

Good evening everyone, I hope you have had a fantastic day?

The theme is \*Your Voice Speaks Louder than Your Body\*

I am grateful for the privilege to share, I naturally have a problem with placing emphasis on things that are fleeting and perishable. Our Beauty and body are perishable, The bible says beauty is vain... charms deceptive. I wrote a blog post some 2 to 3 years ago on 'the qualities that should wear the mortar board'. In the Nigerian society, the metrics often used to judge people is academic qualifications and body physique. There is little to no attention placed on character until we have to talk about husband or wife 'materialness'. But you and I, know what builds the society are virtues such as Optimism, friendliness, kindness, courtesy, respect amongst others. I will rather you introduce someone as a meek man, before you tell me he is an Engineer. My emphasis, our bodies do not have as much power as we give it. Stop worshipping your body! Stop carrying your body like that is all to you. You are more than your busts and bums!!!! It is because of the perversion in the world that plastic surgeries have increased, Funny people trying to impress some other people who barely notice them I have concluded that nobody really indeed care about as much as they make me feel.

I urge you to set your priorities right henceforth. You cannot have the KimK, Rihanna Beyoncé and all that as your hero, and not worship your body. The bible says beauty is vain, nevertheless, modesty is God's injunction to us. I try to look good as well, so I am not saying we should look tacky.

I just had a problem with our current social media world, where someone in a deep mess can take a photo shoot, and for a moment it all seems like everything is perfect. In our generation, beauty is vainer than you can ever imagine. So what's more important? **Your IMPACT!!** You won't always be around. We all have the stage for a short time. Rather than address people by the way they are dressed, I wait until they give an address. You won't know how shallow and stupid a person is until they open their mouth. Forget fine clothes and fake lashes. I am not someone extremely attractive by my outlook... And I have bothered to compete in that sphere. But in the field of intelligence, You can bring it on... I don't like games, phone games, computer games.... But information! Wheew

You should know at least something about everything. During my Bachelors, I used to have a catalogue for my books, the best gift to give me was a book. You cannot give what you don't have. They call it in law **Nemo dat quod non habet**. For your Voice to stay relevant, You will have to invest into the right things. What if you give yourself more to the study of the word? What if you do less on social media? I delete my Facebook app whenever I need to concentrate. I have not found a need for Instagram, hence I have not opened one, I deleted my BBM October 2015 when I judged that the cost outweighs the benefits. Cost here is not money, But emotions

In summary, I am saying **Please take charge of your life**. Don't be distracted by these fleeting world. Rather, seek to make impact, find someone to pass on the baton to.

The bible says as a man THINKETH, so is he, not as a man looketh in the mirror. Are your thoughts pure? True? Lovely? Of good report? Because that is really who you are. While others are saying nudity is the way, make sure your voice is screaming modesty. While others are saying deceit is the way, make sure your voice and character is shouting honesty! If we all keep quiet, the devil will have a field day, and you cannot shine a light you don't sincerely have. Did you not see Fela Kuti? A man who tried to conquer darkness with darkness. Someone said heaven is for the sincere and not the religious. Be honest with God. Make sure your voice will echo in the hearts of generations to come.