad, and I asked the reason why she was sad, because I myself, I don't like to be surrounded with sad people. It was the Senior Protocol who explained to me that "she has just be disappointed". *Just about three months to her marriage, they were both accountants who met in the accounting firm, even though they are children of God attending the same church, RCCG.*

When they went for window shopping for what they are going to wear, the husband settled for \$3000 of marriage dress, but the girl went ahead to buy \$10000 worth of marriage dress. The man seriously questioned her actions, "what are we going to do with all these, for only one day? Wow. I don't think I can go ahead with this marriage, because if you can do this from the beginning, I will not be able to pay your bill in the future". That was the end of everything.

During one of the bible study in the evening, he

called her outside, and humbly requested for the ring, he collected the ring from her and that was the end, and uptill today, that marriage did not hold. Brethren, Godliness with contentment is a great gain. Don't go into debts before your marriage. Order your life in priority.

If you want only five people to be in your marriage, you have a choice. General Overseer has conducted a marriage of eight people before in this church, and that does not restrain them for loving each other, having children or having an honorable home. So, those of you who want your own marriage to pull the whole of Lagos crowd, be prepared for it, but am advising you that it is not of God. Whatever is of God is simple: Godliness, contentment, and moderation in everything. The Lord himself will teach you in Jesus name.



PRAYER IS THE MAJOR KEY

After the marriage, Prayer is the major tool used in sustaining an honorable home.. It has the biggest impact on your marriage. Use it as your everyday tool.

Pray without ceasing (2 Thess. 5:17). You can never pray enough. Every moment, you must consult God in prayer. If you notice a little slight change, you must pray. Even if you want to correct, you must pray, because there are some corrections that have led to physical combat and a lot of evil doing, and the moment the devil sets in, trust the devil, it is like a wildfire, it will begin to spread. This is why prayer is

essential in all our doings to achieve an honorable home.

LOVE, SUBMISSION AND FAITHFULNESS

Wives, your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet soul, which is of great worth in God's sight. Be also submissive to your husbands.

Husbands, in the same way, be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. (1 Peter 3:1-7)

The husband must give room for the wife to share her mind, to enable her develop a sense of significance and feeling of importance in the daily affairs of the marriage, unlike the olden days when women don't have a say in the marriage.

Also, right from day one, there must be faithfulness, no hiding place, nothing to hide. Even if it is sin, tell your partner, because love covers a multitude of sin. If you are not faithful to each other, it won't only destroy the home, you will also be unable to raise faithful children.

When there is no faithfulness in marriage, it brings about a lot of problems, there will be distrust, suspicion, hatred, and there will be no good recognition, because you won't be able to hide it. People outside will notice it, and that is when you will start seeing people asking questions about your family, because they have noticed somebody has been unfaithful.

These are things we must take note of closely. If God can establish true love for Abraham and Sarah who were in their old age, He will do it for those of you who have entered into marriage, and for those who have not, may God guide you in Jesus name.



FORGIVENESS

For those who have unforgiving spirits forever, if you are not careful, you will go to hell with your unforgiving spirit, because forgiveness must be practiced in an honorable home. Nobody is born perfect. There will be a day you will offend each other, and the wife will be able to say "oh dear, am sorry for what I have done" and for the husband who is in love will say "ok my dear, I forgive you. Let's just forget it and move on", and that will be the end of it.

But most people will continue to refer, keeping a lot of bad records and their exact dates. They will be like "ohh, in 2014, you did this. March 3rd I could remember". Some people have a lot of bad memories in their head and this indeed is a big threat to solidifying an honorable home. Do not continue to keep records of sin in your marriage. If you have such records, go and tear it off and burn it and ask the Holy Spirit to wipe it away from your heart.

PROGRESS AND SUCCESS

No honorable home should be stagnant, there must be progress and success. The two must work together for it, both for spiritual progress and physical progress. Marriage defines your destiny in life. Some destinies have been ruin because of their marriages. Me and my husband, 50 years of marriage, we have gone through it all, progressing spiritually and physically.

We got married before we became born again. Back then, my husband just finished his first degree, and had to go for his masters, I had to stay behind to take care of all that he left, support him financially and in all wise. If you want a sincere honorable home, there is no reason why you will not stand for the progress of your husband, or for the progress of your wife. And when you stand for the progress of each other, it makes you to be clued together, because you know someone is progressing, and you too are progressing.

There is no honor in your wife always wearing slippers, while you are wearing Gucci shoe. There is no honor in people commenting on how good you are looking, but can't comment the same on your wife. Progress of both of you is essential. If the progress is one sided, the honor turns to disgrace.

DILIGENCE AND EXPENSES

The issue of diligence is very important. Women, or women to be, when the men are running, you better run with them, before it is too late for you. Spiritually, when they are praying, you too wake up in the night and speak in tongues with them. Don't be left behind in anything. The same thing with the men, don't be left behind too. Don't say "oh, I know my wife will be



praying for me". Pray for yourself!!! Develop that attitude now. Pray together and encourage each other. Prayer is essential. Progress is essential. Success is essential.

There is also need to prioritize your expenses. When there is no food in the house or other important needs, don't go and buy clothes or gadgets or things you cannot afford or above your financial status/control. Food first. Needs first, before wants. Paul the apostle warned apostle Timothy that a man that does not keep his house is not fit to be anything in the church. So if you are aspiring to be a Pastor, an evangelist or even a good child/man of God, you must keep your home. Your family must not go hungry. There must be money for food. That is where your diligence matters the most. Gone are the days when men will just cross their legs.

There are some tribes in Nigeria where their men only work three times in a year. When I went there to minister to the women, I was weeping. The woman will be the farmer, she will be the one to carry the farm products to the market, carrying a child in the front, carrying a child at the back, and my question was **"What are the men in that tribe doing"**? They have only 3 times in a year to work, they replied. And this same men we are talking about will be drinking and playing draft in the house. You should not follow such examples, follow the biblical examples.

All the great men in the Bible were diligent people. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, etc were very diligent. You can't spend what you don't work for, so you must work hard. And when the husband is working hard, the woman must not be sleeping. Women, work towards been a rich wife. Don't become lazy because you are married. Also, pregnancy is not a disease. Some because they are pregnant, 3months, 5months, they now become an idol for the husband, making him to be running up and down frustrated. Be diligent as a woman, be diligent as a man. The two of you working together is for the success of an Honorable home. Honorable home does not drop from Heaven. You work for it, with the help of God.

And of course, pay your tithes and offering, if you want to have a good financial life in an honorable home (Malachi 3:10)



favorite color. When God provides money, next time we will buy a higher quality, glory be to God". Eat together. Do many things together. When one is in pain, the two of you must be in pain. This is very essential.

NEVER YOU FORGET YOUR PARENTS

Don't because you are married, you now say goodbye to your parents, you don't give them anything or even pay them a visit. Never you dishonor the parents of each other. If you notice your wife is not honouring her parents, you go ahead by showing her a good example. Recognize your parents, take care of them moderately from your own purse.

And for those girls who say their husband must not have a mother, be very careful, because if that is what you want, you too will be dead before your son marries a wife, which is "the law of harvest."

PAY MAXIMUM ATTENTION TO YOUR SOCIAL LIFE

Social life is very important. It is not everything that is bible you go, church you go. Go out together!!! Go to the cinemas, watch an event together, play together. Find time for holidays. Go together, learn more from outside, see and learn from other people's examples, you will see bad example, you will see good example. Solidify your social life. Let there be laughter, it is not everyday you will be grumbling and complaining.

Even when there is anything to complain about, you can do it in a lovely way: "oh my dear, I love the carpet you have just spoilt o. Oh, it is my



PARENTING

Marriage is not complete until you have parented a child. Parenting is lacking all over the world today and it is a very serious matter. The responsibility of the parents over the child starts from the moment of conception, where they have to start praying that the child is going to be a child of God; there will be no problem health-wise; when it comes out, you must receive the child with joy, either a male or a female.

No woman can make a child, God is the only one who can make a child. So, don't accuse your wife of only giving you girls. Who is the giver of every good and perfect gift? God. Is a child not perfect? A child is perfect, no matter the gender of the child.

Parenting starts from hugging and kissing the child, making sure the child is comfortable, learning how to do basic things such as knowing how to put pampers, bathing and rubbing the child to sleep. Don't let having a child in the home be a curse. Don't let the child be a subject of anger in the house. Love him/her and be proud of what God has given to you. Let your child experience love from home so that outside, he/she will stand tall and have

confidence in his/her self. But when you are always doubting your child, saying discouraging things to him/her, that child loses confidence, and this also disturbs the leadership ability of that child, all because she is not appreciated at home. When you are raising your children, learn to appreciate them. When others are saying their children are bad, say yours are the best. Be proud of your children, raise them prayerfully.

CONCLUSION

On the streets of Germany, I saw a sign post which says: "you have only one life to live, live it well". If you are going to live one life, and you don't live it well, where are you going to live the rest of your life then? In Hell. Don't start hell on earth. If your marriage is not honorable, it will be hell on earth, and hell continues.

Brethren, in the Making of an Honorable home, you must honor God. He must be the foundation, your ally, your consultant, you must look up to Him for provision and protection, everything must be dependent on Him. You must also obey Him in all things.

In an honorable home, there must also be a togetherness in everything: prayer and financial expenses, which should be in order of priority. The two of you must also work together and work towards each other progress and success. There must also be Holy living, no unfaithfulness between you two. Open yourself to each other, and there must be submission, sexually and in everything.

Today brethren, Honor is on your way. Every form of disgrace the devil has put in your life and family, you will overcome all of them in Jesus name. No more failures in your careers. No more failures in your academics. Everywhere you turn to, God will be on your side. You will hate sin, you will hate unrighteousness, you will hate unfaithfulness, you will hate laziness, you will be diligent, you will be more prayerful. And the God of Heaven will choose your life partner for you as you release your will unto Him in the mighty name of Jesus, and you will agree with God in everything He does for you in Jesus name. Every sin you have committed, I pray the Lord of Heaven will forgive and cleanse you, and prepare you for an honorable life.

And for those who are already married, honor will continue to be established in your homes, no more disgrace. God will provide for your needs, and you will not fail in any thing in the mighty name of Jesus. In serving God, you will not fail. In raising your children, you will not fail. And at the end, you will reap good fruits of your labors in Jesus mighty name.

11 signs of Bad Parenting

If your child intentionally disturbs you, it is because you are NOT physically affectionate enough.

If your child is lying, it probably means you OVERREACTED to the mistakes in the past.

If your child had poor self-esteem, it is because you ADVISE them more than you ENCOURAGE them

If your child does not stand up for themselves, it is because from a young age, you have disciplined them regularly in public. Parents shouldnt do so, even in front of siblings, friends or cousins.

If you buy everything for your children, and still, they take things that do not belong to them, it is because you don't let them CHOOSE.

If your child is a coward, it is because you help them too quickly. Don't remove every OBSTACLE from their path.

If your child is jealous, the reason might be you compared them with others consistently.

If your child gets angry quickly, the reason might be you have not praised them enough. They only get attention when they are MISBEHAVING.

If your child doesnt respect other people's feelings, the reason might be that, you always order them, not giving importance to their FEELINGS.

If your child is secretive, the reason is, you BLOW things very big.

If your child behaves rudely, it is learnt from PARENTS or OTHERS LIVING with them.

hush!!!

DATING: worst idea ever

By Mrs Vivian Denedo



Yes, I said it. Dating as we know it in our culture, is one of the worst ideas we've ever come up with. Now, let me try to fill in the missing banks. What is dating in our society? Ideally, dating would be a way for two people to discover if they are compatible, what they have in common, to enjoy activities together, and to develop a deeper friendship that could lead to a commitment. But can you name a couple who have approached dating with that kind of pure intention? Few, if any, I would guess.

Dating as we know today has been greatly influenced by the moves of the times. Until the turn of the 20th Century, it was pretty much an unknown term and practice. Back then, when it was time to think about choosing a life's mate, a young man and woman would consider their choices, and with their family's approval, they would very carefully pursue a relationship only at the point when they were ready to make a commitment.

For example, when a young man was ready to be married, and when there was a young woman to whom he was attracted to, he would spend time with her and her family, at Community, and Church events and in group settings, with the fully understood purpose of asking her at the appropriate time to be his wife. Him asking her, wasn't about experimenting to see if she was suitable, he indeed already knew her and her family ahead of time and had interacted with her in many ways in natural settings before he expressed his interest.

In the same manner, I believe two people should both understand that a marriage decision is serious, and only until they are ready to make that kind of commitment, should they pursue a relationship. Rarely should they spend time alone before

engagement. This is known as "courting" in those days and though not perfect, it was a much better way to make a marriage decision than what we do today.

The introduction of the automobile to our society indeed has been more of a curse than a blessing, by creating opportunities for premature independence between youths longing to be together. Backseats and movie theatres have now become the breeding places for lust on dates.

Since the evolution of this social practices, we've seen relationships go from opportunities to be alone with each other, to opportunities for heavy petting (fondling, caressing, stroking), which is indeed an open door for a sexual relationship. Dating is not usually built with the mindset of long time commitment, so therefore, we begin to build relationship on lust and chemistry, after which we're shocked to discover one of the most popular hashtag of this generation, [#relationshipsdontlast](#).

Dating is almost always done for the wrong reasons and often at the wrong time, talk less of any thought of commitment. My conclusion therefore is that, before you consider going into a relationship, ask yourself if you are ready and mature physically, character wise, spiritually, financially, etc, and dont go into a relationship with the opposite sex if you are not ready to settle down in marriage.

Every relationship has rules and we must play according to rules. Can a man put fire in his bosom and not be burned? We must be Godly. Relationship is sweet and better if done according to God's will.

YOUNG PEOPLE ASK

By Ruth Iyoha

Does it Matter If I listen to Secular Music

Yes it matters. Every song has a foundation, and that of secular music has the foundation of the devil. Secular music (*songs with wrong and ungodly 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 (1John 2:15, 2 Tim 2:16, James 4:4). The presence of a desire for secular music in you is actually proof that the devil is attacking your faith. It is 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. Its just a lie propagated from the pit of hell. Gospel music transforms and channels your mindset towards the things of God. It connects you to God, and make you love God the more. Worthy of note are awesome songs by young people (like you and me) affecting lives for Christ. Songs such as You Are Great by Steve Crown(Nigerian), Casting Crown by Nathaniel Bassey(Nigerian), Mighty God by Joe Praise(Nigerian), Foreign gospel artists also like Tye Tribbet, Mali Music, Britt Nicole, Da Truth (rap), Lecrae (rap) have good songs

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. *"Don't build your house and establish a home until your fields are ready, and you are sure that you can earn a living". Proverbs 24:27*

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. *"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" (Song of Solomon 2:7)*. 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. Your future is the most important thing now, and it requires your full attention.



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1. Let go.
Let God
and everything will Fall into its rightful place
2. What is your legacy?
What are you leaving behind?
Are you measuring success by accumulation
of wealth?
Success is more about affecting peoples lives
positively, because at the end of the road,
the only thing that will count is how many
lives you affected, not how rich you were.
3. IF you are constant with God.
He will be constant with you.
4. IF you dont discover yourself,
if you dont love yourself,
if you dont try to make yourself a
better peson,
if you dont have a purpose
You cant truly love another person.
Before the -i love yous-, make sure
you love you.
5. I dont believe in -wrong decisions-, it is
either a blessing or a lesson. So therefore,
embrace those mistakes and enjoy those
blessings.
6. Society s standards are messed up. Being
you may not be COOL to others, but it
aint anybody s business. Just be you.
7. 2000 Flowers, 5k Followers, 2.1 Followers.
Dont lose yourself to get more of them,
because at the end of the day,
they are nothing but
Fantasies, nothing real.
8. Dont give in,
Dont give up,
Breathe,
Break down if you must,
But come back stronger
9. In everything you do,
make sure you build your
own world with beautiful
walls of self love.
10. Stars are beautiful, just
like you are.



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We live in a world where "love" means different things to different people. Whatever it means to you, you must understand that **TRUE LOVE** is an inside job, just like fine wine: *the older it gets, the sweeter it becomes*. Yes, it might go through tough stages, but at the end of the day, it **ENDURES**.

Irrespective of the unrealistic illustration of love in movies, books and television show, **TRUE LOVE** rarely exist in this present generation. This is as a result of

- people not seeking the face of God
- people are eager to love because of their selfish interests, and
- people going after the container and not the contents; they rush into romance sooner than romance calls them

So, how exactly can you identify **TRUE LOVE**. Whether you're in a relationship already or admiring someone from afar, sorting out your feelings for someone can be a real challenge. The following can help you know the difference between love, infatuation and lust, and remember to be honest with yourself.

1. **Infatuation** happens instantly, **True Love** is a process
2. **Infatuation** craves physical affection. You are deeply interested in the other person's appearance. **Love** craves a deeper connection. You are attracted by the other's person's total personality or spiritual quality

3. **Infatuation** starts romance fast, perhaps taking hours or days. **True Love** is not hurt by time, it is willingly to wait and romance often starts slowly, taking its time.

4. **Infatuation** has ulterior motives, the emphasis is on taking or getting, especially in satisfying sexual urges. Meanwhile, **True Love** has genuine intentions, you want to give and share with the other person.

5. **Infatuation** doesn't look at reality and it likes to stay that way. It is unrealistic, the other person seems perfect. Meanwhile when you talk of **True Love**, you view the other person realistically, seeing his faults, yet loving them that way.

6. The Best Part is, in **Infatuation**, arguments are frequent. Nothing really gets settled. Many are "settled" with a Kiss. But in **True Love**, you have disagreements but you find that you can talk them out and settle them.

-Gabriella Eze

IDENTITY



In our entrepreneurship page this edition, we celebrate a hardworking entrepreneur, no one else but Miss Chioma Ahamefula, the CEO of Chee-Ahams Designs, and a graduate of B.Sc Economics, Unibuja. A state-of-the-art fashion designer. She started from the bottom, where she had to deal with the pain and make out time to learn, and now she is at the topspot as one of the most sort-after fashion designer in the City of Abuja, the Federal Capital Territory of Nigeria. We celebrate you dear.

Unlike our 1st edition, our entrepreneurship page in this edition is very direct and the message is simple: **GO AND START SOMETHING!!!**



We are surrounded by challenges, hardships and all sorts of financial problems. Now, as a creative being made in the image of a creative God, it becomes your responsibility with all your effort, to take out your guns of skills, ideas and talents and shoot at this financial challenges.

Photography, Media/Website/Graphic Design, fashion designing, Catering, Blogging, Interior & Exterior designer, and so many of them. If you don't have a skill, go and learn one, and when you do, chase after it with all you have got until you hit the road that leads to diamonds and wealth.

No Guts, No Glory. If you want success, you must be willing to pay the price. This life is too blessed for you to be broke.

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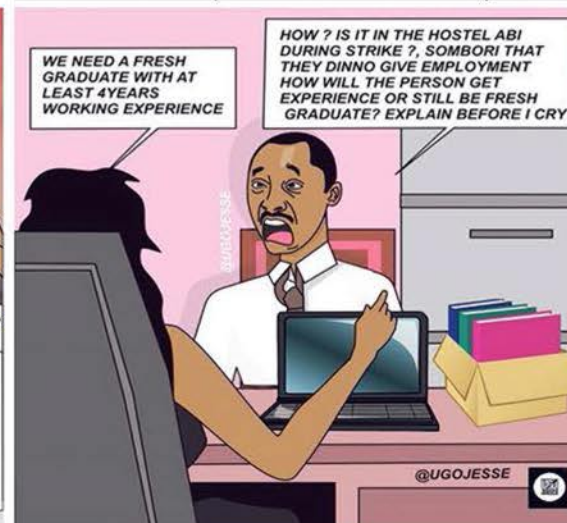
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Humor Zone

Meanwhile in Nigeria





THE PROPHECY

I attended a crusade and someone touched my shoulder and said "YOU WILL WALK". I didn't bother because I knew I was not lame. After the crusade, I touched my pocket and I couldn't find my wallet which contained my transport fare.... Behold, I WALKED!!

SUGAR DADDY

GIRL: I want a Sugar Daddy who will never want to sleep with me.

BOVI: Follow these steps:

- (1) enter a provision shop
- (2) buy 1 or 2 cups of sugar
- (3) go home and pour it on your daddy then he becomes your sugar daddy.

THE WEDDING

At a wedding ceremony, I asked the person seating next to me and my pregnant wife, "have you noticed how horrible-looking the bride is? She is ugly!"

The person replied "You fool!! That's my daughter you're talking about!"

I responded, "Opps! I'm sorry sir... I didn't know you are her father"...

The person replied "I'm not her father, you silly fool. I'm her mother!"

I took my pregnant wife and ran away from the wedding ceremony, before she possess my unborn child with ugliness.

ATM QUEUE

Wetin person no go hear for ATM queue? Na so yesterday afternoon for Diamond Bank, one Igala looking girl just waka come dey tell me say "Please Sir, am in front of your back..." I was shocked to the state of unshockability when I heard that.

I no know when I vex tell am say come and stay in the center of my front..

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I will extol thee
Lift up you name on high
Cause you are worthy, Awesome God
Nations will rise and sing
Oceans and seas will roar
As we lift up our hands, Awesome God
Ooh oh oh, OOh oh oh
Lord you reign, Awesome God

Creations shall declare your glory
Trees in the fields will bow down
Lord you reign, Awesome God

Lord You are good, Your mercy endureth forever & ever
Nations declare Your glory endureth forever and ever
Lord You are good, Your mercy endureth forever and ever
Nations declare Your glory endureth forever and ever

Forever more
Awesome God
Awesome God

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