

## **THE PRINCIPLE(S) THAT GUIDE MY LIFE**

The ability to endure pain is the warrior's true weapon. Therefore, I never give up when I encounter a problem or a challenge in my life. This is because quitters never win and winners never quit. To some extent, I believe that those who quit do not have a worthy life plan. Dr. Robert Anthony once opined that "if we do not consciously give our life purpose and direction, we will be like a ship without a captain to steer it or a chart to direct its course. This kind of vessel is destined to end up shipwrecked on some desert Island, worse yet, sink to the bottom of the sea". Hence, I am optimistic that my dream of pursuing further studies abroad for the past two years would one day come to pass.

I also believe that failure prepares an individual ahead of successful moments. Hard times are made for a good life. Henry Ford even argued that "failure provides the opportunity to begin again, more intelligently". Redstone Sumner made similar comment by stating that "great success is built on failure, frustration, even catastrophe". The aforesaid comments remind me of herculean challenges that Thomas Edison went through when he invented a light bulb. A reporter asked Edison that "How did it feel to fail 1,000 times? Edison replied "I don't fail 1,000 times. The light bulb was an invention with 1,000 steps".

In all, I am of the opinion that a life without the power of self-confidence is incomplete. This is because it is self-confidence that would motivate people to pursue their dreams despite numerous obstacles they may encounter, which may include uncountable failures. In all these, I normally take bold decisions in my life because failure is part of the success story.

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