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INTRODUCTION

“What you do not know can kill you” - Anonymous.

There are two basic reasons for the excitement and zeal displayed by secondary school finalists;

- The desire to advance in professional pursuit and move on in life; and
- The perceived need for freedom to do whatever they feel and not be fully controlled by parents and guardians.

There is certainly nothing wrong with moving on and being free. Freedom however must be guarded by rules; or else it becomes a pitfall. More importantly. It is a thing to be free and another to remain free.

As a young boy preparing to graduate from secondary school, I eagerly looked forward to an early admission considering my good performance in school. I had great zeal to get off the hook of my parents. I actually believed I had all I needed to forge ahead, I am brilliant, remember? Funny enough, my parents thought the same way. We were not totally wrong; but beyond academic soundness I needed a level of maturity and good knowledge of the new academic environment: the higher institution. This is a crucial requirement for sustaining the perceived freedom.

Before long though with regrets, I realized that the desire to be free is actually a cry for burden; a load I was not prepared enough to bear.

Today you hear of lots of double promotion in schools. Young ones are open to vast opportunities of leaping above necessary platforms; and the result in many of such cases? Immature children having to face life they are too feeble to handle.

Today, school life is practically a wilderness experience. In the higher institution, you either make the future or mar it. I now know from experience that most parents do not know what actually runs in school. They soon realize that lots of provision, a fat bank account, prayers and showers of advice may not be enough to keep mummy's boy innocent. If you do not understand the wilderness route, your luxury can turn school life into a misery. I pray you will not regret going to school. Many do. But I believe God that in these few pages, your eyes will be open to see and conquer in the conquest for your destiny.

A brief waiting period before admission may do you some good. Early admission or a little later; whichever case you find yourself, make sure you are prepared to succeed in the higher institution.

For a few of us, we had no double promotions, yet no delay in admission, and still not strong enough to face the race. So I fell. You will not fall!

A popular adage says; 'he who fails to plan, plans to fail'. This book will help you know what is ahead and just how to ride safely.

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CHAPTER ONE

THE CURRENT STRUCTURE

“Not all that glitter is gold” – Anonymous.

***“If it is not gold though glittering,
it should not go for the price of gold”.***

– Deji David Olanrewaju

The present academic system is hardly a reformation strategy. When information ceases to empower, it becomes mental poison to individuals and the society at large.

Our higher institutions have become a seat of mental contention; commotion of ideas and confusion. There is a raging battle of powers trying to establish ideas and cultures. There is an invasion of pollution to corrupt the minds of young people. With a large number of universities, colleges and polytechnics, and mass intake of students yearly, how much proof have we recorded?

The academic system is a battlefield for two main reasons:

- i. Young ones are the future and there is a battle of destiny, to capture the future.
- ii, More than ever, academics is accepted as a must for relevance in the society. Whatever is allowed in the academic environment is

perceived to be the basic requirement for success in life.

Thus unknown to many, there is a war over your destiny. This is the reason for the yearly unexplainable ritual of months of strike in higher institutions, the constant disagreement between the government and intellectuals despite the presence of former lecturers in political offices. This also goes to explain the declining moral standard despite increasing budget allocation to education. This battle is beyond academic intelligence. A bag full of degrees cannot handle the mess; and the rage is all for your glorious destiny. Have you ever wondered why the government give in to young boys called terrorists? Or why professors join cultism? It is because, the pros have realised that the assumed supremacy of degrees is lost. The foolish is confounding the wise.

These trends have opened the academic environment to a vast invasion of destiny destroying norms that have swallowed up academic integrity. Sure, education is the key to development. But when the structure refuses to serve its purpose, it will sure permit a counterfeit.

The entire structure works out to point to the fact that parents are not left out of the deception. I pray good people learn how to add value to good concepts. A parent would pay almost any amount to bribe a child's way into the oppressive system and get back to Church testifying to God's goodness. God have mercy on you!

Moisture is suitable environment for harmful micro-organisms. Corruption, bribery, cultism, oppression, delay, sexual harassment, nudity, hooliganism and more are now norms on campus.

These truths are not to scare you. Yes, the environment is toxic; yet, it is necessary and possible you win the war against your glorious destiny. In school, destinies are moulded while some are destroyed. You have the choice to determine your own outcome. These truths discussed in this book will arm you for success amidst these contending forces. I assure you; you will win.

NB: I have created a widely sought after material, **HOW TO GRADUATE AS AN EMPLOYER OF LABOUR, NOT A JOB HUNTER**. This book is perfect for overcoming the present disorder in the academic system. Click here to order:

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CHAPTER TWO

PURPOSE

*“When the purpose of a thing is not known,
abuse is inevitable”*

– Myles Munroe

I got into the university environment I was unprepared for; and before long I joined a cult group. Whether lured in or kidnapped, does it really matter? Life went on as months rolled by and I got lost in darkness. Today, I am what I am by His grace. I am out of the pit and free forever.

The primary reason a good kid will forget parental advice and join a bad association is the lack of knowledge of purpose. Though brilliant, well-funded, loaded with advice, I had to face a wilderness I was not armed enough to wade through. I did not know the rules that work school environment.

School environment can either make you or break you. Running with clear cut purpose will help you maintain the success track. As you gain admission, you must know the reason why you are going in. You must have a clear cut defined purpose that you keep handy. Know your purpose off hand like you know your name. Let it guide you through every decision. The consciousness of your purpose will help you make the right choices even if folks think you are old-school. Knowing your destination like you know yourself will help you discover deceptive invitations and escape them. Have a good mental description of what

you are out to achieve in school.

Some young ones are in school to earn a first class; some are out for the mere experience of schooling and get into business and money making. For me, having retraced my steps, I discovered I was in school not just to study but to help others know and avoid the pitfalls. This I did and I am still doing.

Please note; it is dangerous when someone else knows you more than you do. When the enemy knows your destination more than you do, you are a grand failure. The cult boys saw me as a 'material'. I was deceived and thought the 'big boys group' would enhance my success on and after campus. They could see me doing their gang good. I sure did. Active and passionate about my rise among many other group members, I was giving the devil my best. You dare not talk to me anyhow. I was in the drowning experience until Jesus pulled me out.

I pray you realize how great you are and how much good you can do before the deception on campus begins luring you. This is the reason why this book has come your way; to help you know what is ahead and just how to ride safely. When you do not know your destination in today's world, a counterfeit will buy you cheaply. Clearly define your purpose for schooling before you get in.

How to Define Your Purpose.

The purpose for going to the school you chose and the course you are to study should be guided by your interests, passion and gifts. Never ever allow anyone impose these decisions on you. Be however open to quality advice from parents and counsellors. Do not do things because others do.

The questions below will help you define your goals. Give sincere answers to the questions and write down your answers;

- What matters most to you in life?
- What do you really want to achieve in life?
- What career will you feel comfortable settling with in the future?
- What kinds of grade will help you achieve your desired future?
- What do your sponsors/parents expect from you?
- What will you need to achieve to be a positive impact to your nation?

Having considered these questions with sincerely written out conclusions, stick to your decisions like glue. God help you!

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CHAPTER THREE

GATE PITFALLS

*“Know your enemy like you know yourself.
When you do, you will most likely know how to defeat it”*
- **Deji David Olanrewaju**

The higher institution is a different ball game. Quite a number of traps await every fresher. People love new things; the devil too does. New students are always targets.

Some time ago, I heard of how some guys tried luring some girls to sleep over at their place when the young girls could not get vehicles back home after a Post UME examination. Little girls are constantly faced with all manner of deceitful and forceful demand for sex, especially on campus. Young boys are not left out.

Having gained admission into the higher institution, there are some pitfalls to watch out. They are listed below;

- **Sex Hungry Staff**

I am not totally sure why girls indulge in sex with lecturers, but I believe those who indulge in such act practise it as an attitude. Beyond just indulging for scores; these girls are accustomed to immoral acts. Pressure may come but you do not have to succumb. In many cases the girls involved may be the cause. Unlike in Science, in this case, like poles attract. When you are constantly known for improper dressing,

loose talks, and careless physical composure, hugging everyone at sight, anyone can think 'you are available'. Those who harass will believe you are calling. Even when they are wrong, you may be wrong too. Dress decently, walk, talk and act responsibly. However, if you find yourself in sexual harassment, talk to someone more matured, meet a counsellor for help. You can also inquire to discover any school staff known for spiritual and moral integrity. Anyone with such genuine recommendations can help you. Do not die in silence. Get genuine help, no need to shut up in fear and oppression.

- Cultists

No cultist will ever tell you all he or she goes through. They know if you know, you will take to your heels. The cost of joining a cult group is killing and the price to run the membership is worse. You will be encouraged to 'join the fine boys and big boys on campus'. It is all deception. There is no peaceful cultist. They are either chasing someone or being chased. Please, do not consider cultism even if you do not see a reason not to belong. It is more deadly than you know. Cultism goes beyond just gathering in the bush to sing and wine till one is high. Cultism is demonic and encaging. The spirits of various cult groups graduate with the members, there is nothing like; after graduation, you are free. It takes Genuine Salvation and Complete Deliverance to break off the hold of occultism. This is very serious, please stay away from cultism. Stop yourself from liking it, it is too deadly to explain. Stay clear off it. Those trying to lure you in wish they never joined. And if somehow you are already a member of a cult group, you need to get out. It is possible.

- Extra Nice Guys

Many stallites - students in 200 level and above - believe in 'catching them young'. They go on to select young freshers to 'care for' as they claim. Like the devil, they entice young girls they would mess around with and throw aside when another set of freshers gain admission. Be very careful. You should know that the 200 level or 300 level guy asking you out might have dumped someone before coming to you. You may be the next to be dumped once new students are admitted. He will not remember he is your first love. Also be careful about receiving gifts and going on treats. Most guys do not spend for nothing. Do not be deceived and stop deceiving yourself.

I personally advice; freshers do not need a relationship until after some years in the system. Give yourself enough time to know the people and understand the trends. Do not fall to pressure and sweet words. Allow time.

- Over Caring Girls

Boys are not left out of the deception. As a fresher in school, I was fondly deceived that I had a baby face. They fondly called me fine boy. So I had a number of girls flocking around, though I was younger. Many 'fine boys' on campus have similar experience. If you notice a girl likes you so much, throws herself around you and you feel like a superstar, she is most likely your 'burial ground'; run away! A girl cannot be that proactive for nothing. If an older lady is flocking around you, she may want to include you to her list of those who satisfy her lustful urge. Do not join the crowd. Run!

- Wrong Association

Dr Oyedepo said, “Association is the greatest challenge of the young generation”. Choosing the right friends can be difficult, but here is the logic; "define every relationship you get into". This means, knowing the reason why every friend you claim to have is a friend. Know the answer to the ‘why’ question in every relationship; and ensure the ‘why’ answers and meets a need and not just a want. Have a clear cut reason for every new friend you permit. Keep your distance from anyone who is not genuinely adding value to your life. Friendship is by choice, and not by force. Undefined friendship is a major reason most young people fall into mistakes.

School is full of young chaps who can help you down the lane of destruction without charging you a dime for it. Be careful who you allow into your life. Make friends with those better than you; those who are not scared to tell you the truth; those who stir up the gifts in you; those who care without attaching strings; those who remind you of great values you seem to be neglecting; those who are not ashamed of your small beginning; those who challenge you academically, and inspire you spiritually, and those who would not dare to fond with your body. Do not be scared to detach from a destiny destroyer.

As it is in business success, “recruit slowly and fire fast as soon as you detect you made a wrong recruit. Be slow and very analytical in making friends. Be fast to de-friend anyone you discover is a threat to your future and royal destiny. You will succeed!

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CHAPTER FOUR

MAXIMIZING SCHOOL LIFE

*“Life is a profitable venture,
live today in view of securing tomorrow”*

- Deji David Olanrewaju

The higher institution is a life training centre; you learn far beyond academics. Your ability to be well positioned to maximize the benefits of this environment is very important. Many folks advise you allow the school pass through you as much as you pass through school. This theorem means different things to different people. So I do not recommend it as a philosophy.

Maximizing school life means achieving your purpose for being in school and having proof to show as you graduate from the higher institution. It also means making the best use of the experiences – whether convenient or not. If people can make it where others fail, then you too can make it. The higher institution should mould you into a life gainer. I do not believe in stagnation because a graduate is unable to secure an employment. You should have been prepared for life out there. Be prepared enough to throw your certificate in the face of unemployment and go start something for yourself if it gets to that. As this book prepares you for school, school should get you ready for life. In fact, life starts in school. But the present academic environment is void of the basic preparatory tools for success in life. To be successful in school, give the following aspects of life due attention while in the higher institution: academics, business/career, spiritual, relationship,

social, personal/gifts.

Here are hints to make you productive in these areas.

- Academic Success

Just like in any other field, academic success takes hard work. In fact, the nature of the present academic system makes it harder. Nonetheless, the possibility of coming out with outstanding grades is possible. Below are secrets that would make even a dullard come out with good grades in school.

- Associate constantly with brilliant folks in class. You are a summary of those you move with. Look for, and make friends with those better than you in all courses, learn from them and they will naturally brush you up in weak areas.
- Have planned and personal reading time.
- Read ahead of the class and lecturer; this keeps you ahead even in grades, because every new lecture class will be a time of revision for you.
- Obey all rules in the examination hall. Imagine having prepared well, one is now implicated for malpractice because of those sitting close to you; I pray this never happens to you. Stay clear of unserious people and back benchers. Possibly, sit far from known faces because of distraction.
- Understand what your lecturer wants during exams. The higher institution is not secondary school. Your presentation of answers during examinations goes a long way in determining your scores. Many students write correct answers but choke them up amidst explanations. Go straight to the required point and then explain

if necessary. Lecturers generally hate the stress of searching for answers in long notes.

- Monitor your results.
- Pray about all courses. Put God first in it all.

- Relationship

The higher institution is a great place to find your life partner. This however has to be done with rapt caution. New students need not indulge in intimate relationship. Give yourself sometime to build good grades and understand the present environment.

One thing I know you need to be able to handle a relationship is maturity. Being in love or thinking you are can bring instability. One reason why many young ones find it hard to stick to one person and/or handle disappointment is immaturity. If the last trial-relationship messed up, they conclude life is that way and remain under that mental oppression. Besides, relationships are not meant to be tried. You may keep trying forever to end nowhere. The right person is consciously located, not stumbled upon. You need a level of maturity and guidance. There are adults and counsellors gifted and trained in this field, please talk to anyone with this credibility and that can help you before asking for, or saying yes. Also take time to read books on relationship and finding a life partner. Do not crumble your future on wrong feelings today.

- Spiritual Growth

The need to build spiritual tenacity is incontestable. You must be dedicated to continuous spiritual development in order to be able to resist the temptations on campus. All things boil down to the supernatural. The reason why this book is in your hand is a spiritual process. The war on campus over your great future is a product of conclusions beyond the physical realm. You are indeed a product of the supernatural. When a man loses touch with his origin, he may be headed for a vague destination. If you do not remain in touch with the Lord, you will miss the whole essence of life and the present academic system will be too thick a dark cloud to wade through.

Be diligent in the study of God's Word, make it a daily practice. Maintain a consistent prayer life. Also, get involved in Kingdom service; engage in the work force in a reputable Bible believing Church. Interact well with people you know can help you up the ladder of the Spirit. Iron sharpens iron.

- Socialization

Relax when you need to. Rest does no harm to you; instead it helps to rejuvenate and regain strength. Socializing is not necessarily partying, and definitely not smoking and drinking of alcohol. Cool your nerves and go for a cold soft drink. Travel briefly if you need a change of environment. Go swimming. Organize a decent feast. Take a walk. Watch good movies. Go visiting friends. Get into calm environment to relax and refresh.

- Personal Development

School is a great place to discover and begin to manifest your talents. Do not neglect your natural abilities even if it has nothing to do with your course of study. Invest time and money to engage what you have a passion for. Attend seminars and workshops. Buy and read books. Take external and professional courses. Then very importantly, serve for free in order to be trained. The more you work at your natural abilities, the better you become. Stop running around for money now, though you can be offered some change. Working with your gifts means oiling them. Your gifts are the quickest mediums to bring you success. Start out gradually, you will thank yourself you did.

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CONCLUSION

JOIN THE CHAMPS

***“The quality of your armoury will determine
your performance in the face of battle”***

- Deji David Olanrewaju

Your decisions determine your destiny. A change in decision results in a change in direction which in turn alters your destination. So at any point you discover you have been heading in a wrong direction, all you need to do is to change the decision that got you into that direction. Your decisions control your life.

Hope lies in just one decision, a conclusion to settle for right living and not join any form of deceit on campus. A human bad egg becomes good by changing the rules that govern his life. The rules of right living transform lives into society builders. You can make a change by making the decision to succeed in the higher institution; a decision that will involve the help of God and secure your destiny. Every true decision comes with a bold confession; so make this confession genuinely from your heart:

***“Today I make a new decision to turn from all form of evil;
I choose to live a life of righteousness and forsake all sin;
I confess and release myself to the help of Jesus;
To see me through school and get me fully prepared for life;
I believe that by this decision,
I am a new person, a champion;
And I will succeed in the Higher Institution. Amen!”***

Having made this declaration, join me and other young Champions who are succeeding and doing great exploits in our various spheres of influence. Connect with us online, click here to join: <http://returnglobal.org/champions>

You can also connect with us on Facebook, Search for “**Arise Network Champions Family**”

You Will Succeed

You are not a failure until you quit. For my young friends who have not had the privilege of quickly gaining an admission, I believe you would agree this book has come at the right time.

When you think you have failed, re-channel your thoughts. It is easier to gain an admission than to prove it. Getting into the higher institution is not really a big deal. Who you become at the end is what matters. Many come out older but less wise.

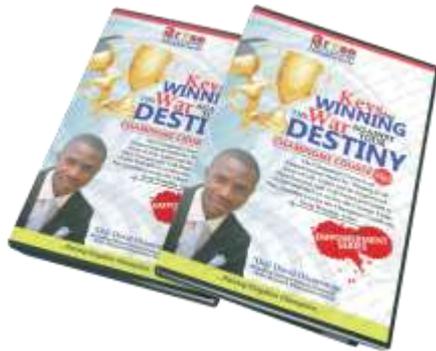
There is nothing more like being fully prepared for the task ahead. Especially when you realize there are oppositions and that you need more than you believed was enough to overcome. Remember that “the quality of your armoury will determine your performance in the face of battle”. Be sensitive and prepared. I believe this book has helped you in this light. I pray that you will not only stand through; but at the end you will stand out.

Succeed!

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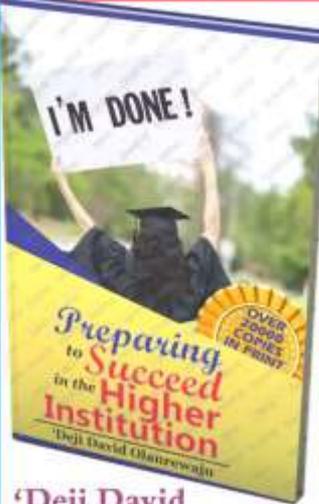
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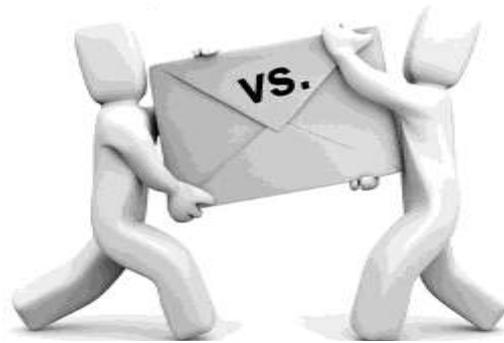


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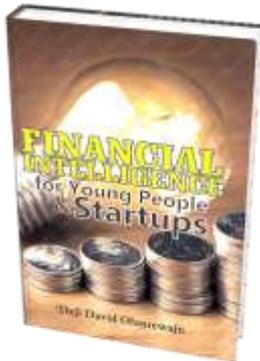
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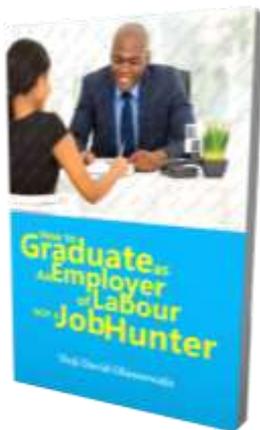
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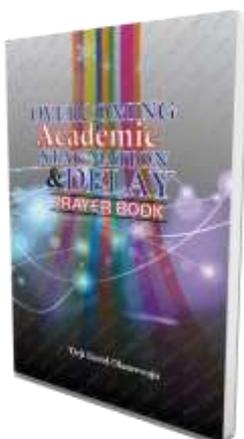
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