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Hello my esteemed reader, am glad you have the electronic version of this book: **MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR LIFE**. Inside this book are 7 great principles that will make it impossible for anybody to look at you and say you are a useless person or that you are wasting your life. Am very sure that if you pay attention to the things you are about to learn, and commit yourself to its application, your distinction in life is confirmed.
Therefore, fasten your seat belt as we get ready to soar.

**Introduction**

What does it mean to MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR LIFE? It is to maximize or make the best use of your Time, Season, Opportunity, Moment or Chance.
And you know what, you are a sum total of what you use your time on. You become whatever you exchange your time for. You are exactly today what you invested your time on yesterday. So to waste time is to waste life.
That is why one of the aims of this book is to stir up your time consciousness in the pursuit of destiny.
However, to maximize a time and season, you must understand the time and season. The Bible says in 1 Chronicles 12:32,' And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment. '
Any season you do not understand, you can not maximize. So, your degree of revelation of a season determines the degree of your maximization of that season.
It is your understanding of a season that puts you in command. If you do not understand a season, you will lose it, and the outcome will be regrets.

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, ' To every thing there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven. '

People miss their opportunities in life because they lack sensitivity to season.

For instance, I have never seen a 55 years old man going to enlist himself in the military or professional foot balling. Nobody will accept him because his season of correct positioning has passed.

There are many beautiful and brilliant ladies today who are still single not because Satan is fighting their marital settlement, but because when their season came, they were not sensitive enough, so it passed before they woke up. Today they are wallowing in regrets, and age is not on their side.

Friend, nothing is more expensive than a missed opportunity. A wise man once said, 'An opportunity once lost can never be regained.'

When a farmer miss his planting season, he will have to wait for another one, maybe another year. Unfortunately, you and I don't have spare youthful season.

No wonder Dr. Nnamdi Azikiwe said, 'Give me my youth back and I will pay any price for it.'

Ephesians 5:16 says, 'Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. '

The Amplified Bible says, 'Making the very most of the time (buying up each opportunity), because the days are evil. '

Your youthful season is your most useful season. If you miss it in your youthful season, you may never regain it. There are many people who are lamenting today in their old age because they wasted their time when they were young.

In the following pages, I'll be sharing with you how to profitably engage your time and season so you do not end in regrets. Welcome on board!

**Chapter 1: Get Enlisted On Time**

'And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out My Spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, **YOUR YOUNG MEN SHALL SEE VISIONS.'** (Joel 2:28)

Your youthful season is your season of enlistment. It is when you are expected to discover where you belong in destiny and abide there. This is the time to get your bearing right, because life without a right bearing is a burden.

Your life's vision is not something to realize at old age, but in your youthful season. This is the morning of your life, if you do not get it in this phase of your life, you may never capture it again.

Early to rise, early to shine. Make up your mind today to be an early riser, not a late riser. Almost every celebrity in the race of life got up early.

**JESUS CHRIST** the Son Of God got enlisted on time (Luke 2:42 &46). He was not a play boy. At the age of 12 He already knew His mission on earth, and began to work towards it.

**JOSEPH,** at 17 got his vision for living (Genesis 37:2&5). He got insight into God's plan and purpose for his life, got enlisted and by his 30th birthday, he became the Prime Minister of Egypt.

Generals in the faith like **BILLY GRAHAM, KENNETH HAGIN, ORAL ROBERTS** and **T. L. OSBORN** all got enlisted in their early 20s. **T. L. Osborn** became a missionary to India at 21.

**DR MORRIS CERULLO** got saved at 14, got a call into ministry at 15 after a Heavenly vision, and stepped into ministry as a teenager.
Hear this, if you fail, it's your fault, if you succeed, it's also your fault. So you choose which fault you want.

**BISHOP T. D. JAKES** started pastoring at the age of 23.

**DR DAVID OYEDEPO** got saved at 15, co-planted a church at 19, got the Liberation Mandate at 27, and stepped into full time ministry at 29.
Beloved, you must never allow anybody make you think you are still a child. You are not getting any younger. You are older this year than you were last year. So, you must wake up and make the most of your life.

**YOU ARE NOT TOO YOUNG TO PROVIDE SOLUTION**
You are not too young to be a solution provider in your generation. For this reason, don't let people talk you down probably because of your race, age or marital status. Refuse to be afraid, intimidated or silenced.

**JOSEPH** became a Prime Minister at 30 even as a single. That means you can be single and still be very successful. Young man, it is work you need now, not a wife. God gave Adam work before He gave him a wife. Young woman, marriage is not the ultimate, so stop wasting away waiting for a man to come before you start giving your life a meaning.

**DAVID** handled a national problem at the age of 17. Before then, he had shared his dream of handling the challenge with the people around him. The first person to talk him down was his own relation, his elder brother 1 Samuel 17:28. However, he didn't allow the noise of his elder brother to slow him down.

**DR MYLES MUNROE** at 18 was already a national evangelist in his country, and before his 21st birthday, he was already having crusades with 5,000 to 6,000 teenagers.

**BILL GATES** of Microsoft started pursuing his dream in his early 20s.

**MICHAEL DELL** of Dell Cooperative, started that company when he was 19 years. About 21 years later having built that company to a great height, he retired.

**MARK ZUCKERBERG** co-started Facebook at the age of 19. Today, billions of people are on Facebook, making him a billionaire.

What am doing now didn't start today. By the mercy of God, I got saved as a teenager, discovered my place of assignment, and started pursuing it. I co-

planted a church at 21 even before I became a full time pastor. I have not wasted my life.

Friend, you are born to do something, and you do not have eternity to do it, only a season. You need to understand that your youthful season is not a permanent feature, it is a passing phase. You won't be this young forever, so, wake up and get your destination clear.

If everywhere is your destination, you are sure to get to nowhere. Life is a journey, only those who have a definite destination record progress. Only those going somewhere ever get anywhere.
Anyone going everywhere gets nowhere, for there is no such destination as 'everywhere '.

Finally, **HOW DO YOU ARRIVE AT VISION?**

**1. BY REVELATION FROM GOD THROUGH PRAYER OF ENQUIRY** Jeremiah 33:3. This is where you go to God in prayer to know His plans and purpose for your life who you are, why you exist, and what your mission on earth is. For instance, God showed Joseph what he will become by revelation through dreams.

**2. CHECK YOUR PASSION.** Your passion is a pointer to the problem you were created to solve. Moses, for instance, saw his brethren, being unjustly treated, and a vision came into his heart to deliver his people.
What is it that gives you true joy and fulfilment? What things do you positively hate? It is a pointer to what you were created to do.
Your portion in life is inside your passion. If you make your passion to become your occupation, then your possession is not in contention. So my dear, while you are schooling and acquiring certificates, make sure you are **FEEDING YOUR** PASSION. Make sure you are busy turning your **PASSION** into a PROFESSION. Because it is easier to succeed when your **PASSION BECOMES YOUR PROFESSION.**

**3. YOUR GIFTS OR NATURAL ENDOWMENT.** The truth is, you are not empty. You were born loaded, your assignment is to die empty. There are things God has put inside you, look inward and you will see yours.
Your endowment is connected to your assignment and fulfilment in life.

In summary, you are either running with a vision, burning with passion, or trading with gifts. Where none of these is the case, frustration is inevitable. Therefore, go pick the form of Vision today, fill it and get enlisted on time. If you delay, a time is coming when the form will no longer be on sale. And if you manage to get one by whatever means after entry is closed, there will be none to collect it from you!

**Chapter 2: Refuse To Be A Fan**

Do you want to make your life to count in your generation as a blessing, not a burden? Then refuse to be a fan!

In the game of life, you are either a fan, spectator or player. Fans and spectators pay to watch players earn their money.
They don't pay fans or spectators, only players are paid. Also, nobody knows fans, it is players that they know. You've been a fan for long, it's time to be a major player in your field of endeavor by starting to play on time.

The fight between David and Goliath in the Bible could be likened to a wrestling contest in our time. At the end of their contest, David emerged the winner, and returned home with a gold medal. He became a major player in Israel by starting to play on time.

For instance, when a football match is on, maybe between Chelsea and Arsenal, they will attract millions of viewers from around the world. Meanwhile, only 22 players are in the football pitch (arena of action).
The meaning of this to you and I is, there will always be more viewers than players in the game of life. Therefore, as a youth, you must refuse to be in the company of viewers. You can't be a player and a fan at the same time.
So, don't be a part of the crowd, rather, be the reason for the crowd. To remain in the crowd is to lose your crown.

The truth is, players invest time, fans waste time. For fans Time FLIES, but for Players they are the PILOTS of their time.
This is why you must make up your mind not to engage in time-wasting activities. If all you do everyday is put in 4hours watching television and chatting aimlessly, and you multiply that by 365 days, the outcome is 1,825 hours. The meaning of that is, you wasted almost 3 months of your life on irrelevant things. That's not the way to become a star player in your career.

You have watched others play for long, when will others come and watch you play? You are not here on earth to just watch others succeed. No! You are here to succeed too. So, make up your mind today to leave the company of fans and join the company of players by starting to play on time.

**Chapter 3: Make Quality Investment**

Ecclesiastes 3:2b says, “A time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted.”

The next thing to do is to Make Quality Investment (into your future).
Your youthful season is your planting season (investment time). To miss your planting season is to lose your harvest. If you plant nothing, you will harvest nothing. The quality of your investment today will determine the quality of your accomplishments tomorrow.

Success in school does not guarantee success in life. That means, it's possible to succeed in school and still fail in life. Schooling only gets you literate, it is investment in literature that creates your actual future. What you were taught in school was as it obtained then, but what you need now is as it obtains in the now. So you need updated insight to remain relevant in your field.

That's why, any VISION without Quality Information will suffer Frustration.

A wise man once said, ' The person you will be in 5 years is based on the books you read and the people you hang around with today. '

The people you hang around with, the people you listen to, the books you read or the videos you watch, all the information you take in, positive or negative will affect your future. What you feed your mind will either shape or shatter your future. If all you do is take in garbage, guess what your future is going to be made up of?

Someone has said, if you want to hide anything from an African man, put it inside a book, because he will never open it, talk more of reading it.
Am sure you are not one of them, otherwise you wouldn't be going through this material now.

We are not backward because we are blacks (Africans), we are backward because we are blind (ignorant, uninformed).
Information is an eye-opener. This is the time to feed your mind with quality information.

To be informed is to be transformed, and to be uninformed is to be deformed. And until you are informed, you cannot perform.

You buy clothes, shoes, iPads and iPhone, but not a single book. That's not correct. It's time to start building your personal library. Like **Dr. David Oyedepo** once said, you are either building a library or a mortuary without knowing.

Proverbs 23:23 says, 'Buy the truth, and sell it not. ' If you say knowledge is expensive, then try ignorance.

Every time you buy a dress, it only covers your body, when you buy a book or any other resource material, it provides a covering for your destiny. You don't need more clothes but more information to secure your colourful destination.

One of the things reading does for you is to boost your mental resource in order to enhance your results in life.

Also, leaders are readers, and every committed reader is a potential leader. What you don't know, you can't show. It is what you know that gives you an edge in life.

However, you don't assume knowledge, you consciously acquire it. And nobody can do it for you, you have to do it by yourself. Therefore, cultivate a solid reading culture now to secure your colourful future.

**Chapter 4: Submit To A Mentor**

Luke 2:46 says, 'And it came to pass, that after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.'

Our text reveals one of the secrets Jesus Christ used on earth. He was found in the midst of professionals, with just one aim: To learn from them.
Beloved, only committed learners emerge as leaders, and real leaders are learners.

The question is, who are you learning from? Who is instructing you? This is necessary because, if you are not learning from anybody, you are not qualified to be learnt from. You must first be a good student before becoming a good teacher. The problem today is that many people wants to become teachers in their various field without first becoming students. It doesn't work that way.

If nobody is influencing you, you can't influence anybody.

Just as every star player in professional foot balling has a coach, in the same way, any person that wants to emerge a star in his career must come under the tutelage of an existing star. There's no two ways about it.

Until you are a good follower, you cannot be a good leader. Genuine followers today are the ones that emerge as leaders tomorrow.

In 1 Samuel 22:2, four hundred aimless, inconsequential and insignificant young men brought themselves under the mentorship of David. Not quite long after they submitted to the instructions of David, their potentials were released.

This same men David had trained began to achieve what David didn't achieve. They broke the record of their mentor. You know, the prayer of every good parents is for their children to do better and greater than them.
From useless and irrelevant boys, these young men became the mighty men of David via mentorship (2 Samuel 23:8-12).

Giants don't give birth to dwarfs.

Their making was not just in their hanging around David, but in their ardent followership commitment to instructions.
Your need for mentorship cannot be over emphasized.

A mentor is necessary for both growth and stability. He is your trainer, coach and ensures you are disciplined. He shares with you what you need to hear not what you want to hear. Mentors are ladders to your desired destination. They give you feathers to go further and farther in life.

If you are truly connected to a mentor, your life in terms of results cannot be compared to your mates (those without a mentor). You enjoy unusual speed. Things begin to fall in place,

your life is on a speed lane. What took others years to accomplish, you just achieve in months.

There is a story I heard from Pastor Matthew Ashimolowo of KICC London, am sure it will further convince you on the need for mentorship.
There is a church in Zimbabwe whom the pastor left America to pastor. And it seems God actually sent him out to pastor riff-raffs, jobless and discontented people. He began to train them to possess the land, maximize opportunities and take over the economy. One of them by virtue of the training he had received, founded Econet Wireless (a telecommunication company), which later gave rise to Vmobile, Zain and currently Airtel NIGERIA. Five of the men whom the pastor trained are owners of major banks in Zimbabwe.

Hear this, your mentor is not in competition with you. He won't use your vision to become great.

However, everybody cannot be your mentor. You are not expected to follow everybody. Hebrews 6:12 shows us the kind of people to follow. It says, 'That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.'
You are to follow a person that has evidence, not argument. Mentors are people who have obtained tangible proofs in their field of endeavour. Their reality is your possibility, their manifestation is your expectation.

A mentor is also one that can provide a covering for you. A tree that is not taller than you cannot shade you. So, a person who is not higher than you, doesn't know more than you, and doesn't have more experience than you cannot mentor you.
And when I say he must be higher than you, am not referring to age. Your mentor may be younger than you in terms of age, but if he has what you need humble yourself and learn.

To benefit from a mentor, be humble and willing to learn. Until you prove to be a student, he won't prove to be a teacher. Learn to listen more and talk less every time you are in the presence of a mentor.

Another thing to note is, mentorship is not sponsorship, it is a platform to receive inspiration, instruction, correction and impartation. I will counsel you to go for mentorship not sponsorship. Sponsorship will give you fish, mentorship will teach you how to catch fish. And it is more honourable to know how to fish than to be begging for fish. Get to know the secrets behind their success. The secrets of men are in their stories. Pay attention to their stories, by so doing you will receive instructions to secure your colourful destination.

In conclusion, if you don't want your destiny to suffer unusual limitation, never come to a point in life where there is nobody you are answerable to, a point where nobody can call you to order. Get connected to a mentor today!

**Chapter 5: Be Disciplined**

1 Corinthians 9:27 says, 'But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. '

Discipline is the fifth principle, and it could be seen as self control, self governance. Until you can govern yourself, you cannot successfully govern anybody. It is only when you succeed in controlling yourself that you are qualified to coordinate other people.

Also, discipline is doing what is right, not what you like. It is doing what is demanded, not what is convenient.

Therefore, a disciplined youth must centre his life on essentials, focus on priorities, operate by schedules, and function without supervision in order to make the most of his life.
It takes a disciplined life to be distinguished. Discipline was one of the things that contributed to the distinction of Joseph. Having discovered God's plan and purpose for his life, he couldn't be trapped in Potiphar's house.

Proverbs 29:18 (Bible in Basic English) says, 'Where there is no vision, the people are uncontrolled; but he who keeps the law will be happy. '

A youth with a clear vision is guided by his vision to live right, while a youth without a vision lives anyhow by breaking the laws and order of the society.
Take for instance, a year one student in the university, whose vision is to graduate with a First Class Grade. That vision will guide him to live a disciplined life on campus; he would not have time for too many extra-curricular activities or excessive socializing chatting 24/7.
He would not have time for night clubs, smoking, drinking alcohol, cultism, and so on. While other students live the way they like, he is focused on what he came to the university for and that focus helps him to govern himself well.

Beloved, nothing disciplines like vision. If you know what you want out of life, not everybody can be your friend, because, not everyone is moving in your direction. So, anybody whose destination is not your direction is not worthy of your association.

Please hear this: your talent may take you up in life, but without discipline you can't last there. No matter the height a gifted person gets to in life, without discipline he doesn't have a future, he will soon crash.

Therefore, begin to control yourself. Stop living anyhow. Samson lived anyhow and ended anyhow. You cannot be living anyhow (the way you like) and expect to arrive at greatness. You cannot eat your cake and have it.
You know, those who don't have spare tyre don't drive rough or reckless. Any little thing they see, they dodge it, because they don't have a spare tyre. You don't have a spare life, so, stop living rough and reckless. If you continue living recklessly, and this your one life punctures, you are grounded! May that not be your portion.

**Chapter 6: Accept Responsibility**

The first thing I would want you to know is this: there is no future for an irresponsible or idle youth. Everyone who ever became something in life were all responsible.

We have a generation of easy goers, most people are not willing to pay any price, and until you are willing to pay the price, you can't be a prize winner.
There is no rise without a price, no gain without pain, no star without a scar, no success without sacrifice.

What makes anyone outstanding is the outstanding price that he's paid. So, if you won't do what others won't do, you can't get above where others will get.

There is no possibility without responsibility. An enviable future is very possible if you will be responsible. Every great dream will require a great price.

No wonder George Washington said, 'Responsibility is the price of greatness. '

The race of destiny is individualistic. You are absolutely responsible for the outcome of the issues of your life. Play it away today, and wriggle in pains tomorrow; invest maximally in it today and celebrate tomorrow, the choice is yours.

No one can write exams on your behalf or you'll be punished. No one can read, breathe or eat on your behalf, you must do it yourself. So, the race of destiny is individualistic, beware of been lost in the crowd.

Lamentations 3:27 says, 'It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. '

You can't find a play boy today who will become a responsible man tomorrow. You are either a responsible youth or end up an irresponsible adult.

Where you find yourself tomorrow is not God's making, it is primarily your making. Your future is not in the hands of the government, your parents or the devil, but in your hands. That's why you can't just wish for a better life, you must go out there and create it. You are responsible for your life. If you're sitting around waiting for someone to save you, fix you or help you, you're wasting your time. You better wake up, and take responsibility for your life.

Stop waiting for the 'perfect' time to pursue your dreams; you have what you need to begin right now. Don't wait for the perfect moment, take the moment and make it perfect. If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done.
Therefore, you have to commit yourself to getting started, because destiny is an adventure of personal responsibility. No one will pay the price for you. They will only show you what price to pay and you go and work it out. So, be responsible by accepting responsibility for your life! You don't have a spare life, strive to make the most of this one life.
You shall not fail.

**Chapter 7: Be Connected To God**

**'REMEMBER NOW THY CREATOR IN THE DAYS OF THY YOUTH,** while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shall say, I have no pleasure in them. ' Ecclesiastes 12:1

Lets see how The Message Bible puts it:

'Honor and enjoy your Creator while you are still young, before the years take their toll and your vigor wanes.'

Beloved, this is the best time to know your Maker and deploy your time, talent and treasure in His service. This is not time to be ashamed of your Maker, but the best time to both know Him and be proud of Him. This is the time to solidify your walk with Him in the study of His Word, Prayer, Fasting and Worship. This is the time to carry the Holy Bible and also know what the Holy Bible carries.

Don't let anyone deceive you into believing that you don't need God. Nothing should take the place of God in your life, not your skills, gifts, connections or First Class Certificate. There are many highly talented and connected people today who are still stagnated in life and destiny. It is the God First mentality that guarantees a future, not your First Class Certificate.

You cannot truly be connected to Him and be a victim of confusion, stagnation or frustration. You cannot be connected to God and be useless in life. You cannot give God His place and be displaced in life. Following God in sincerity and in truth pays.

Note the following 10 key thought son THE GOD FACTOR:
1. The quality of your connection to God will determine the quality of your collection from Him.
2.Your devotion and donation to God determines your duration in life.
3.Your passion for God is what determines both your portion and position in life.
4.Your heart for God will determine your height in life.
5.God won't take you serious if you don't take Him serious, neither will Satan take you serious if you don't take God serious.
6.To take God for granted is to be grounded both in life and in eternity.
7.Those who make God their priority can't die in obscurity.
8.Your reverence for God is key to becoming a reference in life.
9.Your depth of spirituality will determine the height of your authority in life.
10.The quality of your relationship with God will determine the level of followership you command on earth.
Beloved, walking with God makes stars. Quality walk with God brings out the star in you. You don't lose anything walking with God, in fact, you gain everything walking with Him. This is why distance from God is distance from good, because He's our Source. Distance from Source makes one vulnerable and a cheap prey for the enemy.

Remember the story of the prodigal son. When he disconnected from his source, he suffered nakedness, hunger, shame, and almost dried up. His restoration happened only when he returned to his source.

You don't have a future outside your Source, because your Source determines your life, size and sustenance.

That's why you need to RETURN, RECONNECT AND STAY CONNECTED TO YOUR SOURCE! And most importantly, to secure your place in eternity. Success on earth and failure in eternity is a useless success. Don't be deceived, eternity is very real. There is life after death, and you choose where you will spend your eternity: Heaven or hell. Who you live for and how you live on earth determines where you will end in eternity. Those who miss Heaven won't escape hell. The meaning of this is, IF YOU ARE NOT SAVED, YOU ARE NOT SAFE!

At this moment, if you have not given your life to Jesus Christ, or you did it before but later returned to your vomit, you are encouraged to do so NOW. Pray this prayer with me and mean every word of it in your heart:
Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner and I cannot help myself. I have lived independent of You. Come into my life and change my life and destiny. I receive the grace to live for You by faith, serve You all the days of my life and to say NO to sin. I thank You LORD for saving me. Amen.
Beloved, now that you are born again, I would like you to be planted in a Bible believing Church near you, where you can be properly fed and nurtured in the Word of God. Congratulations and God bless you richly as you do so.

THANK YOU FOR GOING THROUGH THIS BOOK WITH ME. Am sure you must have been inspired and blessed by this book. Do you know that there are multitudes out there that needs to learn what you just learnt to become better people in life? You may not be able to reach all of them, but you can reach at least 5 persons, 10 persons, or even more of such people. Be a blessing to others by sharing this book with them.
FINALLY, I would like to hear from you how this book has blessed you.

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