

CHANCELLOR, DR DAVID OYEDEPO'S MESSAGE AT THE DEPARTURE ASSEMBLY FOR ALPHA SEMESTER 2014/2015 ACADEMIC SESSION

A great coach does not make a star. It is the commitment of each trainee that makes a star.

You are absolutely responsible for the outcome of your life.

You are the principal facilitator of your life. Accomplishment is either personal or it is fake.

1 Corinthians 14:20, *"Brethren, be not children in understanding: howbeit in malice be ye children, but in understanding be men."*

Isaiah 11:6, *"The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them."*

It is not age that makes a man but understanding. Understanding makes a man and not calendar years. Proverbs 8: 15-16, *"By me kings reign, and princes decree justice. By me princes rule, and nobles, All who judge rightly."*

Luke 2:40, 46-47, *"The Child continued to grow and become strong, increasing in wisdom; and the grace of God was upon Him...Then, after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers."* At the age of 12, Jesus had an audience by his understanding.

If you fail, you bear it alone. It is responsibility that entitles you to leadership. There is so much to read, write and create.

Smart Investment of Time

You should note that 75% of your making is your responsibility. The best any man can put into your life is 25%.

Apostle Paul admonished Timothy that: *"... the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."* (2 Timothy 2: 2)

In 1 Timothy 4:12, he urged Timothy thus: “Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.”

Greatness is a function of Responsibility. Be an Example. It is all about possessing a sense of mission. Do not wait for someone to give you an assignment; give yourself one. Read to develop the person in you.