

The Children

The levity with which issues concerning children are dealt within our nation is a source of great concern to those of us who are more spiritually inclined.

The children of any nation are guarantee of the continual existence and subsistence of such nation overtime. When this fact is put side by side therefore, with the instruction from scripture to parents to train up children in the way of the lord, the importance of celebrations such children's day is buttressed. It consequently should bring parents and education practitioners to a point of realization of the enormous responsibilities facing us all.

The Socio-economic travails of everyday Nigeria life as faced by parent has resulted in the absenteeism and the irresponsibility we witness in our nation today. The desperate rush for financial prosperity and its attendant promise of an improved social standing has driven parent out of their homes and away from their children.

Parent now leave their children wholly in the hands of operators of schools, both public and private, to imbibe moral uprightness and character formation.

The inherent paradox is that teachers, who the parents are pushing their responsibilities to, are also distracted by the same drive to make end meet. This is an aberration that must be discourage forthwith as primary responsibility for their children will always be that of parents.

However, since this trend among parent is reality today, it has to be confronted and overcome. This becomes even more pertinent when we observed the increasing levels of moral decadence among our children. Statistics of vices among children and teenagers like cultism, unwanted pregnancies, armed robbery and even internet fraud are increasing by the minute.

The posture of our national leaders in view of this observed trend of youth decadence is rather discouraging. Thus, operator of private schools must look beyond the economics of the undertaking, profits and loss, and understanding that the future of our nation is at stake.

Te observed trend that private school now offer most qualitative education packages when compared with public schools must not become an excuse for profiteering. The needs for education to be affordable at all levels to carter for greater proportion of our population of school age children are more than apparent.

Administrators and teachers must put aside petty trade and re-focus on giving qualitative education in it's entirely to our children. Government must reinvent educational polices which are wholistically suited for our social environment, then and only then can we start to reverse the rot we are confronted with daily in the characters of our children. Education must go beyond hours spent in schools daily, reading and writing. Personality and character formation must be given more serious attention in our schools.

Lastly, I address you children domiciled in all different part of our nation, you indeed are the leaders of tomorrow, but you have to decide today what that tomorrow will be like. Some of you are ashamed of the kind of leader your parents are to you. The only you can avoid your own future

children from being ashamed of you too lies in your decision not to make the same mistake your parents have made and are still making today.

You need to make up our minds to be good children today, so you can be good parents tomorrow. You must not allow yourselves to be led into bad behaviour and habits by your friends and other people around you. The dream you have for the kind of nation you want to grow up in will only become real when you decide to work towards those dreams. Your desire for Nigeria to be developed as the western nation will only be crystallized and concretized if you start to work in the right direction now

You have to start being tomorrow 's leader TODAY

CONGRATULATIONS!