

Motivating RIGHT EDUCATION

A HANDBOOK FOR AN IMPACTFUL EDUCATION



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Introduction

I believe God has placed in my hand the key to an unending academic success. In April 7, 2013 I received a clear mandate from the Lord to “liberate the world from all academic misconceptions”. The first of the assignments that was revealed to me by God was to run a yearly convention tagged “Season of Hope”. By His grace we began the convention that same year and held the second season in December 20, 2014. The major objective of the program is to attack the academic fears and worries of students by unveiling right counsels to them and furthermore, to motivate right education.

Based on several testimonies and requests from the last convention, I have received an inspiration to write this little book that would be profitable to

everyone, and in particular Proprietors, Teachers, Parents and Students. Though people have particularly requested for the audio CDs of the last convention; but what we saw in the last convention is nothing compared to what God has revealed in this book.

Education is not just learning about our nature, it also involves the engagement of relevant forces to be most impactful. For instance, education without complete obedience is playing without knowing. Many people are failing not because they do not work hard, but as a result of their incomplete obedience. This book therefore, will discuss the place of obedience, alongside many other forces that is expedient for a most fruitful academic/educational life. God bless you as you read!

Chapter One

The Purpose and Power of Education

The difference between a success and a failure is the perspective behind their education. Likewise, the major difference between two distinct nations is their approach towards education. Daniel A. Adebayo said in his book, “Education, either formal or informal is the bed-rock of a prosperous family, and nation as a whole. It is the womb that gives birth to civilization, which is the mother of inventions, and as we all know - inventions and innovations are the lasting solutions to our socio-economic challenges as a nation”. According to scriptures, Daniel understood certain things by

books. In the same vein, the custom of Jesus was to read, and it was in the process of reading that He found where His assignment was written. Jesus was anointed, but He did not find His purpose until He read. In other words, a child mis-educated is a child lost; which in-turn is a burial of a prosperous family, community and nation. If education is thus important; then the right perception must be built into the mind of students, which is to motivate right education.

WHAT THEN IS EDUCATION?

The word “Education” was derived from the Latin word “Educo”, which means; to educe, to draw out, or to develop from within. This is why those who are better educated are those who study in-line with their naturally endowed strength, gift or talent. What we call incompetence is not really what it is. Rather, it is a lack of endowed strength to make the most of acquired skill. Over time, we

would discover that it takes more than a degree or numerous certificates to be educated. To aid our understanding of education, some inspired definitions of education are outlined below.

What Education is:

- It is a medium for problem solving. If your education is not solving or not intending to solve any problem, then you have not been educated.
- It is learning.
- It is taking responsibility to develop internal abilities.
- It is not just a medium to get a good job.
- It is not about knowing everything. Rather, it is about knowing something that can save people from difficult situations.

Furthermore, education is learning about how to use your nature to impact your society positively.

For education to be impactful, it must be right, purposeful, practical and applicable. It is therefore, imperative to understand that an individual's aim to study should not be restricted to getting a certificate that would enable one apply for a job. Instead, being educated should be tailored towards meeting societal needs. God has placed within you the ability to solve certain problems in your society and nation as a whole. Until you discover and develop it, you cannot proffer solutions to those problems. According to scriptures, we would discover that "the recurring problems in many nations were as a result of the incompetence among those called professionals". Do not study just anything you like. Rather, study in order to bring out the internal deposits that God has placed in you. Those who are rightly educated do not look for jobs, jobs look for them.

TYPES OF EDUCATION

Education in its all-inclusive form goes beyond what takes place within the four walls of the classroom. A child also gets educated from his experience outside the four walls of school.

There are three types of education. They are Formal, Informal and Non-formal education. Each of these types is briefly described below:

Formal Education

- **Planned with a particular end in view:** Formal education is planned with a particular end in view. It is acquired in schools, colleges and other similar institutions that are established with the same purpose.
- **Limited to a specific period:** Formal education is limited to specific period of time or stages

which are provided according to laid down guidelines. The duration of time could be 6years for secondary education and 4-6years (depending on the course of study) in the universities.

- **Well-defined and systematic curriculum:** Formal education has a well-defined and systematic curriculum which is based on certain aims and objectives. These aims do in conform to the course of study or purpose of study bearing in mind, societal needs.
- **Given by specially qualified teachers:** Formal education is given by specially qualified teachers that are also trained to be efficient in specific art of instruction.
- **Include activities outside the class-room:** In modern progressive schools, the process of education is not restricted to the four walls of the class-room. Students are made to engage in activities outside the class-room than inside it.

- **Observes strict discipline:** Formal education observes strict discipline. The student and the teacher are both aware of the facts and engage themselves in the process of education.

However, it may be mentioned that any process of teaching which involves supervision, instruction, set plan, definite aims and principles can be described as formal education.

Informal Education

- **Not pre-planned or deliberate:** Informal education is an educative activity that is neither pre-planned nor deliberate. A child naturally learns many habits, manners and patterns while living with others or moving in different spheres like home, groups and society.

- **Not imparted by any specialized agency:**

Unlike formal education, informal education is not imparted by any specialized agency such as school or college.

- **No prescribed time-table or curriculum:**

Informal education is not given according to any fixed time-table or through formal means of education. There is no set curriculum required. Informal education is acquired while living with your family or within a community.

- **Often have negative directions:**

Informal education may take to negative directions also. Instances are when one learns how to steal or get involved in some other forms of vices such as; lying, fighting etc. These experiences may casually be gotten from the street, the market place, in the cinema hall or some other places.

Informal Education is "the process, by which a person imbibes attitudes, develops skills, cultivates values and acquires knowledge without any established organization or system. This would include both the deliberate and non-deliberate attempts of parents and elders in the family and community to help the young ones grow and adapt themselves to the environment. Informal Education would also include all incidental learning that takes place while at work, while playing, during travels and through the media.

Non-Formal Education

Non-formal education is one of the recent concepts rapidly getting into use. For instance, India's involvement in non-formal education has increased as a result of their interest in making

education a life-long affair, rather than a matter of formal schooling.

- **Outside the realm of formal Education:** Unlike informal education which is unstructured, spontaneous and without formality; non-formal education is structured and planned, but outside the realm of formal education.
- **Conscious and deliberate:** Non-formal education is consciously, deliberately and systematically organized and implemented.
- **Organized for homogeneous groups:** Non-formal education is organized for a homogeneous group. Such a group has to be identified in terms of their learning needs. People who have low learning capacity usually fall into this group.
- **Serving the needs of the identified group:** Non-formal education is programmed to serve the needs of an identified group with similar interest. This will necessitate flexibility in the

design of the curriculum and the scheme of evaluation.

In conclusion, it is important to note that education is all about learning, and there are three methods to learning which I would like to examine;

- **Theoretical or Imaginary Learning:** This is the usual method of learning common in many under-developed schools, where teachers or instructors only explain subjects based on their personal experiences. It is important to note that; not every student's understanding is aided with this kind of learning. This is why no matter how much you explain certain things to them, they still would not understand. This kind of teaching requires you to be able to imagine what is being taught. Therefore, it is only students with good

imaginative skills that can easily cope with this method of learning.

- **Practical Learning:** Research has proven that outstanding students are those who practically understand their work. It is almost impossible to forget the things you learn from this method of learning. Growing up was a little difficult for me because, I was more interested in what my teachers showed me than what they said to me. In retrospect, the things they showed us were little compared to what they said to us. Practical learning gives you a hands-on experience that can match up with any intellectual test. This kind of learning is what gives meaning to Theoretical learning.
- **Observatory Learning:** This is the most important method of learning. However, it has been the most ignored. Nobody would teach you how to observe in school. It is something you have to adapt. Nobody taught me how to

write or teach, I learnt them by observation. While practical learning secures an outstanding performance, observatory learning creates a future giant. Observation means taking a close watch on things that interest you. It is the cheapest and yet most impactful method of learning. I have discovered that people who ask plenty of questions in life are those who cannot stand the quietness of observation. Many people have quarreled with me because I hardly talk; though it is not because I do not like to talk, but because I observe everything, and observation requires quietness.

Chapter Two

The Place of Obedience

The only way to conquer disobedience is by complete obedience. Failure is an act of disobedience; that also means that at the root of every failure is disobedience. You cannot completely obey your teachers and textbook and yet fail their courses. Leaving spirituality out of this; if you study hard and prepare well, you are ready for exam success. Prayer without obedience is straying without knowing.

WHAT THEN IS OBEDIENCE?

- It is observing and doing all that is commanded.

- Likewise, it is doing all that is required to get all that is expected.

I have heard students ask questions like “but I did everything, how come I did not pass?” Well, the fact of the matter is, if you really did everything then you would not fail. This is because; failure is for those who have ignorantly or intentionally refused to do everything. There is no mercy for the disobedient and this explains why many intelligent students fail their exams. Many students live in disobedience without knowing, and that is why they fail without a traceable root to their failure. Many other students just find it difficult to retain knowledge in their memory, and it is not because any body is against them but because they did not give reverence to whom it is due. In addition, some others know they should be obedient, but they do not know who to obey.

WHO DO I OBEY?

- **OBEY GOD**

When it comes to academic success, God must come first. It is impossible to have true knowledge without reverence for God (Proverbs 1:3).

In Dan 1:3-17, we would discover that God is behind every academic success. According to scriptures, some young men were selected to learn the writing and language of the Chaldeans, which Daniel and three Hebrew boys were among them. They were conditioned to feed on the king's food for the three years they would be in that school, but Daniel refused to defile himself with the king's food. Daniel thought that he would be disobedient to God if he eats the king's kind of food – probably, such food was a kind of food that was prohibited in the land where he came from.

Differently from the condition attached, he preferred to feed on vegetables than to live a life of disobedience against his God. He and the three Hebrew boys fed on vegetables for the period of their training, and when they were called for examination, they were examined to be ten times better than their peers. They would not have emerged with such an outstanding result if they had disobeyed God.

It is not what you learn in class that matters, it is what God gives you. In Daniel chapter 1, they were to learn the writings and language of Chaldeans, but in verse 17, God gave them knowledge in all writings and language, and particularly gave Daniel understanding in visions. This therefore means, that the secret behind their outstanding performance was not in the things they learnt in the class, it was what God gave to

them. You may think you are intelligent now, but wait till you add obedience to God. You can be more than what you are now. Having a “First Class” degree would be a limitation to my potentials; the reason being that what I carry cannot be graded. They could not grade Daniel and those three Hebrew boys and as a result, it was concluded that they were ten times better than their peers. The bible says “you shall be the head and not the tail”; but there is a difference between “the head” and “a first class”. If a disobedient child can have a “first class” then “first class” is definitely not “the head”.

If you do not have a heart for God, you would never be sure of academic excellence. I have a friend that had stayed at home for many years before he finally gained admission into the university. The year he got admission, I was inspired to visit him, particularly to know his plans for school. He told me all he planned to do when

he gains admission, but to my amazement, none of his plans had anything to do with reverence to God. I believe that was why he had been at home for so long. I counseled him and he started going to church to learn the ways of God. And that same year, he got his admission.

If you are obedient to God you would have no business with failure. I had a very humbling experience with God when I was writing a semester exam during my National Diploma. After the exam I was so sure I did everything correctly, but suddenly, I heard the voice of God saying “I disordered the answers”. I immediately pleaded with God to either close the eyes of the marker or He should reorder it for my sake. Now imagine if I did not have reverence for God, I would have thought my lecturer was against my academic success. Meanwhile, it was only a little mistake

that would have caused me to have a carry over. The only proof to show you really obey God is to be above only. Deut 28:13

- **OBEY YOUR PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

According to scriptures, it may never be well with you if you dishonor your parents (Eph 6:2-3). Col 3:20, warns that children should obey their parents in everything, because it is pleasing to God. That also means that “anytime a child disobeys his parents, he has also displeases God”. Someone may say “But I am no longer a child, the bible refers to children”. For a truth the bible refers to children, but what they have failed to understand is that as long as they are still under their parent’s sponsorship, they are still children – their age notwithstanding.

Many students have lost weight academically because they never add weight to the instructions

from their parents. They have suddenly become peers with their parents. They give less or no regard and value to the instructions from their parents. There is nothing wrong in finding a friend in your parents, but you need to create a bridge that you should never cross. I am as well going to blame some parents whose children have the liberty to do everything they like. I have seen where a mother and her daughter exchanged insulting words. And it was not their first time; it is what they do regularly. Some parental errors are just too late to correct. That is why the bible says we should teach a child in the way that he should grow, so that he would not depart from it when he is mature. Many parents train their children to grow with traits of disobedience. To such children, disobedience would only be normal to them, and not the evil that it is. Some parents would say “their children are too small to be corrected of

their errors”, but they forget that even children have memories that are more sensitive than that of adults.

A parent will not suffer to pay your school fees and still pray for you to fail. Your failure naturally brings worries to your parents/guardian, and worry prepares one for an early grave. The reason why many parents die is not necessarily because they are sick, but because their children hardly bring joyful news to them. They always bring shameful news that breaks their spirit; and according to scriptures, a broken spirit dries the bones. And when the bones are dried, a person is as good as dead.

You cannot give your parents things to worry about and have a worry-free life. It is what you sow that you will reap. If you sow worries, you would definitely reap worries. Joyful parents always have money to sponsor their successful

children/wards. Meanwhile, I have heard many students say “their parents do not have money to pay their school fees”. I got a part-scholarship to study a 9 months course in NIIT back in 2006. After the interview, I was told that I would pay a balance of 185,000 Naira. As at that time, my father was not doing very well in his job – I believe he even struggled to get the 5,000 Naira he gave me to secure a seat for an interview. After they told me the ridiculous amount I was supposed to pay before I resumed, I was scared and did not go home until late at night. When I finally got home, I met my father having his dinner. I immediately told him in fear – the result of my interview and how much I was told to pay. I honestly thought he was going to scold me, but to my greatest surprise, he said the money was small compared to what other schools would collect. Even though I could not see the money around him, I could

sense an inner joy within him that produced the money in less than two weeks. I was like many other students who thought that their parents cannot afford their school fees, but in a twinkle of an eye – that belief was rendered as false. On the other hand, I know of a woman who many times has told me that she does not feel like paying her son's school fees because the boy does not make her happy. The joy from a child naturally fuels the engine of the parents. Your parents cannot be joyful and not run to and fro to make your dreams come true.

- **OBEY YOUR TEACHERS**

Every star is made out of another star. You cannot emerge a star until you submit to the training of another star. The instructions from your teachers are given to watch over your soul. The moment you despise their instructions, you have also despised their being. You must understand that

they labor day and night just to acquire enough knowledge for you, and that is the more reason you should be obedient to them.

The moment you dislike any teacher, you have automatically signed-up for failure in his/her course. I once had a problem with one of my teachers when I was doing my National Diploma. By grace and privilege, I knew virtually everything about his course even before the semester began. Instead of me to be calm and listen to my teacher, I turned his classes into debate sessions. I asked questions that were far from our topics of discussion, pride and disobedience took over me. My exam questions were underrating to me, I answered all in less than an hour. But to my greatest surprise, I was the only one that did not pass the exam. Thank God for my continuous assessment that boosted my score to a PASS; that

was how I managed to scale through. It was not long after, I encountered another course that I knew so much. But this time, I behaved meekly. I did not even know how my lecturer discovered my skills in that course. He called me one day and instructed me to teach my department the lab session for that day. Your lecturers may be wrong, you may know the course better than them; but keep your knowledge to yourself. It would help you after the course, or even after school. Avoid whatever would create a grief between you and your teachers. Do not make them feel that their labor is in vain. Don't get me wrong, I am not saying you should not ask relevant and necessary questions in class, I am simply saying that if you must ask questions, ask in a good conscience.

Their assignments are not to make you fail but to succeed. Ignoring your assignment is a major sign of disobedience to your teachers. You make them feel unimportant when that happens. I have had

the privilege of being a school teacher. To tell you how I rate my assignments, I do not allow defaulters to enter the next class. So, they would either do my assignment or miss the next class.

- **OBEY YOUR BOOKS**

The only reason why you do not understand a book is because you have not applied the principles of obedience. Behind every book is a person – just like your teachers. Books are a form of instructional manuals used to create headway. It would therefore take proper submission to the book before you can qualify for the knowledge within it. The super-intelligent Daniel understood certain things by books. He was a man who had unlimited access to insights directly from God, but there were many things he could not understand until he submitted to certain books. I have a friend

whom I used to run to when I reach a block in my textbook, and before I could open my eyes again, he has resolved the problem for me. I did those things because I understood that the book has been written by a professor, and also approved by the school board – and that means the book cannot be wrong. If you fail your exam, it is probably because you did not obey your book well.

Many people are too proud, they would never read a book by someone they know, and that is why they have never left where they are. However, it is not every book that is readable. If you want to know a good book, lookout for the testimonies of those who have read it, or still, ask your teachers.

In Luke 4:16-18, we would discover that the custom of Jesus was to read books, and it was also in the cause of reading that He found where His

purpose was written. A book will never be profitable to you until you apply the principle of obedience.

HOW DO I WALK IN OBEDIENCE?

- **PREPARE FOR SUCCESS**

Your preparation is what determines your experience. One reason why many people do not do anything well is because they never prepare well for anything. Life will only give you as much as you have prepared for. As a student, you do not need to wait to see your result before you know your exam score. If you prepared well, you should be able to determine your score right after the exam.

Every engagement of value needs adequate preparations. The reason why you get tired of some subjects is because you did not prepare well for them. The reason why we have many unemployed graduates is because they are waiting for a job instead of preparing for one.

As a student, prepare for academic success. Prayer without preparation is only a waste of time. While I was in school, I would make sure I do at least 70% of the new semester's work before I resume the semester. Even when many are having all kinds of fun during the holiday season, I would be preparing for what the next semester holds for me. You cannot have your cake and eat it. The time for education is not a time for pleasure at all. If you add pleasure to your education, you may turn education into leisure. I read of a little girl who graduated with an "A" in all her subjects, and gained a scholarship by the government to any school of her choice both home and abroad.

However, when she was interviewed to know how she did it, she said she never had a holiday period all through the six years. She understood early in life that she has many six years ahead of her.

HOW DO I PREPARE?

PLAN: Planning is a step-by-step design towards the accomplishment of a given task. It is a practical approach packaged towards the realization of any set objectives. However, we can only plan effectively with facts. That is, identifying essential issues involved in achieving a given task, and strategically placing such facts in the most appropriate place to achieve the desired goal. Note that without adequate information, you cannot make quality decisions. The time you spend on planning is not wasted time; it is time invested, because the quality of your planning

determines the speed at which you accomplish your goal.

PROGRAM: Planning defines a process while, programming dictates the steps. Planning defines the required actions, programming schedules the actions. Programming is essentially about timing the action towards accomplishing a set goal.

DILIGENCE: This involves working according to the timing you have already set in the plan. Work is easier when plan is programmed. Lk 14:28-29

A MORE PRACTICAL APPROACH

Adeola had just concluded her first semester's exam, and will be going on a two weeks break before the second semester commences. Adeola, with her sense of priority rushed to the departmental office to collect the course outline for the second semester. She glanced through the list of courses and discovered that there were two

courses she may find difficult to learn on her own. Back at home, she sorts for a tutor that could help her in those courses before the semester resumes. Mr. Enas, an intelligent uncle decided to assist her in those two courses. He gave her a coaching schedule for Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of the two weeks, between the hours of 9a.m and 11a.m. While she diligently committed herself to Mr. Enas' schedule, she also studied day and night to ensure the other courses were not left behind. On resumption of the new semester, she had already completed 70% of her school work. Her parents and teachers were proud of her excellent performance at the end of the semester; and according to her, she was also proud of herself.

In conclusion, show me an obedient student; you would see a prepared heart. One reason why you fail is because of your disobedience. Preparation is the only proof of one's obedience; you cannot

truly be obedient and not be prepared. Therefore,
get back home and be OBEDIENT!

Chapter Three

The Place of Purpose

Earlier, we defined education as a development of nature or natural talent. Purpose is what gives meaning to talent. It is one thing to know how to read, and another thing to know what to read. Likewise, it is one thing to know how to sing, and another thing to know what to sing. I am quite talented when it comes to teaching, but there are some things I teach exceptionally well. There are many potential geniuses out there who are presently rated as dummies in their classes. This is not because they are mentally distorted, but that they were not designed for whatever they are learning. As a growing student, I had hatred for

history and long stories and on the other hand, I liked subjects that are applicable, because I performed better in those subjects. My experience has taught me that the best way to learn is learning in-line with your purpose.

WHAT IS PURPOSE?

Purpose is God's reason for your existence. This is why it is easier to discover talent than to discover purpose. Talent can be discovered by man's observation while, purpose can only be discovered by God's manifestation. I knew I was talented in singing, writing and teaching but, I did not know what they were supposed to accomplish for me. Purpose is what to do with what you have. If you do not know what to do with what you have, then everything you do may look like what you should do. Unfortunately, it is not everything you do that gives you a fulfilled life. The key ingredient to having a fulfilled life is finding your life purpose. I have heard testimonies of individuals who have

achieved fame and financial success, yet feel empty inside. Do not make the same mistake because your time is too precious to waste.

WHY YOU SHOULD FIND YOUR PURPOSE!

Jesus was 12 years old when He started living according to His purpose. He was already teaching wisdom and answering mysterious questions. When His parents questioned Him about where He had been for 3 days, He responded “why would you be looking for me? You should know that I would be doing my Father’s business”. Joseph who had seen God’s purpose for his life in a dream started practicing it at age 17. He already knew how to feed his father’s sheep. In my opinion, anyone who is not less than 12 years old should start living according to his or her purpose. Below are three reasons why you should find your life purpose:

- **It gives meaning to everything you do:** I got tired of life in the year 2012. After working for different organizations for over 6 years, there was nothing to show for it. In March 2013, I decided to go in-search of my life purpose. I went to a bible school, attended conventions, and read books that related to my situation. In April 7, 2013 God unveiled my life purpose to me, and it was not until then that everything around me became meaningful. The discovery of my purpose gave a new approach to my education, job, career, family, relationship and everything. It changed the way I thought, spoke and reasoned. It filled the emptiness I had always felt inside me. One reason why many people easily lose interest in certain things is because they are yet to discover their life purpose.
- **It directs and guides you:** Your life purpose will give you a clear direction of where to go and helps you make big decisions in life. It may

interest you to know that people who do not find their life purpose do not have a strong foundation upon which they make their decisions. They most likely will just follow popular opinions.

- **It motivates you:** There are always difficult times to go through in life. You may even experience failure and rejections. But in such situations, your life purpose can give you the motivation you need to keep going. Your life purpose can make you see beyond the horizon.

HOW TO FIND YOUR LIFE PURPOSE

Finding life purpose is not easy. In fact, it is one of the most difficult things to do. It would require grace from God, because it does not have a universal formula, and it takes time to find. Finding life purpose is more like a personal journey that one has to undertake; and this is why

many individuals never find their life purpose. I have outlined some tips below, and I believe they would help you in the journey to finding your purpose.

- **Do not expect instant result:** Finding life purpose takes time, so do not expect to find it soon. It is a journey where you do not have room to complain about the distance. Rather, you should enjoy every step of the way. I was guilty of murmuring and complaining because, I did not like the way life was going for me. But the murmuring did not take me anywhere until I applied the principle of patience. Even when I prayed ceaselessly to God about it, all He told me was to be patient and build up my faith.
- **Identify your strengths or talents:** Your life purpose is related to your talent or personal strengths. For instance, if you are strong in learning, it is likely that your life purpose is related to learning.

- **Identify your passions:** Your passions are things you do because of love and not because of external reward such as money or recognition. I love to impact knowledge on people. On many occasions, I have had to reject my pay check after delivering a motivational talk. This is not because I do not need the money; just that being able to speak to those people paid me more than the content of my pay check. Your passions would naturally give you fulfillment even if there is physically nothing to show for it.
- **Identify your causes or interests:** Identify the things that matter to you. Is there a condition in the world that makes you feel discontent? Is there a condition that makes you feel the urge to do something about it? For instance, I do not like it when students fail. I always feel failure amongst students is something that can be completely eradicated.

- **Find the intersection between your strengths, passions, and interests:** If you have been able to identify your strengths, passions, and causes, then you can find the intersection between them:
 - First, pick an interest from your list of interests.
 - From your list of strengths, pick those that can help you improve the situation in the interest.
 - From the strengths you pick, find the ones you can work on with enthusiasm.

You can continue this exercise until you find a cause or interest that has a strong intersection with your strengths and passions. At the end of the exercise, you will find a cause you deeply care about for which you can effectively do something with enthusiasm. What you find would be a clear sign of your purpose.

- **Write a personal mission statement:** Based on what you find in the previous step, write a personal mission statement. A mission statement is usually a sentence that concisely communicates what your life purpose is. Do not worry about getting it right on the first try. Just write down what you are inspired to write and build upon it.
- **Do something about the intersection:** Your mission statement will be your guide to finding your life purpose. Though it may still be broad, you just have to consistently refine it. One way to refine it is by working on it. Make serious effort to act upon what you have found. Increase your competence and find ways to contribute to the course you chose. Your effort will give you feedbacks that will either reinforce or diminish your interest on the subject.

- **Act on the feedback to refine your personal mission statement:** If the feedback from the previous step reinforces the purpose you have found, over time you will get better understanding of what exactly your life purpose is and how you should fulfill it. You may create new mission statements as you find new clues. This process of refining may take years but, you are going in the right direction. You just need to keep your mind and eyes open to recognize new clues regarding your strengths, passions, and causes.

I wrote my first mission statement in April 7, 2013. It read “Maximizing intellectuals to maximum”. Even though it made sense to my hearing, it was a tautology. But I did not stop there, I kept refining it. Early 2014, it became “To maximize intellects to maximum”. That obviously sounds plausible but, was still out of place. Gradually, I worked on what I understood from my statement and it became

clearer to me. Late 2014, it was refined to become “To maximize intellects by bringing knowledge to the people”. But that is not all, the journey continues!

Chapter Four

The Place of Talent

You cannot train a chicken to become a dog. Somehow, God has wired everyone with unique talents – which can also be called gifts. This is the kind of gift that God puts in you that determines the kind of person you are. Studying to be different from the person that God has wired you to be would only lead to incompetence.

WHAT IS TALENT?

It is God's In-formed Treasure, and every man is expected to dig deep to discover it. The bible says that where a man's treasure is, there also will his heart be. The question is: if you do not know where your treasure is, how would you know

where to position your heart? Education should be channeled towards the discovery and development of talent. For instance, we would have very competent lawyers, if all that study law were children that naturally liked justice. Do not be deceived; what God has placed in you is what will give you fulfillment in life.

You need gift to drift in the journey of life. Your gift is a lift to the destiny of many others. Many destinies would not progress until your gift is discovered and developed. Many people do not think, but the manifestation of your gift may trigger their thinking. I know of someone who never liked me, but the moment she saw the beauty of my talent, she started reading the same books that I have read. She made a comment that has kept me going in life; she said “she never knew a person like me could change to become a

better person”. Gift makes you a better person. You may not be doing well academically, but the discovery of your gift would definitely change the cause of things.

HOW TO DISCOVER YOUR TALENTS

The perception of one's self is very complex. Like we cannot see our own nose, we are often blinded to the things that we are best at. It can be really hard to identify our brightest talents - and they are often in the places we least expect. We may even be very good at things that we perceive ourselves as being bad at.

By now, I am sure you have many good reasons to want to discover your talents but, it is going to take a little work. I have resolved the whole procedure into two parts, which I believe would help you.

PART ONE: REFLECTING ON YOURSELF

Open Your Mind To All Paths: Because you are likely to be blind to what some of your talents really are, a good place to start when evaluating your talents is to just open your mind to the possibilities. Keep in mind that talents extend beyond just playing the guitar or dancing like a pro. Talents come in different shapes and sizes and extend into many areas of life.

For example, being able to read emotions accurately is a very useful talent. People who know how to read emotions end up as good psychologists.

Look Back On Your Past: As you reflect on yourself in search of your talents, start by looking at your past. Look at the things that you have done. Look at the things you have enjoyed. Look at the times

when you really excelled. Ask yourself questions like "What am I most proud of that I have done?" or "When was I so proud that I did not care what anyone thought?"

One good thing to think about was what your childhood was like. What did you do a lot as a kid? What did you enjoy? What were you known for? Sometimes this can reveal some of our deepest talents and certainly will reveal interests that can be probed further.

Other things you can think about are the times in your life that you have been challenged. Think about the tough situations that you have had to deal with. Times of trial can often reveal our hidden skills. For example, when someone had a heart attack, maybe you kept your head and called 911. Staying alert and calm in an emergency is a really useful talent. Some emergency situations are not as severe as they seem, it is usually the status of our hearts that aggravates them.

Think About What You Enjoy: The things that make you happy can also reveal your talents. Think about the things that you love to do. Do people ever give you compliments on it? Do they ever ask for your help with it? You might not think of it as a talent but it probably is.

Do you ever completely lose track of time? You start doing something and you just did not notice time passing? This might hint at your talent. For example, maybe you get lost when you are playing your favorite video game. This might be one of your talents.

Listen to how you talk: Do you ever find yourself rambling to your family or your best friend about this subject that means so much to you? This might be another hint at a talent you have.

Evaluate What You are Good At: Now, there is a big difference between what you enjoy and what you are good at. You might think of your talents only as things that you love doing, but it is important to remember that our talents are often things we do not enjoy or things we do not even think about. This is why, it is important to take a long hard look at what you are actually good at.

Think about things that come naturally to you. Things you do not struggle with. Do you ever find yourself telling someone, "Never mind, it is easier if I do it" or "Here, let me help you with that"? Do you find yourself correcting people? These behaviors usually indicate something that you are good at and know a lot about.

Think About Times You Were Successful: Look back on your life and think about times where you really succeeded, times where you felt about to burst with the pride of your success. This can indicate a talent you possess.

For example, maybe you helped your boss rearrange and reorganize his office and helped with things at your work to run so smoothly. Organization is a very useful talent.

Write The Story Of Your Life: This exercise can help you reveal not only the talents that you have but also talents that you should consider developing. Write about what you were like as a kid, what you liked to do before and after school, what your favorite subjects were. Write about growing up. Write about where you are in your life now. Now, write about your future. Write about where you want to go. Write about what you want people to say at your funeral.

This exercise reveals your priorities and what you really think is important about yourself.

It can also reveal what you want for your life, helping you focus on talents you should cultivate if you want to achieve your dreams.

Ask Around: Having an outside perspective, other people may find it easier to see what you are good at. Ask around and people will usually be happy to tell you what they see as your strengths. Be sure to talk to people that know you well but also people that barely know you. Both will see you in different ways and the differences they see can tell you more about yourself.

PART TWO: EXPERIENCING LIFE

Open up Time for New Things: Your life needs to have room for discovering your talents! If you spend all day on the couch after school or work or you spend all of your waking weekend hours at parties, then you are going to have very little time for self-discovery. Your talents will often lie in

activities that you have not tried yet and if you do not make time for those things, then you will never expand beyond what you are now.

Think about how you spend your time right now. Consider your priorities and then find things that you can cut to make more time for new experiences.

Make "You" Time: While other people can help you find your talents, it is also important to take some time that is just for you. Self-discovery does require a lot of self-reflection and if you are spending all of your time watching movies with your friends, you probably would not get the time you need to really understand yourself. Take some days to yourself and spend them doing new activities.

Take Classes In Subjects That Interest You: If there is a subject that interests you and you think you might want to develop it into a talent, consider taking a class. Getting more information and finding out what the experience would really be like, can tell you if it is really something you could have a talent for. It also will help you get the basic skills needed to start developing your talent if you decide it is something that you want to do. You can take online classes for free from websites like Coursera and University of the People, if you do not have access to education resources. If you do have money and time to devote to a class, try your local community and technical colleges, as well as your local community center.

Travel to Expand Your Experiences: Traveling is one of the most impactful experiences you can have. It will challenge you and teach you more about yourself than you thought possible. However, you cannot just take the easy route and

go on a cruise or guided trip. Go on your own. Go somewhere different from anywhere you have ever been. Immerse yourself in the experience. Try new things. You will find yourself struggling in some areas but, you will also find that there are other activities that you can do with ease or that make you really happy.

Traveling can seem expensive but it really depends on where you go, when and what you do. It does not have to be an expensive experience. You can also travel to places closer to your home and get the same sort of benefits. For example, if you are from Lagos-Nigeria, try going out to Olumo-rock in Abeokuta, Ogun state.

Take On Challenges: When we have to struggle, when we are removed from our usual comfortable environment, is when we learn the most about ourselves. When you shut yourself off challenges

by just sticking to a quiet life and never leaving the house, or backing out when times get tough or running from your problems, you deny yourself the chance to shine. Let challenges happen, try to tackle your problems, and get out and live life a bit more so that you have the chance to conquer challenges that you encounter.

For example, your grandmother might get sick and need help. Try helping her out. You might find that you are really good at connecting with and helping the elderly.

Volunteer To Help Shift Your Perspective: In experiencing just your own life and your own world, it is easy to have your mind closed to the possibilities: the possibilities of what you are and the possibilities of what you could be. When you help others in significant and impactful ways, you will find that you see yourself in a new light. Your priorities will change. You might even get the chance to shine in a talent you did not even know

you have, or build a new talent through the work you do.

For example, local parks often need help removing invasive plants or in building new structures like playgrounds. You can volunteer and you might find that you are good at identifying plants, woodworking, reading building plans, or organizing or motivating people.

Chapter Five

The Time Is Not Enough!

Sometime ago, I kept hearing “The time is not enough” for weeks within my spirit. And when I tried to meditate on these words, I discovered that: problems are lesser when time is controlled. The majority of problems students face is as a result of wrong use of time. It takes time to fail, just as it takes time to succeed. As a matter of thoughts, it is the same time you would need to be a failure that you would need to emerge a success.

If you care-less about your time then you are signing up for fierce stress in life. If you cannot give account for what goes on in your life daily,

then you are likely to experience an ever-lasting delay in life.

Time is life! Once time is wasted, life is also wasted. Samson wasted his time on Delilah instead of preparing for battles ahead. David wasted his time on adultery instead of going for a battle with his men. On the other hand, Joseph did not waste his time with Potiphar's wife; that was how he secured enough time to interpret the king's dream.

The bible, in 1 Chronicles 12:32 talks about the children of Issachar that understood the times and knew what Israel ought to do. If you do not know what to do, you would be a victim of the happenings around you.

Hosea 4:6 tells us that the only reason why there are so much evil and destruction is because there is a lack of knowledge among the people of God.

Ephesians 5:16 explains that “The only way to keep evil and destruction away is to redeem the time”.

We would discover from the above analysis that God is looking for young folks who would manage their time well by acquiring right knowledge - that is capable of making a dramatic change to their society - despite the destructions and peer attractions around us.

WHAT MORE?

Time is a friend to no man! Rather, it is the life-gauge of every man. Every man is expected to live for a lifetime. Time is a small segment of eternity. God lives in eternity, man lives in time. Time is the carrier of the life of man. Do not abuse your time,

if you do not want time to drop you. God gave man dominion over everything except time. Nobody has control over time except the Creator of time Himself.

God gave us time so that we can program the activities of our life into it. Even if you successfully program your activities into time, time will never wait for you to achieve your goal. Time waits for no man! Do not wait for time to heal your wound, heal your wound in-time and move on. Waiting for time to heal is the same as wasting your time. You must have heard that procrastination is a thief of time. I am certain that nobody sleeps in heaven; the bible says God never sleeps nor slumber. And if God is not sleeping, the angels cannot be sleeping. A certain angel explained to Daniel that the reason he could not come since the first day, was because he had been in a battle with

opposing forces for 21 days. That means the angel was not sleeping. We need to wake up, we have slept enough. If God is not sleeping, it then means that He knows we do not have all the time in the world to ourselves.

Redeem the time because the days are evil. Do what has to be done when it should be done. People who wait till it is convenient to do things hardly do them. That is why, they never get anything done. During my Secondary education, I invested more of my time in my books. It got to a point that I was even doing my academic works in my dream. And the moment I make a wrong attempt, it becomes a nightmare that I would have to wake up from my sleep to check my book for the correct answer. Some parents beg their children to read their books, but my case was different, my parents begged me to leave my book at least for a moment. They would tell me that

there is time for everything, but to me, every time was dedicated to my book.

A young lady got a scholarship from the governor of her state for having a top grade in all her subjects. But when she was interviewed to know how she became such a genius, she told the media that she understood that academic time is not pleasure time. She further explained, that while her friends and families enjoyed the holiday seasons, she despised the temporal pleasure and focused on her academic works.

The time for academic development is not a time to play games or hang out with friends. The friend you have now may not be your friend in twenty years' time. The games you play now may be obsolete in 2 years' time. It is not a time to seat on your television for eight long hours. It is not a time to go to parties, neither is it a time to waste

on social networks. It is a time for hard work and productivity. It is a time to build intellectual muscle. It is a time to do something that your future will thank you for.

HOW TO MANAGE YOUR TIME

If time is not enough, then we must learn how to manage the time we have. Below are tips that would help you develop a good time management skill as a student:

Create Good Study Habits

- ❖ Study at the same time each day so that it becomes a habit.
- ❖ Plan for weekly reviews.
- ❖ Set aside blocks or segments of study time (about 45 minutes each).
- ❖ Keep your study area just for studying and get rid of distractions.

- ❖ Write down assignments in every class including the due date and then check off items as you complete them.
- ❖ Take advantage of open “time windows.”
- ❖ Use the time you spend waiting, walking, riding, etc. to review what you have learnt.
- ❖ Just before class, quickly review your notes or readings relating to that class.

Plan Properly for Peak Performance

- A. Set up a school-year calendar to get a big picture of your semester – do not include too much detail at this point.
- B. Schedule your fixed commitments. Block out or segment time for projects, readings, meetings, scheduled exams, holidays, breaks, presentations, etc.

- Allot time for planned recreation, sports, club activities, etc.
 - Enter important dates for your social and family life.
 - Leave free time for yourself so you have flexibility.
- C. Make a Weekly Schedule. Once a week block out time on a more detailed level for important commitments and deadlines you need to meet. Schedule meetings with yourself to work on backburner items.
- D. Make a Daily To-Do List. At the end of each day organize and schedule your next day. Include routines, errands, and study time.

Follow Your Plan

- I. Do not let peer pressure or the quest for short-term gratification dictate what you consider as important.

- II. Focus on the goals you have set for yourself and follow up on your true top priorities.
- III. Align your priorities with your long-term values and goals.

Set Priorities: There Is Always More to Do Than You Have Time For

- A. Be mindful that the actions you take today will plant the seeds for your long-term success or failure.
- B. Think of the possible actions you can take today that will contribute to your success.
 - Go over each action you have thought of and ask yourself, “what positive things might happen, if I make this a top priority?”

- Ask yourself, “What negative things might happen if I do not make it a top priority?”
- Write down the answers you have come up with and sort things out by asking yourself three more questions.
 1. How good or bad are the best and the worst things that might happen?
 2. What are the probabilities of the best and the worst things happening?
 3. How much time and energy would I have to invest?

Overcome procrastination

Without a date, you will procrastinate. Whenever you have an assignment, set a goal of when you are to start, so you can finish without a last minute panic.

- A. Once you are given a due date on an assignment, count backwards from the due

date to establish a start date. Take into account, time you will be spending on other items like social events, sports, etc. Refer to your school calendar where you have blocked out time to commit to other things.

- B. Keep stress to a minimum. Start early to avoid a frantic finish.
- C. If you usually wait until the last minute to study or work on an assignment, instead of making your goal to finish on time, make your goal to finish early.
- D. Remember the riddle, “How do you eat an elephant?” The answer: “A bite at a time.” If it is a big assignment, break it into small steps.

Look From the Future

Things that appear critically important today might seem relatively unimportant when you view them from a future perspective. Also, things that appear to be relatively unimportant today might be very important when you view them from a future perspective.

Looking back from the future—“back-casting” instead of forecasting—which items will have been the most significant for you to have accomplished to achieve your ideal week, month, year, and life?

You can do this by; “Back-casting” one week from now, one month from now, one year from now, five years from now.

School represents a time in your life that may have a major impact on how the rest of your life turns out. Your success tomorrow depends on

what actions you take today. Keep that in perspective so that the daily decisions you make are wise ones.

Motivating **RIGHT EDUCATION**

ABOUT THE BOOK

I believe God has placed in my hand the key to an unending academic success. In April 7, 2013 i received a clear mandate from the Lord to liberate the world from all academic misconceptions.

The first of the assignments that God revealed to me was to run a yearly convention tagged “Season of Hope”. By His grace we began the convention that same year and did the second season in December 20, 2014. The major objective of the program is to attack the academic fears and worries of students by unveiling right counsels to them - and furthermore, motivate right education. The last convention was very impactful; students, teachers and school proprietors have asked for the CDs of the teachings of the convention. But there is more to the teachings in that convention. And that’s what this book will unveil to you. God bless you as you read!