ATTITUDE OVER KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS

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Failure is of course the flip side of success. It has many faces: The thieves in jail or bound there; the mature, healthy bodies that depend on others for their subsistence, and people who have not moved up in their job status in the last 10 or more years.

The environment can be blamed for their failure. But they are made of lesser human qualities because they did not fight for their right to a worthy career. They may blamed bad luck, but others had bad luck yet still emerged as champions. Many also blame poverty but there others who were poorer. There are many alibis for failure yet there are many people who have demonstrated that the same alibis served as challenges they overcame.

Many people who graduated from schools are very smart and received excellent grades, others are very talented and skillful which caught the eyes of the teachers and gave them high grades and recognitions but some of them failed in real world situation because of lack of perseverance, fraudulence, stubborn and self-centered mindset. Where is the discipline, the character and the right attitude.

We have examples of people who were judge or branded as different because they did not level up to the prevailing educational system and to society’s agenda but became successful in life like Thomas Edison whom his teachers told him he was too stupid to learn anything and who will forget Albert Einstein, that when he was a child, he had some difficulty communicating and learning in a traditional manner.

According to Sala(1997), author of 365 Guidelines for Daily Living, the desire to be accepted by our peers causes some to do only average work in school when they are
capable of doing better. It causes other to abandon moral and spiritual convictions because the group they are associated with, do not share their convictions.

History tells us that most of the world’s greatest personalities, from Queen Esther who delivered her people in Persia to Winston Churchill, President of the United States of America, have been individuals who were different from most of people. They were often considered odd or even misfits.

By the standards of His day, Jesus Christ was non-conformist who did not fit in with the crowd. He disregarded the traditions and social customs which were out of keeping with the revealed Word of God. He is willing to stand alone from the crowd, yet could say, “Can anyone of you prove me of sin?” (John 8:46). It was not His clothes that made Him different. In fact, there is no evidence whatsoever that suggests His clothes or hair made Him stand out in the least from His peers. It was His life – His complete honesty – His complete love.

For the Senior High School graduates who will soon become the new work force of our country, enjoy your financial journey but always remember to use the core values as the compass in making the day-by-day decisions because what is the use of money if it is not align with the core values, no amount of money in this world will make you happy.

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