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CRAFT THE FUTURE!



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GREETING FRIENDS,

I spoke at a summit in Nigeria sometimes ago on the black race syndrome. I said there is nothing wrong with the black race than self-isolated ideology. We are black, not because we are blank! We are where we are because we've refused to craft, so we refuse to see! Every good building has a pattern, either in a sketch or full design. The builder sketches a framework for the aspired, full-constructed structure. Nothing extraordinary happens without framework. I submitted how we craft poverty into our domain yet with so much economic potential. I realized this as an African son who has been on the street and lives within it to win. I see *poverty as a mindset characterized by people for the people. How can we now escape the horror of poverty as a nation if there is no leader with an aura for the people to live it?*

Poverty does not allow men to reach their fullest potential. Poverty never allows great minds to reach great places, and that is why leaders are meant to be God-ordained pillars who ought to bring an end to the poverty on our path. We are where we are, swimming in poverty as a nation and continent of Africa because of our obsolete philosophies. When people or nations lack the principle of adaptability to new trends, people travel.

If we as a person, Nigeria as a nation, and Africa as a continent must triumph over poverty, we have to think deeply and act in-depth because poverty has eaten us up to the marrow.

Since our fathers and national fathers have worked so hard for liberation, I think we ought to by now be enjoying the illumination that such inspired liberation brought.

We need to know that poverty goes around looking for where to perch; when

your room door is open, you don't need to invite insects or unwanted creatures; they come at will, uninvited. Poverty is like insects that enter into an open room; it doesn't need your invitation; it visits you.

The way out of self-created poverty is craft. Nothing change destiny, like a man, determined to craft his future.

To see Africa rise, we have to begin to create and craft what we want to see. I was hawking on the street at Tsaragi in Kwara State yet hoping for the price. Let us dream about what we desire. Let us create what we crave to see. Let us craft the future with a progressive mind hoping to reach it.

I read a story of Charles Steinmetz a few years ago that inspired my instinct into the word of creativity and craftsmanship. Charles Steinmetz was crippled from birth; he was so short in status with a hunchback. He was one year old when his mother died, but his father said that Charles would have education regardless of their challenge with his very poor background and determination. Because of Charles's condition, he couldn't play like other kids, so he desires to make science a priority. He said, *"I will make discoveries to help people"*. Though circumstance must have surrounded his birth being dwarfed and huge hunchback, he was a creative being, and on getting to the US, the port staff wanted to deport him back to Switzerland because he could not even speak English. The disabled Charles stayed and found a job with his unusual disabilities. Because of his craftsmanship, an electrical company discovered Charles possesses great prowess in the field of electricity. He grew greatly into the research and development world with unprecedented happening. When Charles Steinmetz

died, a wise man said, though Charles looks disable, he has craft minds.

From Charles's story, we've read and learned to be craft-oriented regardless of our background, challenges, and setbacks. If Charles can do much with such a disadvantage, we as an individual and nation could do much more with our advantages. Disability is not a function inability; it is our ill-made mind that has made us disabled. We should know that we might have been naturally distorted but not mentally deformed.

Your disadvantage should spur you to see an advantage in yourself through your crafts mind. I have realized that there are many able entities without the ability to do anything. They can't put their brain to work, they can't see any future, they want people to feed them, cloth them, beg them and pity them.

Charles Steinmetz did not wait for anyone to help him craft his world for him. He knows what he wanted and went to see it come to pass. He crafted the future he desired and achieved it.

Often, we face stiff, impossible opposition and interrupted plans making life look like hope is gone, and every help is lost. Our yearning desires most time are dashed because of circumstances that seem to dominate our desired dream. But, I have often said that;

"Life's issues are not arithmetic or permutations, most time they drive themselves naturally into existence directly or indirectly".

Therefore, we have to stand our ground to override forces that could steal up and practically dominate the happening around us. Our giant mind must be awake to begin to craft the future in other for us to grace the great places we desire. *We are in a world of craft! And*

the future we experience is the future we craft.

It takes special attention, skill, or art to make a craft. So, crafting the desired future requires your attention and unique art. You see, a Foundry maker who makes a pot has to create a pattern of the pot before making it happen. Winning the future requires a craft you must craft that you want to see. No one exists in the future; he doesn't have a pattern of how it looks. Please don't sit down watching others crafting their ideal to create their future. Your topmost top priority in seeing your desire meant can only be actually by creative art.

Craft the way you talk because you can't speak the way others are talking. Craft the way you dress and be addressed because you can't dress how others are dressed. Craft the places you must go to because you can't go everywhere people go. You see, you will not believe how unique you are, or you will have been until you begin to schooled yourself into the craft world. Let us try to see God thought in the craft world to liberate persons, society, and nation. Please note that it is God that endowed men and women with crafts. Another word for craft is skills, workmanship, talents, abilities, and expertise.

A few years ago, I discovered from scripture that nations survive from stress through skillful craftsmen and craftsmen that God filled in their endeavors. In Exodus 31:1-4

¹**And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,**

²**See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah:**

³**And I have filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship,**

⁴**To devise cunning works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in brass,**

What this means is simple; Moses was God's general, but God was showing him people that will be on board to bring the nation to a wealthy place; this is not about political ideology. It is called the people's ideology. For our country to survive the circumstances we found ourselves in, we must project and bring people with crafts minds in the right places.

Some people struggle in business because they jeopardize their business with family and relation mentality. You shall speak to all the skillful person NOT all the family person. That is what God says. Is it wrong to involve your relative? Absolute not! If the family

people have the know-how, why not, and if not, look for the right persons with the virtue you need to enhance your value.

What to note when crafting a future

1. Work with people who believe in your dream and drive.

You see, everything about nature is all about creation and craft. God saw earth is without form, and he began a craft into creation the way he desires it. In other words, we have the power to craft what we want to see happening within and around us. God couldn't do it alone; he has people with him. Let us make man in our image Genesis 1:26. Who is us? Us is not one personality; they are people of a similar mindset. Many nations suffer not because there are no resources but people with divergence mindset in authority driving for personal goals!

2. Have trajectory ideology behind the craft

If you have a leader with a craftsmanship orientation, the nation wouldn't have to struggle for survival. Friend, we've not achieved much in governance and, as an individual, possibly because of our weaknesses to create the future with our ideal philosophy.

People who change everything out of anything are craft personified entities. They are nation builders! When the idea of creativity is lost, life results in survival, and we all know survival is not sufficiency neither is it a success story. Therefore, we must continue to re-think and go back to the philosophy of creating the future we want to see. Never underestimate the power of craft or a man with a good understanding of craft; he/she can change everything out of anything.

God is the idea behind craftsmanship; great people today craft what they want to see with work. The great nation today craft the kind of society they aspire. When a nation departs from the founding philosophy, it ends up in a struggle for survival.

Wise people craft their way out from captivity. They tend to build a sense of responsibility with their craftsmanship ability. These I know, you can't game your way out of the craft; if you are not creative, forget the future. The truth is these there are always signposts that signify where we are heading in life, and we know it. When a family is doing well, it is usually apparent to the father, when a country is doing well, the president knows; when your child is doing well, you know! The question is, are you doing well as a person? If not, you have to get back to the drawing

board and begin to crafts great dreams with incredible drive.

3. You must work hard and invest time.

Every great craft into the future is a function of hard work and time investment. We keep struggling as an individual we have not awake to the reality of taking a step to crafting the country we want to see. Nothing works on a wish, but on work. And seeing things worked, require time devotion.

No destiny will ever speak louder than the one worked upon over time. To see change happen as we desire, quality investment of our work and time on the crafting the future is needful. See you on top.

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