

Relationship And Your Academics:

Which Is More Important
To You Now?



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The purpose of this article is to particularly address young people, especially female teenagers and young adult who desire to achieve their visions and live happy in the nearest future. Many young females whose dreams of becoming graduates have been thwarted because they lacked the knowledge of how to put first things first.

Mariam (not her real name), was a young lady who gained admission into the higher institution to study and become someone in life. But along the line, she became pregnant for a young man. Having been put in the family way, she had no option than to drop her studies to face the challenges of motherhood.

Imagine, she had a dream of getting education, which would have made her a better person to herself and her world, but for lack of discipline and focus to pursue her priority, she lost that dream.

What is the result of her choice?

As she poured out her ordeal, everyone listening felt for her. It was unbelievable! When her matriculation picture was displayed, the contrast between her appearance then (as an undergraduate) and now was unbelievable. In the photograph, Mariam looked so elegant and beautiful that it was almost impossible to believe that she was the one, seeing her present state.

So far, Mariam gave birth to more children together with the man who impregnated her and they all live together as a family. For Mariam, life was frustrating. She alone struggled to cater for herself and children. For her inability to bear the burden of keeping her home singlehandedly, she became a debtor to many in the presence of the man, who paid no attention to her and the children they both have together.

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In this regard, hear Mariam speak: “He does not care about the children at all. Because he does not provide money even to cut the hair of the children, I would personally pick up a pair of scissors and trim their hair.” Now, this rang in my heart; if there was no money to cut children’s hair, was it school fees that would be available. Now, she cut her children’s hair with the scissors; could she also teach them in the house to avert the expenses of sending them to school?

As if subjecting her and the children to suffering was not enough, the man also abused her, calling her all sorts of downgrading names such as: “Expired woman,” and the rest of them. What a pain!

Indeed, it was pathetic. And who caused all these? Mariam herself. Rather than focusing on her education which was more important to her, she chose to go into relationship for lack of adequate knowledge or awareness. Now answer, what is the possibility of her going to school again?

Unarguably, this is also the case of many of our parents today who did not achieve their dreams of gaining education. When they supposed to focus, they took relationship as a priority and before they knew it, it was already too late for them. Remember what I said at the beginning (first paragraph) and I repeat it:

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Parents who are victims of dashed academic dreams now have the experience but they no longer have the time to use this experience. But you are getting the wisdom now and still have the time to put it to work. Would you still with eyes wide open fall into the trap?

Relationship And Your Academics; Which Is More Important To You Now?" See, your destiny is in your hand. They say, "***You will lie on your bed, the way you made it.***" And that is the fact. As a Secondary school student or an undergraduate, how are you dressing your bed now? Is relationship your priority now or your studies? Do I hear you say, "I'm a big Girl; I know how to run the show or combine both together"? Hmmm...! Don't you think Mariam in the above story might have also said the same thing at the beginning? You want to experience a mistake before you learn the lessons?

My simple and direct message here is this: There is the right time for everything. As a student, you have no business keeping a 'lover or boyfriend or girlfriend' now. All you've got to do is to face your studies and come out the best. Being in a relationship will distract you and earn you poor grades, and if you are not careful enough, it can put you in the family way; and this will make you a drop out as it did to Mariam, especially for the female folks.

Dear reader, if this does not directly apply to you, you can as well share the knowledge here with those who actually need it to shape their future into a

happy better one. They are all around you (in the house, compound, school, church, workplace, etc.). Don't withhold the kind gesture from them. Doing this can be accredited to you as your own little way of helping others become happy and better in life.

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