

IGNITION

THINGS THAT CAN MAKE YOU IGNITE IN LIFE

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Making a Difference in Life

Making a difference is putting a change, creating something that has not been, or something that has been, but upgrading it and doing it in a better way.

We've had different quotes on making a difference:

Molly Friedenfeld, said "An act of kindness may take only a moment of our time, but when captured in the heart, the memory lives forever."

Deborah Meier said, "It is the curiosity that drives me. It is making a difference in the world that prevents me from ever giving up."

Now, let's take a look at it. There are lots and lots of things that we want to see. There are lots and lots of things that we want to do. There are lots and lots of things we say, "Ooooo...How I wish the world can be so great! How I wish there are diamonds everywhere! How I wish there is money! How I wish there is a lot of peace in the world!"

You know, a whole lot of "How I wish! How I wish!! How I wish!!!" But, have you ever asked yourself, "What can I contribute? What can I do to be part of the solution to these my 'How I wish!'" You wish this, you wish that. But, how can you be part of the solution? That's the point! How can you make a difference? What can you do to make things work? How can you do it?

There is a quote that says, "If wishes were horses, beggars will ride"

Yes! We make lot of wishes, but these wishes cannot just come into place like that. What can you do? What can you contribute to make your footprint on the mark of this Earth?

There was a day I was sitting down, and was actually reminiscing on that, "Ooooo...Wow...Why was I born in the 21st century? Why wasn't I born in the 1400(s) something, in 1300(s) something?". I have always imagined it in my mind. "I've always put it in my head." And truly, when you look at the 1400 – 1900s, most especially in the 1700s-1900s, we see lots of scientific inventions. It baffles me to see that even airplane was invented in the 1900s...That is in the 20th century, not even in the 21st century that we are in. As at when the Wright Brothers invented the aeroplane, I'm pretty sure that lot and lot of people didn't believe it was possible, yet they invented this 'unbelievable transportation media'.

What can you do? The question is, "What is my role to play in this time...in this period in time that there are lots of industrial revolution, technological revolution? What exactly can I do? What is my role to play?"

You can do and achieve a lot in life. The fact that you have life makes it possible that you can do a lot.

Myles Munroe said, “The grave is the richest place.”

Why? Because, you find lots of untapped talents, untapped potentials, many books unsung songs, poetry, etc. that died with men—But, the fact that you have LIFE IN YOU – you can do a lot.

What can you do? Start from your passion. What do you desire to? What is your drive? How dedicated are you? How disciplined are you towards your drive? How persistent (or how consistent) are you towards your drive?

You can make a difference! It doesn't matter whatever disadvantage you have. “Oh... I don't have money... I grew up in a slump, I came from a poor background... Nobody knows me... Nobody will listen to me”. Even from that your slump, you can make a difference. You can start doing something... **NO MATTER HOW LITTLE IT MAY SEEM!** You see, the problem with making a difference is that people think it has to be something big... No! It doesn't have to necessarily be. Even the smallest of things that you do **CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** Little things contribute to big things.

Mother Theresa said “little acts of kindness really matter”. Those ‘little little’ things that you do... acts of kindness with love; You find people in need of something and you think your drive, your talent or your passion can help you to ease those people's needs and/or pains... Contribute to it. Do it!

“Little little” things that we do makes a difference. In the world, we have over 7 billion people, but only a few have dared to make a difference. Do you want to be part of those “few” that have made their footprints on this surface of the Earth? Strive to make that difference... Strive!

I'm not just here to “motivate-you”. I'm here to push you into action, and into making that difference. I believe in you, keep the fire burning. You can make the difference... You can do it.

Your life can ignite for excellence by your resolve to make a difference in life!

Multi-tasking and Potentials Maximization (part 1)

IGNITION...IT STARTS HERE! YOU can start reading!

You can be that great musician (I have passion for music, so give me the right to start with that), that audacious engineer/journalist/doctor/lawyer, that phenomenal, or any picture you've always projected your life to be. In fact, you can do more! Multi-tasking and potentials maximization is not a façade; you can do it.

Some people look at me and say “Aaaaahh guy, you are good academically, you do music, you write, you do this and that...”, but the truth is that I'm not different from you. We all have the same brain cells; The scientists have found out that every human being have the same brain cells. The truth is, I won't look at you and say I'm different from you, with regards to our brain cells. The question is, to what extent have you maximized your potentials?

There is something I call 'doing things per time'. When you do things per time, put in your maximum effort, and make sure that which you are executing is of great quality...per time! Whenever you are undertaking a task or an assignment, make sure you focus on it squarely, and give it your best. Shutout and annihilate any form of distraction, or anything that can sway your focus and commitment. When you make this a habit, irrespective of the number of tasks at hand, you will just find out that you've become more efficient and productive, therefore getting more positive results. Also, encomium people will accord to you will be overwhelming! You will hear some words like “Wow, this guy is sagacious...This guy can multitask...This guy is just 'strange!'” In fact, you will become...elusive.

You can always multitask! People who multitasks don't have any special abilities. They understand how to focus and to annihilate distractions. You can also do same.....

In my own honest opinion, what makes and precisely defines “intelligence” is how you are able to bring out innovative ‘things’ – either from things existing in your environment, or from new creative thoughts of yours!

How well can you do that? That’s the measure of true intelligence! IT IS NOT JUST ALL ABOUT PUTTING THINGS IN YOUR HEAD AND DROPPING IT DOWN; it is also about contributing constructively to humanity. *Ralph Waldo who was an American essayist once said. “Do not go where the path may lead, go instead where there is no path and leave a trail”* This should always be in our heart as we grow in life. Be great thinkers, don’t just be a user. Like the economists, I will put it this way: “Be a great producer, don’t be a wonderful consumer”. So, once you are a great producer, think of what you can do – don’t just limit yourself. I believe you can do many things.

For an autistic person to be able to still do great and amazing things; Winning America’s Got Talent 2019 is not an easy feat. When you look at the caliber of Judges there...when you look at the number of people who came for the competition...when you look at amazing entries – people who can dance and you will be like “My God, somebody is dancing like this!” When you look at all these things, it will be logical to ask, “Does this person even stand a chance in this competition?” Even with his disadvantage! So, you can make your disadvantage become an advantage for you. What do you need to do? Have the right mindset. And that’s what I’ve come to tell you this morning, that’s what I’ve come to tell you this afternoon, that’s what I’ve come to tell you this night (anytime of the day you are reading this). I’ve come to tell you, even with your disadvantage, you can make it, nothing can stop you...You can only stop yourself! Nothing can stop you!! Nothing in life can stop you!!!

There is a quote that says:

“Things may come to those who wait, but only the things left by those who hustle.” - Abraham Lincoln (Former President, USA)

This, my dear reader, is the reality of Life!

How well do you maximize yourself? What are you doing? What are you good at? What is your potential? How well do you do these things? When you practicalize it, your Life will be great! Do you know that those people who do it will become great, but those people who never did, will be on the payroll of those who did it? If you don’t do it, you will work for those who have done it.

The top 1 % of the World

Who are the top 1 %? The top 1 % are those who makes use of the time of many people (the other 99 %). I was at a place and a question was raised about the number of hours Aliko Dangote operates with. (Aliko Dangote – Africa’s and Nigeria’s Richest Man) ... It was during a seminar at an NYSC (National Youth Service Corps - a compulsory Service

Scheme for Nigeria's Graduates of Universities, Polytechnics and Colleges, which started in 1973) occasion, where they were speaking to Corp Members.

How many hours does Dangote have in a day?

(I sat down there, glued on my seat, like "Haha...How many hours? Of course, we all know that we have 24 hours daily?" So, I was like, "What question is this man asking?" You know, it's just like asking me, "What is $1 + 1$?" So, I was sitting down thinking "Is this man a joker? When did this man turn to Basketmouth (a Nigeria's Comedian)? Is he a Comedian?" But seriously, when he asked that question, I looked and said, "How many hours?". He gave an answer that shook me.)

The facilitator answered, "Dangote has more than 5000 hours in a day... Why? Because his workers each contribute to his number of hours in a day. Every one of the employees!".

Dangote has employed more than 50,000 people – Let's say they work 5 hours for him in a day. Do $5 \text{ hours} \times 50,000 \text{ people}$, which is (equal to) 250,000 hours! Which human being can have 250,000 hours in a day? But, he made use of what? Advantage via the resources he has at hand!

I would advise here that you should get acquainted with the stories of Dangote, Mark Zuckerberg, Bill Gates, Jeff Bezos, Elon Musk, Ali Baba (richest man in China), read about great people – follow their stories and see how they turned their disadvantages to advantages.

Don't think you too can't do it. Those people who achieved such heights did not have two heads. The economy and finances cannot limit you. Nothing can stop you except YOU! You can do it!

Your life can ignite for excellence by paying less attention to your background or any other limitations, and living true to your potentials!