

## HELP ME POINT TO THAT BASIC WHICH WORKS

That Nigeria is enormously endowed, is not an assertion that needs to be contemplated, doubted, debated, questioned or proved. Should someone have reason to cast a shadow of doubt over this or spread dark clouds of unbelief over it, then search out how much suitors are right now struggling to court and espouse her. For there must always be something spectacular about a single woman for great and responsible men to be attracted to and rush at her like flies. It is either that she is ornamentally-externally or outwardly beautiful or internally rich and bountifully endowed of character or is so rarely blessed to be embodiment of both.

Nigeria externally or outwardly, is ugly and repulsive. She is a woman who is rejected and treated with disdain almost every where she goes beyond her home, yet at home, she remains one of the most sought after women in the world. At home, she carries inside of her the most coveted gems that endears her to so many. Yet, it is not enough to attract suitors from outside and not making those things that attract the outsider work at home. If we do not make work for us what we have, no one from outside, no matter how wonderful a prospective son in-law he proves to be, will do it for us. We will rather be exploited, raped and damped by the suitor who only thinks us good for what he can suck and enjoy from us right here and not as a bright for his home and in his home but never have our hand asked for in marriage and be gladly taken to his home.

Is anything working today in the country? Point me to one basic thing that works?

We have lived on in a security state that has gone comatose. It is such that the more you talk of it, the more its corpse dies. And come to think of a corpse that dies some more. What message does that send out? A state of helplessness and hopelessness of-course. Security after all, is less of talk and more of action. It is more of prosecution and less of profession. Any land like any lad without security is a land that will never develop. As such without security, there is no nation building. The economy is taken by the throat and strangled. Investors clasped their hands and quit, industries look around in fear and take their flight, and production noose dive to zero level.

Education has been thoroughly rubished in the country. Public educational institutions are today not worth a sparrow. In other words, not worth a penny. They are as it stands today, linked to the ghettos of the land as they are a refuge for the underprivileged and poor of the Nigerian society. The structures and equipments are as malnourished and as ill-looking as the beneficiaries thereof. The result of this, is the ever widening gab between the poor and the rich, as the rich and powerful only attend private schools from crèche to university. And as if that is not bad enough, our tertiary institutions have become production lines that have no ready market for their products. Year in year out graduates are churned out only to find no reason and excitement for graduating, except that their sponsors may then enjoy some sabbath of fee payment. Worse off, is the relevance of our education syllabus to the reality of the times. For in addition to the psyche or the mentality of the typical Nigerian graduate, training is for white collar jobs-to either work for government or for some other employer of labour with very little thought in any, for self employment. Even where someone is creative, has initiative is passionate about being self employed, the state of the nation offers it no encouragement but every discouragement as there is nothing to offer in the token of support needed to spur an initiative. As a nation therefore, we have bred an army of the unemployed whose number is more than number of the Nigerian army many-folds and ever still being counted. Part of this population which lacks the discipline of the patience to bear up with the hopeless and endless

wait, has resorted to negatively using their knowledge and idle moment to launch out full swing into scam. They daily, are out with some new ploy to swindle whoever they have caught in their web to prey on not minding whether their resources are hard earned. No wonder the Bible tells us that an idle mind is the devil's workshop. And the government headboys and headgirls, rather than mopping up these able bodied men and women and have serve in the Nigerian Army Forces and as combatants against the myriad of life snuffers all over the Nigerian landscape who are parading themselves all over the place under various names and identity-armed robbers, bandits, kidnappers, Boko Haram with various factions, Fulani Militias etc; they have been neglected to our detriment as they add to and increase our tally of woes. It then shows that even education which is one the key drivers of economy in other nations, doesn't seem to be working in our context.

What about our roads? Should we call them roads or portholes, sinkholes, gutters and ditches? Could they be gut-traps or roads. Are they still a safe space deliberately mapped out to travel on, or laid out death traps to entrap and consume lives? On a daily basis, our roads, like the Boko Haram and Fulani Militia terrorists, the bandits and Kidnappers, leave us with widows, widowers and orphans. If we can't defeat the sophisticatedly armed two terrorist groups, can't we defeat this terrorist that has no life, let alone feet and hands to dig the roads and turn them into the traps that they are today, but which only lifelessly lies there and awaits man's peaceful touch to undo the trap in them, and this, without an A. K. calibre weapon; whether It is 47 or 49. The defeat of this third terrorist does not require an arm and ammunition. It needs just the caterpillar and like machineries to be conquered.

Electricity an indispensable vehicle that drives the economy of every nation, in our context, its administration worse than the administration darhaprim. If one is on darhaprim, he would guarantee its weekly supply. But not so with electricity. You pay for it, yet it is not there for your use and to enjoy, and this is in spite of the outrageous amount in the name of its development, we hear runners of government announce year succeeding year in our annual budget. Thus Nigerians like cockroaches, have been circumstantially forced and reduced to a people of the dark colony. And as dark as our nights have been made to look in a modern world where you hardly differentiate night from day, so dark and even much darker is the heart of those who sit in leadership over us in the land. For you can give only that which you have. And you unleash what you have when you have it in access.

Well, the situation in our country still awaits the coming of the political messiah; the leader that genuinely has the fear of God in him, who like Jesus Christ, is willing to lay his life on the line for the people; the emergence of a government that values Nigerians more than self, family, clan, ethnicity, region and religion and which wields the will to turn around the generally pathetic situation of the country for good and to the glory of God.

If human lives were valued and the problem is just electricity, then there will be less fear and more hope for tomorrow. But that human life has been so devalued and has become so cheap, that it is either kidnapped for money or abducted and mercilessly, brutally and savagely destroyed, makes our country truly one of the the most dangerous countries in the world. If kidnappers will come right to your house, break into it, head on straight to your bedroom and take you away and to their den for ransom, and this act like the abducted and killed, goes on unabated and with impunity, then you can be sure that we are into a worse trouble and socked in a mess that has totally messed us up,

than a mere epileptic electricity state. That is as far as the erratic light situation is concerned. But most disturbing and most unsettling and worse than any other vice bedeviling us, is the security situation in the land. It will seem government is lost of solution and remedy appears distancing itself more and more by the day, from managers of governance. The security situation therefore remains far fetched and a very difficult puzzle to figure out and fix.

In view of the torrential rain of predicament we are already caught and soaked in, what need most now is prayers. Therefore just cry on in prayers for Nigeria until like the Israelites in Egypt, the Lord hears our cry and comes to our rescue