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Problem-Based-Living: Owning the Tiniest House, on the Tiniest Land and Solving Problems

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The theme of today's graduation is research and innovation for development. This theme is important and unavoidable because those of us with university-level education and skills in Africa have the unique responsibility to develop this continent.

There is an insightful and wise verse in the Bible, Luke Chapter 12 Verse 48, and it says:

"For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required; and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more"

Your graduation today, is proof that our continent has given much to you, and that it will "ask the more" of you.

Why will Africa "ask the more" of you?

Because you are the most knowledgeable and most skilled of us, because you are part of less than 10% of us with university-level education.

So, what should you as a university graduate living in Africa do for yourself and for Africa and the world?

One, you should prepare for what I call problem-based-living by quickly finding a way to own the tiniest piece of land in your name and in a place of your choice.

Two, you should find a way to build or own the tiniest modern house on that tiniest piece of land.

That tiniest land and tiniest house will be a form of insurance for you. Insurance against the laughter of those who did not go to university. They are waiting to laugh at you.

They will say "look at this one, he claims to be a graduate, but he is a failure who does not even have a house."

After you acquire ownership of the tiniest house in the tiniest land, you must then focus on identifying and solving our problems. You will make money and live a purposeful life if you identify some of our problems and focus your life on finding solutions for us. Your education places a burden on you. A burden of solving our collective problems.

This problem-solving may happen at an existing company, or in a government department or in a completely new enterprise that you will create.

According to the *Mission* of Cavendish University, you have already been transformed into an R-E-E-E graduate, and that is, into a person that is *"responsible, educated, employable, and entrepreneurial."*

Therefore, in my opinion, you have already been prepared for a life that will be very hard, and very purposeful, and hopefully, very happy.

Please note that happiness, of which we all dream, comes not from lazy comfort and pleasure, and comes not from alcohol and drugs, but comes from purposeful hard work. No pain, no gain. And no purposeful pain, no happiness.

In conclusion, I will say that if your education is to mean anything, you must use online resources to continually educate yourself on how best to become a researcher and an innovator.

You should make money and get rich not from corruption, but from deploying research and innovation in solving our problems.

Thank You and God Bless!