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Passion is something you are strongly interested in and enjoy doing. The heart of human excellence beats when you discover a pursuit that absorbs you, frees you, challenges you, and gives you a sense of meaning, joy, and fulfilment. Passion helps you live peacefully and mindful, keeping your mind where your hands are.

Your calling and giftings are what determine your passion. God has placed in us incredible talents and potentials to make the world a better place in order to glorify him. Your work is to discover that God-given gift, and give yourself to it.

Your passion is the force that lights your way. Only passion, great passion can elevate you to achieve great things. Life is short, you do not have a spare life to live, so if there was ever a moment to follow your passion and do something that matters to you, that time is now.

I am glad to welcome you to another edition of MAD Magazine. In this edition, we have included inspiring stories and articles that will ignite your passion if you give yourself to them. We have the interview of a teenager, who followed his passion and is now taking his world by storm. There is also Teens Talk where teenagers are given opportunity to share their views on controversial issues in our society. HAPPY READING!!!

Nora Fiafiaene

ALPHABETIC TRUTHS

Anger Arouses Aftermaths After All Abusive Announcements
 Betrayal Builds Bigger burdens, belittles boldness but blurs brightness
 Caring can cause curing compassionate comfort
 Drunkenness Does Devilish Disasters. Don't Debauch
 Excellence Encourages Exceptional eloquence
 Flirting forecasts fatal frets
 Good governance gives good gains
 Having hate hinders happiness/health
 Immorality impairs illustrious images
 Jitters jests justification
 Killing knots kindness
 Lazy lifestyles lure large losses
 Mocking moulds madmen
 Nobody needs naivety, nagging nor necromancy
 Open-mindedness Opens overall overflow
 Pacesetters produce powerful productivity
 Quench quarrelling! Quicken quietness
 Rivalry raises raging rivers
 Stupid senseless sinks ships
 Thinking times turn-up Testimonies
 Understanding ultimately unfolds unequivocal
 Verily, victory vindicates victors
 Workers who work won't weep
 eXamine eXcessive eXcuses
 Yes! Yield young yearning youths
 Zealousness zips-up Zoning-out

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DARE TO BE DIFFERENT

You will either be like your environment or your environment will be like you. You will either smell like your environment or your environment will smell like you. You will either control your environment or your environment will control you. Unfortunately, in this part of the world we are surrounded by mediocrity, poverty, fear, inferiority complex and so much that leaves little to be desired from our environment.

However, you don't have to be like your environment. Dare to be different. You may have been born in the slump but the slump was not born in you. It does not matter the part of the world you are located you can rise to new dimensions; you can set the pace for others to follow. Let me show you a few things that if you apply yourself to

can move you from mediocrity to becoming a celebrity.

1. HAVE A VISION

your destiny will be shaped by the vision in your heart. Do you have a vision for your life? Can you see the possibilities of your future? It takes vision to rise beyond the limitations that surround you. Vision shows you what could be. Craft a vision for your life, based on what God has placed in your heart. Put it on paper. Your life will then become focused and disciplined. Every outstanding individual lives according to their vision not according to their culture.

2. BE COURAGEOUS:

it takes courage to dare. There are many of your friends, relatives and even church members who will try to

shout you down because you refuse to act like them. But to provoke outstanding results to command exploits you must learn to say no to the crowd. The truth is that when you succeed the same people who tried to put you down will come and celebrate with you – that's human nature. Courage is the ability to do what is right even in the face of criticisms. Only the courageous will experience miracles.

3. THINK BIG:

the quality of your life cannot be better than the quality of your thoughts. We are not limited by God we are limited by our thoughts. Only big thinkers get big results. Deliberately decide to accomplish what nobody else has ever done. Become a pace setter and a record breaker. Continually raise the level of your thinking. To breakthrough from your limiting environment you need to think beyond the scope of your environment.

Life is too short for you to waste it trying to follow the norm, step out of the crowd and create a path for yourself. It is your turn to make a mark that cannot be erased.

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OPUBO GEORGE: AN EVENTS MANAGER WITH A DIFFERENCE

MAD: WHY DID YOU VENTURE INTO EVENT MANAGEMENT?

OPUBO: Right from my tender age, apart from being a student I was also into my mum's restaurant business where we made different kinds of dishes and solved the problem of hunger. I believe that this experience formed part of my passion, and with the burning desire I had, I decided to move the business to a more lucrative and innovative one and God backed me up.

MAD: HOW DID YOU START THE BUSINESS?

OPUBO: Well starting up the business wasn't an easy one, but as you know very well, nobody climbs a ladder from the top, you must always start with a step. After my training, I worked with about 3 companies and while working I also accepted to do jobs for all of these companies. I was all the while also strategizing and planning on how to go about my vision. At first it was not easy, because it was difficult for people to give you jobs when they hardly know what you can really do, so to win customers I handled all jobs, whether profitable or unprofitable with full sincerity, working to the best of my abilities, making sure the jobs were perfectly done and without complaining; God has always been my helper and guide. I also learnt that in order to start up any business you must give it your full attention and commitment.

MAD: TELL US WHAT YOU DO AS AN EVENT MANAGER?

OPUBO: I am into indoor and outdoor caterings service. I prepare national and continental dishes for white & traditional weddings, dinner, lunch parties, breakfast meetings, conferences and so many more. I also do event decoration for any kind of event (wedding, funeral, parties etc.). I bake and design cakes of any kind: (Traditional cake party cake, anniversary cake etc). I also do finger food (small chops) spring roll, samosa, chicken kebab, cocktail drinks, smoothies to mention but a few.

MAD: WHAT ARE SOME OF THE EVENTS YOU HAVE COVERED?

OPUBO: I might not be able to say all but by God's grace I have covered many jobs successfully without my clients complaining. I have done cakes, drinks and chops for many couples and for many of my clients. Most of the programs we do in Shekinah Glory Teens Church I prepared the things we eat. I also run a training centre where we offer practical lectures on event management.

MAD: WHAT ARE SOME OF THE CHALLENGES YOU FACE AS AN EVENTS MANAGER?

OPUBO: Well most of the challenges I have encountered are in dealing with my clients. In our world today you meet different kinds of people, both the nice and the difficult.

Most times in negotiating the job it takes me a real effort and skill to persuade and convince my clients to give me jobs; most of the time the prices are not really favourable, but God has always been by my side and with the knowledge I have gathered in studying human temperament and business negotiation, I have always made sure there is a balance between me and my clients. I believe in a win-win relationship, with this I make sure I do not pursue huge profits at the expense of my clients satisfaction. So with every money given to me I make sure my job is done with excellence so as to get any more jobs.

MAD: HOW DO YOU BALANCE YOUR EDUCATION AND BUSINESS?

OPUBO: I am a student with so much vision and also knowing fully well that I must be a successful and extraordinary business man and event manager, I take my education as my number one priority, with this I always ensure that there is a balance between my business & education.

MAD: HOW HAS YOUR BEING AN EVENTS MANAGER IMPACTED YOUR LIFE?

OPUBO: It has rapidly changed my mentality, made me more exposed, given me so much experience, made me very interactive and outgoing, taken me to different places like Lagos, Bayelsa, Imo, Owerri, Anambra, and many other villages, this alone have taught me about people culture & their way of life and how to live in a peaceful co-existence.

MAD: HOW HAS SHEKINAH GLORY TEENS CHURCH AFFECTED YOU?

OPUBO: The teenage church has greatly played a wonderful role in my life, one of the thing that

affects a man's life apart from his environment, is his church and sincerely speaking, part of what I have become today is as a result of the useful information I gather from my church, they do not teach me only about being spiritual, but they teach business (entrepreneurship) and effective management as a teenager. They taught me how to discover and walk in my purpose; they taught me how to be a wealth creator and also the principles of leadership. To everyone that will read this, I sincerely recommend Shekinah Glory Teens Church where world changers are raised.

MAD: WHAT IS YOUR VISION FOR YOUR BUSINESS THE NEXT FIVE YEARS?

OPUBO: In the next 5yrs, I would not just be a business man but a wealth creator, a problem solver and a solution provider. I have a dream of building the biggest & largest event management training center with the capacity of accommodating 50 thousand (and above) students all round the world. I have a dream of being the best in not just Africa but globally. I also want to train great professionals that will be the best in Africa.

MAD: WHAT WOULD YOU ADVISE OTHER TEENS WHO ARE PLANNING TO VENTURE INTO BUSINESS?

OPUBO: There many problems in this world today and in every problem there is a business, you must be a problem solver and a solution provider, finally you must be very innovative and creative, you must have a vision, see beyond your physical eyes, in this way you will be able to make a difference in your world.

Tamuno –Opubo George is a true example of how believing and acting on your dreams can change your life. He is making a difference in the lives of people. Opubo is a member of Shekinah Glory Teens Church, where he serves in the Beautifiers and Sunday School Department.

GOD HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY HELPER AND GUIDE ...TO START UP ANY BUSINESS YOU MUST GIVE IT YOUR FULL ATTENTION AND COMMITMENT.



BODY ODOUR

(By Daniella Gospel Uwam)

MAJOR AREAS WHERE ODOURS GENERATE

- The feet – As a result of smelling shoes and socks.
- Armpit – Through sweat.
- Clothes – Majorly due to dirtiness.
- The teeth – Due to dirty and improper care for them.

EASY WAYS OF ELIMINATING BODY ODOUR

- Be sure to shower or bath daily – Use proper cleaning agent such as soap or shower gel.
- Store your clothes in places where air can get to them.
- Adjust your diet/life style – Body odour is directly linked to your body's waste products and digestion.
- Use antibacterial soaps in bathing and washing of clothes.
- Do not use antiperspirant / deodorant (except in case of excessive sweating).



PLANNING FOR THE HIGHER INSTITUTION

In a fast-growing society like ours, no teenager can afford to stop their education at the secondary level; you must aspire and strive hard to go on into the higher institution. However any action that will yield success must be preceded by PLANNING and this includes preparing for the higher institution.

In planning for the tertiary institution the following factors must be considered:

1) **Finances:** As a student who wants to forge ahead into the university, you must have finances which will be used to pay for the requisites of the institution. In other words, you must have a guarantor or your own personal savings as the case maybe, and not just that, seek and apply for undergraduate scholarships which will help lessen your financial burdens as a student.

2) **Academics:** To go on into the higher institution, you must have credited at least five subjects in WAEC or NECO as requested by your preferred university or polytechnic as well as written the JAMB examination and PUME. It does not stop

there; you need to go ahead to buy the materials/books for your course of study beforehand so as to get pre-knowledge of the courses you will be taking.

3) **Social/Emotional life:** The higher institution is more like a free world itself, where you can do what you wish without anyone restricting you. It's made up of the good, the bad and the ugly. This is a very important aspect of planning for the higher institution. The societal pressures in the higher institutions cannot be overemphasized; your friends will either make you or mare you. So, how do you handle this? **DECIDE** what kind of people you will keep around you, don't let your friends choose you, rather you choose them. Decide to be with the right set of people. Stand your ground. Partner with those who will affect you positively

4) **Spiritual life:** Trust God to help you make the right plans, and pray fervently that he directs your decision-making process. (Proverbs 3:5).

When you become prepared in all these areas aforementioned, **SUCCESS** becomes easier. Remember he who fails to plan, has already planned to fail.

(By Julia Alalibo)



10 THINGS GIRLS WISH GUYS KNEW

by Uche Emenike

1. Girls don't want to be manipulated. They like to be led.

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2. Don't do anything stupid. Don't do anything to a girl that you would not want another man doing to your future wife.

3. Girls get attached very easily. Don't spend too much time with one girl or give her exclusive attention unless you

mean something by it.

4. A positive thing said by a guy to a girl can make her smile and feel good for a whole day. A negative thing however, no matter if they meant to say it or not, can turn her down for days and weeks. Sometimes a guy's opinion is more important for us than a girl's opinion.

5. A girl doesn't always really want her closest guy friend to become her boyfriend. Sometimes she just wants a friend.

6. Girls want guys to respect them and to listen to them; not mock them. Respect our opinions, career choices and interests. You don't have to agree with all that we say or do but try to honour our opinions as valuable contributions.

7. All girls want a guy that will appreciate them. There's a deep need within our fabric to be treated as dear and we typically melt when we are appreciated by a guy.

8) Every girl wants a guy that will give her a listening ear. We want to make sure that you hear and respond to our emotions.

9. We want to feel secured; we want guys to defend us. Girls are internally wired to appreciate it when a guy watches out for them, has their back, and does manly things for them.

10. If you are interested in us, don't be scared to come and talk to us. We don't bite! We could be interested in you as well and are just waiting for you to make the first move.

TEENS TALK

IS TEENAGE RELATIONSHIP RIGHT???



EMMANUEL: For me I'd say teenage relationship is not wrong if it is 'healthy' and Christian-based. As far as emotional issues can be handled, then it's alright.

QUEEN: From the definition of a teenager, we will agree that a teenager is a growing adult and not fully an adult yet. I feel it's wrong because as a teenager your capacity to comprehend emotional things isn't strong and for that it's not advisable for a teenager to be in a relationship until you are a youth.

WILLIAM: If a teenager feels he/she is matured enough to handle emotional issues because that is what is involved in a relationship, then it's ok.

EDWIN: It's somehow right and wrong, it's wrong in the sense that some teenagers get into relationship for the wrong purposes, e.g for sex and it's right in the sense that it helps the two persons help each other in times of need.

WISDOM: For me it's right because it gives the step to understand a relationship life.

JEROME: Well, I'd say it isn't right because as a teen we do certain things which we feel are right but in actual sense, aren't. I feel it's for the matured, i.e. those who can handle their feelings so that it doesn't lead to something negative, which will end up causing regrets.

OPUBO: I'd say it isn't right because I haven't seen any passage in the bible that talks about it. However, I feel it's all about the teenager's perspective of what a relationship is about and his/her reason for getting into the relationship (because some get into relationships out of lust and

its likes). Well I feel a young teen's focus should be majorly on his/her dreams and vision for the future.

THANKGOD: I don't think it's bad, it actually depends on the teen. Being in a relationship has to do with your maturity and not your age, so long as it doesn't interfere with studies/career, then I feel it's ok.

DIVINE: The bible says there is time for everything. I feel if a teenager is in a relationship then there is a tendency that he/she won't really concentrate on his/her studies. So I feel it's right if the teen is close to finishing the university before getting involved in a relationship.

HAPPINESS: To me, it's right if it's a relationship that involves Christ but wrong if it is worldly (i.e. for sex, lust).

BETTER: Well, it's right at least from 18 years if they feel they can handle everything that comes with being in a relationship, particularly, the emotional aspect.

DARLINGTON: It's wrong because there are some dangers such as STD'S, unwanted pregnancies and certain diseases that may occur in a situation where the teen is unable to be in control of his/her sexual desires and all that.

KACHI: I feel relationships are for those who have a true understanding of what it is and the reason for it, as well as can be in firm control of their emotional and sexual feelings. So if a teenager feels he/she can handle all these and can balance his/her relationship life with all other areas of life, especially, academics, then I think it's not wrong.



Kitchen Corner

CHICKEN PRAWN SAUCE

INGRIDIENTS:

- CHICKEN
- PRAWNS
- IRISH POTATO
- CARROT
- MAGGI (CHICKEN)
- VEGETABLE OIL
- WATER
- DARK SOY SAUCE
- CHILLI & GREEN PEPPER
- CORN FLOUR
- EGG

DIRECTION:

- Boil Irish potato and carrot with salt.
- Debone chicken and boil with little salt.
- Get your oil ready and allow to get hot, then deep fry the prawns.
- Put a little water (to your sauce quantity) in your pot, add prawns and chicken.
- Add magi and your dark soy sauce to taste.
- Add carrot and Irish potato.
- Add corn flour and fresh egg.
- Add chili & green pepper.
- Allow to boil.
- Finally chicken prawn's sauce is ready and can go with basmati rice with sweet corn or Chinese rice serve hot.

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