

## **HAVE AN EAGLE EYE IN A CAREER**

To experience an un-regretting career, one should have an eagle eye in a chosen career; seeing what no one else is seeing in the career; knowing how distinct the career is to other careers. Being aware of the distinction a chosen career is to others keeps the person concerned in the career committed. This known distinction is specific to each person in the career, i.e. the perspective of each person in the career is different. What the career means to each person differs; each having a unique view of the career. For instance, Mary chooses hair dressing as a career, what will keep Mary in hair dressing as a career is what she sees in it that no one is seeing. She may see it as something that brings joy to people. She may see it as social responsibility that must be done. Others may see hair dressing a way to talk people out of miseries. What you see in a career keeps you committed to it.

Before deciding to choose a career one should have the following questions answered, what do I want out of this career? What I'm offering in this career path? Having these questions answered sincerely will clearly define your commitment and need in the career, also it exposes what others do not see in the career to you. Having what you want out of a career answered will detail your focus in the career; why you must be in the career and your absence in the career is at the detriment of many things. Example, Vladimir Lenin who died about 94 years ago which the present Russian government still holds his dead body in high regard, chooses politics as a career. Vladimir Lenin knew what he wants out of politics, how his absence in politics will be at the disadvantages of all Russians. Vladimir Lenin wanted a country where social services are provided to all Russians for free, where wealthy men don't determine the welfare of all citizens. And he knew, him not being in politics, his fellow Russians will pay costly for social services, very few wealthy people will continue to jeopardize with their welfare. This kept Vladimir Lenin focused and committed to politics even in exile. His commitment to his political ideology laid the foundation of present day powerful Russian Federation.

Answering the second question which is, what I'm offering in this career path? Sincerely answering this question will display your uniqueness or importance in the career. It will show the need of you in the career. Vladimir Lenin of Russia offered socialism in place of capitalism in Russia which made him the foremost to practice socialism in the 20th century. This made Vladimir Lenin so special in the 20th century. Knowing what you are offering to a career path should not be an omission when deciding to choose a career. What you are presenting to the career path creates a perpetual space for you in the career. Example, Michael Jackson, known as one of the greatest entertainers of all time, has a perpetual space in the entertainment career path. Michael Jackson who started as a musician infused

some very special dancing steps to his musical entertainment. This made Jackson so special and different from every other entertainer in the career path. Michael Jackson saw what other entertainers do not see in the career path of his time. Possibly Jackson without having a foresight of this before choosing entertainment as a career may not have been known to us.

One having the earlier mentioned questions answered directly leads the person to knowing and seeing what others do not see in a career, hence have an eagle eye in the career. Knowing what you want out of a career is sui generis to each, because two individuals don't feel or think the same and each person wants different outcomes from issues of concern. Also a sincere response to the second question puts the person concern in a career ahead of others in the career, thus, having an eagle eye in the career. Knowing what you are offering in a career is also unique to individuals, no two individuals has same skills required in a task. An honest response to the questions exposes an individual to spheres in a career unique to the person. Hence, in making decisions on a career, have an eagle eye.

### **CAREER: INCESSANT SELF-DEVELOPMENT**

As the earth rotates, knowledge evolves as a result change is experienced unceasingly, hence an incessant self-development of an individual in a chosen career is crucial to its relevance and importance in the career. The unceasing evolution of knowledge is a demand of an unceasing learning. To be continually relevant and important in a career, the carrier of the career should be an ever ready to learn individual, always updating itself in the career. Someone not comfortable with what is already known but desire to know the news in the career. An individual in a career that knows the news and improves itself to the same sphere of what is new in the career will always be relevant and important in the career.

Making a decision to be in a career path sincerely should also be a sincere decision to learn in the career path. As the chronometer ticks so as knowledge ticks in every career path. For instance, the information technology (IT) systems of ten years ago are totally different from the information technology (IT) systems presently. Someone being in the information technology career path of ten years ago without updating or improving itself with what is new in the career path cannot be of importance in the path presently. Example, the founders of Microsoft Corporation always update or improve its Microsoft windows operating system, Microsoft office and other of their products to be relevant. Without updating their products regularly, possibly Microsoft products would have been a history by now.

Being not comfortable with what is already established in a career but desire to know the news in a career creates innovative and critical thinking skills in the individual concern which are in high demand in every career path. For instance, corporations and organizations employ persons with innovative skills to help build the organization or maintain the organization as a contemporary one. Example, some companies in the United States of America made announcements in late 2015 to 2016 that they will no longer employ based on traditional college degrees but any with the required skills either through college or self-educated. This shows that traditional college degree holders are not always with the required contemporary skills. To keep on being relevant and important in your career, incessant self-development or constant self-updating and improvement is crucial.

Thinking critically is a form of self-development. Critical thinking is the careful examination and evaluation of beliefs and actions. In a career path, someone having a careful study or examination of the process of things in the career will be exposed to something not quite alright and the person will make suggestions on how to make it alright. And the person making suggestions will put person on the path of innovativeness. A careful examination of the process of things in a career can't be done without knowing the news in the career, hence, critical thinking is a form of self-development, improvement and updating self.

Taking examples from the football circle: in the early careers of Lionel Messi of Argentina and John Mikel Obi of Nigeria, both were very competitive, it was difficult to know the best among them. This was the reason that made two big football teams in Europe announced claims of having a deal to move John Mikel Obi of Nigeria to their teams at the same time. But in course of the career, it is clear John Mikel Obi of Nigeria declined in self-development and updating his football skills and Lionel Messi of Argentina continued his self-development and updating of his football skills. Presently, Lionel Messi is one of the greats in the footballing world and John Mikel Obi cannot be compared with Lionel Messi in the footballing world in most categories if not all.

From the above example, Nigerian John Mikel Obi don't have a space in the footballing world in presence of Lionel Messi, but at the beginning of their career most persons preferred John Mikel Obi to Lionel Messi. The decline of the relevance and importance of John Mikel Obi in the football world, is due to failure of knowing and updating himself with what is news in football, not ready to learn new football skills, being comfortable with what he already has or knows and do not desire to have new skills, he failed to play an innovative football. This led to the decline of John Mikel Obi of Nigeria importance and relevance in the footballing

world. Making a decision to be in a career path sincerely should also be a sincere decision to learn in the career path as it is vital to its importance and relevance in the career.

## **A CAREER IS ENIGMA**

Each and every career has its mysteries, every career has its challenges and successes peculiar to each person in the career. Most times when a particular career seems to be a success for some persons, individuals that desire to take that career path believe they are more than equal to the challenges a particular person in the career that is a success experienced. But in a career, challenges and successes are unique to the persons in the career, these are mysteries ahead for each person in and desire to be in the career path. Every career is mysterious, it is a fact change is constant, hence, the challenges and how to success in each and every career path change in respect of a changing world. What some may expect from a career will unfold to be a total different result.

Taking examples from the literally world: in the beginning era of one of Nigeria's finest literally icons Chinua Achebe, he had the challenge to be accepted as an African fiction writer. At then there was no recognized African literature, but presently no fiction writer will have it has a challenge because there are numerous African literatures. The famous book, "Harry Potter" author J. K Rowling had her own peculiar challenges in the literally world before being a success and is still having some. The manuscript of Harry Potter was rejected by numerous publishers pointing at different errors in the script. But today everyone know the book as a success, and no fiction writer will count it as a challenge when a script is rejected by a publisher because being rejected by a publisher is now part of being a writer.

From the above examples, Chinua Achebe never expected the reception his book 'Things Fall Apart' received. It was a mystery to him, how he turned out to be an icon in the literally world, well known for Things Fall Apart. J. K Rowing never expected Harry Potter of many errors pointed by different publishers to be one of the best-selling books ever written, it is a mystery. NOTE: when a person overcomes a challenge, the challenges is not regarded as a challenge because it has been defeated and still can be defeated by anyone. Hence, a challenge experienced by someone in a chosen career is no more a challenge, it becomes part of the career. Challenges and successes are peculiar, the best an experience person in the

career can be aware of, is a guide in the career and not the specific challenges and successes someone will experience in course of the career.

When most persons decides to be in a particular career path, all they see is positivity and few negativity. Some prepare or train themselves for some possible misfortunes. But the interesting thing about a career is you can't predict what experience it will be offering to you; it is a unique mystery for each. Knowing about the challenges and successes of some persons in a career cannot guarantee you a smooth ride in the career, you will certainly experience what no one has experienced in the career.

In the world of engineering: Nikola Tesla and Thomas Edison. Both are electrical engineers and inventors of the same era. Nikola Tesla started his career as an engineer when he began working for Edison Company in France. At this beginning of his career he never imagined his himself of manufacturing an Alternating Current generator, because at France he was designing and improving electrical equipment. When he moved to New York City his career experienced an unexpected challenge, which is the complete redesigning of Edison's Company's direct current generator, this task made Nikola Tesla designing the Alternating Current generator.

At the beginning of Nikola Tesla's career, he never expected of being task with redesigning a Direct Current generator but it happened and that gave him one of the greatest successes in his career. A career is a mystery, you can't predict what it will offer to you. Also the Wright brothers, Wilbur and Orville Wright who started as bicycle engineers turned out to be pioneers of a successful airplane (aeronautical engineers). When deciding to be in a career path, never expect familiar experiences. A career is enigma to each person in a chosen career.

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