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## **GOING UP!**



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### **GREETINGS, FRIENDS,**

Life is incredible and comes in phases to different people at different time, regardless of race, colour, background and nationality. To some, it comes with good experience and they wish it continues; to others, it comes with tough past adventure that make them want to give up. We face impossibilities but that does not mean we have come to the end of our journey because even at the Red Sea God is still making and creating ways.

"For the LORD your God dried up the waters of the Jordan before you until you had crossed, just as the LORD your God had done to the Red Sea, which He dried up before us until we had crossed;

Joshua 4:23

It is important to realize that life phases are learning curves presented to you and me to move up and rise to the surface. Sometimes this phase presented to you would want you to see another opportunity, change our direction or make you know that God has a better plan. Nothing you have ever achieved or experienced positively or negatively that does not need your continuous input. A Nigeria proverb says "everything good need prayer and things yet to be good also need prayer". Therefore, if we must go up, we must learn to appreciate the place of continuous improvement. If you are doing well in your studies, think on how to improve; you are enjoying the best in your marriage, think of improving it. When you are enjoying the best of your career and business, learn more skill to improve.

Various stages come with experience hiding inform of shackles that we must overcome. Friends, the real answer to winning any stages in life is "**Absolute Resolution.**" Your resolution will determine where you will ever find yourself in the couple of months to come.

Folks, absolute resolution is the key to going up! Resolution is your determinant factor in the real matrix of every step you will ever take in life. You want to get married, then be resolute towards that. You want to have the most wonderful academic excellence, the answer is resolution. You want to change levels, resolution. You want to keep on winning, resolution. Nothing ever changes the future than building a resolute mindset.

No one ever keeps going up by losing steadfastness! Therefore, resolution is a firm decision to do and not to do something. It is the way out of stagnation. It is the valid key to making critical amends to approach. With resolution, you will have to bridge some gaps to your choice and you have to take some steps out of your comfort zone.

Life is not about joining act, life is about justifying act! Absolute resolution is an act of making real justification for your action. If you will go up, you must learn to take absolute responsibility of any act on your way this time.

If you have been doing a business and enjoying profits, keep it up and improve on your styles and deliveries. On the other side, if you have been doing business and it is not working as expected, look into it; take a critical assessment, check your style, your strategy and make quick amends. It is never too late to mend positive wrongs.

You must learn to be decisive! You must learn to press your break while still pushing and come up with decision that would make you fly. I once said that nothing is bad in making wrongs, it is only bad when you can't learn from your wrongs and right it on time. Most time we wish nothing challenging comes our ways but we forget that challenges are a

curve to a strengthening success. A good friend of mine once said "We must meet the challenge rather than wish it were not before us"

I have gone on increase and fast upgrade in my little life looking on how I have been able to handle oppression and life-humbling challenges. Even when you are winning, you will still face opposition going forward. *Given up is never a substitute to going up.* I have learned a vital quote from Thomas Edison that "Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up." So, going up in the face of faceless circumstances is the answer to climbing unexpected height.

I have resolved to revolve round every challenge that might come my way. Many people have resolved to live in anxiety and fear; you try to live in aspiration and faith. Many have resolved to live in poverty. Many living today wish yesterday should comeback, you live today believing tomorrow will be better. Many believe they can't get married. You must believe your case is different. Many thought you have come to the end of the road; but learn to tell yourself *I am just starting the best of life.*

When I mentioned at a motivational talk seminar at Bells University of Technology in Ota, Nigeria 2019, that "only few become stars with setback," a man rushed to me after the seminar and said I have been passing through various setbacks and yet winning. He narrated how he had enjoyed life when the going was better. He started crying. I saw the agony of a one-day star that went to sleep in his heart. You don't cry so that setback will go because you know how to cry. You don't put a pitied look and expect there will be no setbacks. Challenges only respect person with a

contending mentality. I told him that he went to sleep when he was winning. And this is against the rule of success! Life is all about adding up! You keep doing and *maintaining your lane*. I told him, “you jump lane and you end up lean”. The principles of exploit require you maintaining your lane at all times.

I told him, every answer to your ordeal is in your hand and your faith in God. Ask yourself what went wrong, ask yourself things you are doing that kills the business then take charge. Have a projected plans and resolution with a good intention to win back all what you have lost. Then go back to that business that you failed and start gradually again. Three months after, I was enjoying the blessing of ordinary advice for this young man. During this Christmas he came visiting me in my home with gifts and I remember I asked him with smiles “I hope you didn’t jump the lane again with these gifts?” We all laughed.

Folks, there is no impossibilities in what you can do or a height you cannot reach; even when there are things or situation that look like setback. God’s plan is the best we can ever rely on after we have done our best. All you need to do when you know not what to do is to move on, push on and try on.

Let me share this funny story with you. After a one-year mandatory youth service, my intention was to become a force personnel either a police officer or a soldier because I live my life in military barracks. Three of my brothers were in the army and my late father was a police man. After National Youth Service Corp, I picked a Nigeria Police commissioning officers form. I told Gloria my wife, “I must join the Police; after all my father started as a constable, I will start as Assistance Superintendent of Police.” We pass through those rigorous screening at the state, then region. This time I had no enough money in my hand, so I will always use night bus from Lagos. Gloria one day called me and said, “Honey, can I tell you the truth?” And I said, “Yes, go on”. She said “**can’t you think of another thing to do**; sincerely, I don’t like this police stuff.

Instead of responding to her comment, I just smiled and I walked away. My name came out at the region and the last stage is straight to the Federal. In my mind, Gloria was just a big joke; I am already a police officer. My sincere believe was that if I could be called to the Federal level at Police Headquarters, then, that was final. Lo and behold! After the beating by the sun and rain my name couldn’t come out. I felt dead in me.

This police people have allowed Gloria to win me. I kept thinking of Gloria question **can’t you think of another thing to do?**

As I was returning to Lagos, we got crossed by armed robbers in the middle of the night from Abuja; I got so wounded why running into the bush for escape. All my body was bloodied. Why lying down flat in the bush Gloria question came again **can’t you think of another thing to do?**

Looking at how Gloria will mock me: the money I had wasted, the pain I had gone through was not funny. Folks, no matter how fallen the situation you are experiencing might have been, no matter how hopeless you might have looked presently, **you can think of another thing to do. You can think another way out.** I thank God I was not a police officer today trying to force myself to where I am never meant to be. I never knew I had so much in me until that experience. So when there is disappointment, I always knew that all things work together for my good – Romans 8:28.

Friends, going up means no matter how many times you fall, you must rise up to start afresh. My return from police experience makes me realize I have better alternative to enjoy real success in life. I was only killing myself because of my self-mentality; there are opportunities waiting for me to come and take advantage of.

Nothing should stop you from going up this time. It is time for you to grow your vision to the point of visibility. It is time to remain unmoved with the present happenings. Ignite your dreams, create target and win it. Going up is for the brave! Don’t demonstrate your competency in crying; try to push all and move all the movable because that is the spirit behind going up.

I have told myself, that whatever I have not achieved, it is because I have not seen it. Learn to see far from where you are. Learn to grow from where you are. A child not growing when ought to grow is a concern to his/her parents. You cannot be a liability to society; you are a solution provider. Going up require you to grow up! Grow up your character, grow up your low esteem, grow up your mentality, and grow up your positivity. Grow up everything that is value-adding, this will enhance your going up on every area of life. It is time you grew your design plan, grew your idea, and grew your strategy. If your friendship is not yielding, grow a new friendship that will allow you enjoy ultimate tops. Friends,

people that loose out accept every negative thing that comes their way. Stay clear from distractor and give focus.

“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands at the moment of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy”- Martin Luther King, Jr.  
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