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Editor's Note

It is with great pleasure that we bring you the 47th edition of the Prophetic Voice Magazine. In this special edition, we share with you, highlights from the Inspiring Greatness Professional Business Symposium held on the 12th of June in Sydney.

The theme of the event was 'Living the Australian Dream', and the aim of the symposium was to facilitate growth and excellence among businesspeople and professionals from all walks of life. A fitting theme for the year of Greater Manifestations, and a much-needed platform to exchange ideas and network in an environment undergoing significant change because of the Covid pandemic.

We believe when you're starting out in anything, success comes quicker if you are informed, and our writers have endeavoured to ensure their submissions are informative. Each article provides a detailed overview from the keynote presentations which had focused on opportunities in the Health, Education, Real Estate, and Business sectors. You will learn some do's and don'ts that will help you avert the many pitfalls of business and challenges encountered in the workplace.

A wise man once posited that reading brings redemption and this is something that is true and clear in the book of Daniel 9:2. It is our hope that as you read these articles you are informed, inspired and equipped to move with purpose and become the world changer you are.

God richly bless you.

The Inspiring Greatness Team



Richard Amoaye Ministries (RAM) aims at:

Enlightening people at all levels of society using the prophetic gift. In RAM, we believe trapped within every person is the seed of greatness. Our passion is to help people discover and nurture that seed, which in turn will cause them to live a meaningful and impactful life.

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'Brighten' the world through your work

Have you ever imagined a world in which business people, professionals, and all other workers operate under true Christian values, such as kindness, fairness, patience, and love? Have you ever thought of a world where the needy, the poor, and the sick are fully supported and welcomed? Certainly, poverty and illness-induced crimes will be reduced in such a world as the sick will be able to easily attain optimal healthcare. The poor will have better living conditions, and more people will live a happier life. Unfortunately, our world today is characterised by extreme poverty, unemployment, injustice, and corruption. According to the United Nations, 734 million people on this planet lived on less than \$1.90 a day in 2015 [1]. Currently, an estimated 85% of the world population lives on less than \$30 each day and two-thirds live on less than \$10 a day [2]. These figures are just the tip of the iceberg as many others suffer from severe disabilities, frailties, sicknesses, and injustices.

Given that one of our core mandates as Christians is to make the world a better place to live in, how do we reverse some of these severe problems happening in the world today? As Christians, how can we make a demonstrable impact? For centuries, 'the church' has been offering several spiritual, moral, social, and humanitarian services to people, such as the organisation of spiritual conferences, the establishment of Christian schools, and the training of missionaries, among others. These services have undoubtedly resulted in positive outcomes in many societies. However, in our rapidly changing world, we often face new challenges, and the church needs to extend its boundaries to help address these novel problems.

As part of our 'Kingdom' responsibilities, the Inspiring Greatness team has been giving back to society and has made great strides for that matter. In June this year, for instance, the team organised a business symposium that was focused on inspiring people in businesses and various professions. Our goal for the symposium was and is not to just make people wealthy but to inspire people to make excellent use of their God-given talents, instill Godly values in their day-to-day businesses and

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professions, and encourage people to give back to society. By doing so, we indirectly contribute to societal growth and this is a core part of our spiritual mandate. In case you could not capture the spiritual aspect well, probably, a simple case story can make it clearer. Assume you are a preacher or an ordained pastor who has detected that one of your church members sells illicit drugs for a living. You wish to help this member to repent. However, he is unemployed,

has no source of regular income, has no support from anyone, but has a family to fend for. He had applied for work at several businesses and firms but to no avail. In this scenario, what the church member needs most is physical support. If a business owner in the church can offer this man a job, the Scripture declares that a host of angels will rejoice as written in Luke 15:10. This form of service is considered very significant in the eyes of God and the rippling reward will be great.

The Inspiring Greatness team is not oblivious of the fact that some people we support will not support others back in contrast to what we have envisioned. Nevertheless, we still need to continue playing our supportive role, leave the rest to God, and hope that lives will be truly blessed through our support. To this end, let us support one another's calling, be it a business, profession, or ministry as far as it makes the world better.





Why You Must Become An Entrepreneur!

Time to move out of your comfort zone!

Many people may start their businesses or professions for a variety of reasons. Some may start because of curiosity, others because they need money for a living, many may start just to seek better financial benefits, and some just want to learn from or compete with people.

As Christians, we need to rethink our motivation for starting a business or profession and begin to understand that being a professional or an entrepreneur is a "calling" on its own. Our aim should be focused on developing a business or profession that blends profit-making with Christian values that will ultimately lead to a better society. Our motivation to start a business or profession should not be only based on making money, but to support worthy causes, such as helping the needy and the poor, and providing meaningful employment for people that enable them to utilise their full potentials.

Focusing on financial benefits alone will lead us into temptations as stated in 1 Timothy 6:10: "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves

with many griefs" (New International Version). The book of Timothy did not declare that "money" in itself is evil but said the "love of it" is the 'root' or 'cause' of evil. So as Christians, we need to be careful not to solely focus on getting money from our work but to make sure that we get money through the righteousness and faithfulness of God and not for our own benefits alone but for others who need support. We need to be also concerned about the risk that our businesses or professions can affect our spiritual life if it becomes an "obsession" as stated in Luke 16:13: "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money (New International Version). People can become so occupied with work that they neglect other spiritual duties and assignments. We need to ensure

that our work does not make us move our lives out of balance and continue to pursue the priorities of God.

It is important to keep reminding ourselves about the essence of our calling and to use our businesses or professions as an opportunity to make the world a better place to live in. In this current economic recession induced by the COVID-19 pandemic, for instance, have you wondered how unemployed people, the needy, and the frail are surviving? As a Christian, how are you helping to address the problem, or how are you creating opportunities for people to use their God-given ideas to inspire solutions that will reduce some of these problems? We can do more and better. We do not have to wait for tomorrow, our tomorrow is now!





Starting a Business or Profession

Many Christians have seen dreams, felt it within themselves, or received several prophecies about the need for them to start a business or profession but do not know how, when, and where to begin with. Having a dream or receiving a prophecy about your business is a good first step but making this dream or prophecy become a reality often requires much work, dedication, and upskilling. Remember that faith without works is dead and this implies that we need to take strategic steps for our dreams and prophetic beliefs to come true.

So, back to the question - how do we start? Firstly, we need to sow prayers and other seeds in our businesses or professions. We need to also prepare to learn new skills, understand the context

of the business or profession we are building, and learn to incorporate Christian values into our work. Additionally, we need to understand the essence of consultations and learn to utilise the expertise and experiences of others who have specific callings or gifts that we lack. For this matter and in participation with the Holy Spirit, the Inspiring Greatness team hopes to continue to support and inspire people from all walks of life to embrace the incorporation of Christian values into their businesses and professions. We hope that our recent symposium which brought together people with extensive experience and expertise for this mission has been a blessing to you and hope that you will continue to support such assignments in the future.



Supporting Businesses and Professions is Part of Our 'Godly' Duties

When we hosted our business symposium in June this year, many people might have questioned our focus on businesses and professions and wondered why the Inspiring Greatness team did not rather embark on a crusade or some sort of Christian carnival. While we appreciate and welcome such thoughts, we would like to remind ourselves that the majority of people on earth spend most of their time at work and that our day-to-day work reflects our purpose in life and vice versa. God did not only call pastors, prophets, apostles, and other spiritual workers, but everyone to specific roles in His kingdom, and this includes business people, teachers, researchers, builders, doctors, lawyers, and several other professionals. The Bible makes it clear that work matters to God, and it is not by chance that the first thing God did when He created Adam was to give him work as demonstrated in Genesis 2:15: "The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it" (New International Version). Do you remember the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14? This parable reminds us



that we have all been entrusted with special gifts and talents and we must make use of these gifts and talents for the betterment of society before the Master comes on the day of accountability.

Our gifts and assignments are not the same and we are called to our respective offices to make the world better. Upon His return, the Master will assess our stewardship, our faithfulness, and importantly, how we have made 'Godly' profits and caused a positive change to society. With the help of God, Inspiring Greatness will continue to assist people to use their professional and spiritual talents and gifts

so that we can all receive the priceless reward from our Master when He returns. Remember that no matter your profession or occupation, God cares about your work if it is aimed at helping the needy, the poor, the sick, and society at large as illustrated in John 15:16: "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit-fruit that will last-and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you." (New International Version). May the good Lord continue to equip us with the strength to support one another!

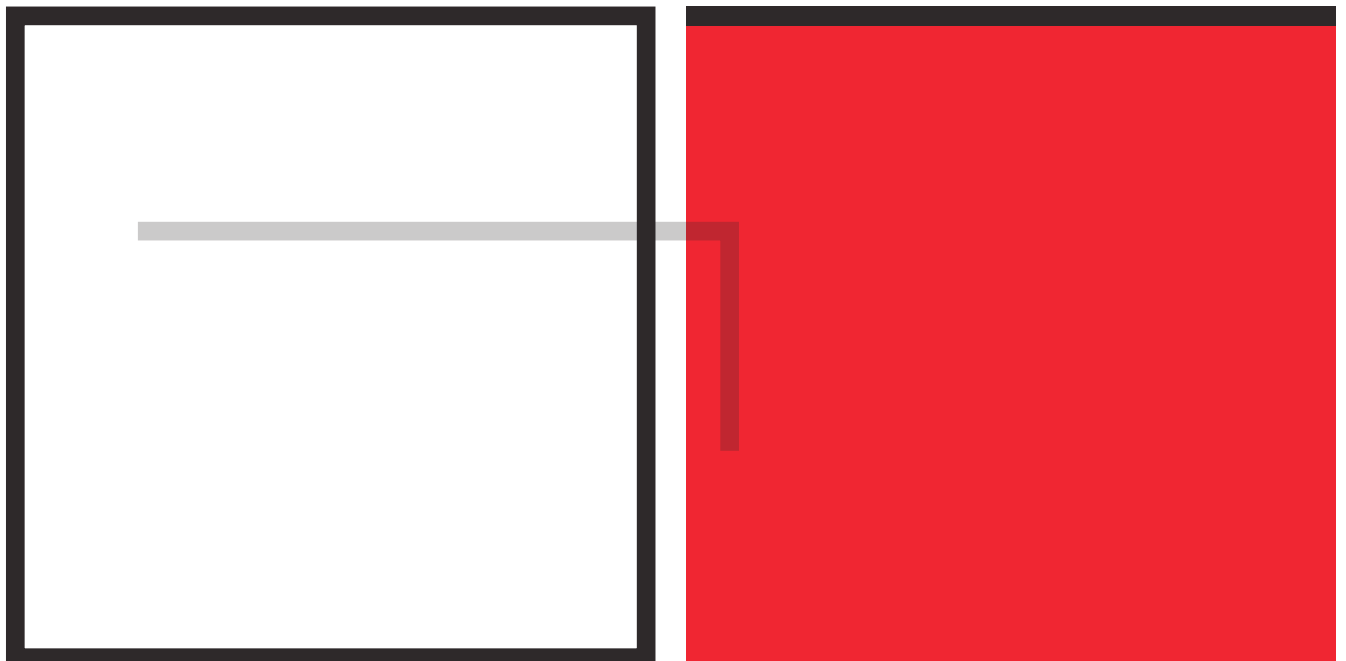
Take Home Message

Christian entrepreneurs and professionals must demonstrate uniqueness in their work and our work should be guided by Godly principles and the Holy Spirit.



Remember that the eagle and the fowl are both classified as birds, have wings, have beaks, and are similar in appearance but the fowl feeds to become prey and the eagle feeds on prey. A fowl has a limit to how far it can fly but the eagle is unlimited in the air. Remember that the same eagle is a great hunter in the air, but it cannot hunt better in waters where the shark rule. As Christians, we must know our calling, foresee our limits, and understand the need to consult others for assistance. We should not be envious of others' calling, businesses, or professions, but rather support one another. No matter how fragrant a jasmine flower is, know that it cannot make a better soup than lentils.

Let us build on each other's strength and remember that every work we do should be part of God's plan for humanity. We will be judged and rewarded according to our works and the decisions we make. Do not think you are too old, uneducated, weak, or 'useless'. As the adage goes- "old and broken pencils still write", no matter your circumstances, you have something great to offer to society! May God help us all to fulfill our calling and make full use of our talents and gifts so that we will not be found wanting on the day of reckoning!



Current Opportunities in the Health Sector



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Our family dynamics, financial situations, media and the society we live in affect the career choices we make. Therefore, one needs to really understand their motivating factor in choosing a career path and what they hope to achieve in the long run.



Dr Olayide Ogunsiji

It is important that you always commit your career plans and journey to God for He will give you the strength to overcome obstacles and make the right decisions along the way (Proverbs 16:3).

At the recently held Inspiring Greatness Business Symposium, we had the pleasure of hearing from 3 health professionals who had diverse experiences. These speakers were Dr Olayide Ogunsiji, Professor John Keogh and Tanya Nyamhamba. They spoke about potential career opportunities people could consider in the health sector, and they also spoke about the challenges likely to be encountered along the way.

Dr Olayide Ogunsiji is a Registered Nurse and a Senior Lecturer at the school of Nursing and Midwifery at Western Sydney University. She has extensive experience working in acute and community settings and has an interest in migrant and refugee women's health, intimate partner violence, female genital mutilation and breast and cervical cancer screening. She is also the founder of African Women's Health and Support Organisation (AWHASO), a not-for-profit organisation that promotes African women's health at home and abroad.

Associate Professor Keogh is an experienced Obstetrician and Gynaecologist who has been providing support and care to families in Northern Sydney for over 20 years. He began his career in general nursing and pediatrics before deciding to be an obstetrician. He is also a key supporter of My Sister's Baby, a group of Obstetricians, Midwives and Hospitals raising awareness of the many difficulties women face in pregnancy and childbirth in Lower- and Middle-Income Countries.



Associate Professor Keogh



Tanya Nyamhamba

Tanya Nyamhamba is a clinical Audiologist and the Director of two Specsavers stores in Riverton and Carousel in Perth, Western Australia. Her background is in Neuropharmacology, and she holds a BSc in Neuroscience and Pharmacology (UWA), MSc in Neuroscience & Neuroimaging (Kings College London) and a Master of Clinical Audiology (UWA).

All 3 speakers highlighted that in Australia and Internationally, health is one of the fastest growing sectors. In recent years, the expansion has been linked to people becoming more conscious of

their health and well-being among other things. Unlike some industries, the health sector will always require human judgement and intervention, thus there are always a lot of career avenues to pursue. Examples include general and specialist medical health, nursing and midwifery, allied health, oral health, health research, hospital administration, emergency services, mental health, nutritional health, pharmaceuticals, medical technology and the list goes on. In his presentation, Professor Keogh also mentioned there are new opportunities that are emerging in genetics, biomedical engineering and big data research.

The speakers indicated that there are various benefits that come with pursuing a career in the health care industry such as:

- Diverse career paths with opportunities for growth and continued learning;
- Fulfilling and rewarding careers whilst making a difference in communities and people's lives;
- One can easily transition to other careers within the industry;
- Learn transferable skills such that in most cases one can work anywhere in the world;
- Flexible working schedules in some roles as they can be 24 hour services;
- Attractive salary packages and benefits;
- Job stability due to the continued growth of the industry;
- Provides a good learning platform to establish your own business within the industry.

In all 3 presentations, the speakers also highlighted that there are some challenges one may face in pursuing a career in health. These include:

- **Time management challenges** - Sometimes it might be difficult to manage the work-life-balance whereby you juggle a career, ensuring you are available for your family and other social aspects of your life.

Dr Olayide Ogunsiji pointed out that this balance, while very achievable, requires that one is disciplined with their time management. She also indicated that it is important to have a goals list, stay organised and always communicate your availabilities to the relevant parties.

Tanya also shared about the importance of thinking outside the box and indicated that with a young family, there are instances where she has had to adjust her schedule to accommodate the demands of family.



- **Career development** - There are times when one might feel that their career is not developing at a rate that they were expecting. In such situations, consider requesting a meeting with your manager and making your career plans known. It is important to also find out what you need to achieve your goals and it is important to always make sure you engage in ongoing professional development. It may mean that you need to put your hand up for volunteer opportunities and network with people in the same industry.

Finally, the personal stories and experiences of all 3 speakers resonated. Professor Keogh spoke about what makes one a good doctor and he stated that compassion, gentleness and giving of self are key. This should be coupled with a willingness to be open and seeking to learn from people at all levels in their career. He stated that the latter had connected him to some great opportunities including the “My sisters baby” initiative. Through this they have been leveraging their expertise from their networks to support and provide free maternity care to women in nations where there are no resources and have partnered with some organisations that are operating in Ethiopia , Tanzania, Sierra Leone to mention a few.

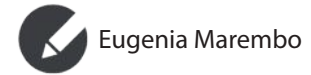
Tanya shared about the challenges faced in her early years of education and the journey through University to then getting established in her career as an Audiologist. She stated that preparation and planning are key. However, as a Christian, you cannot do it without God. You must hold onto the His word and also conduct yourself in a way that exhibits Christ in the marketplace.

Dr Olayide’s advice that we bring our families and loved ones on the journey and ensure we grow with them along the way encouraging. She spoke of how she managed to progress her career while also investing in her then young children. Today they are established with their own children and in their careers.

Overall, this was quite an informative session as the speakers delved into various aspects of individual growth, building a career and business in the health industry!



Career Planning, Education and the Pursuit of Excellence



Eugenia Marembo

Presentation by Dr Annette Osei Kumah:
Current opportunities in the
education and research sector

In this article, I would like to reflect on the wisdom generously shared during the Education segment of the Inspiring Greatness Professional Business Symposium. Dr Annette Osei Kumah and Dr Sumbo Ndi were the two accomplished experts to grace us, and they also happen to be strong advocates on issues of equity and access for women and young girls.



Dr Annette Osei Kumah

Dr Annette has an academic background in medical research. She also has experience in community development, and she has worked across various teaching institutions in Australia. Her presentation focused on the importance of career planning and adaptability. She mentioned that it was important to ask yourself 3 key questions:

1. What is your career desire and what is your calling?
2. What skills do you have and what makes you stand out?
3. How can you grow and progress?

In relation to career and calling, Dr Annette indicated that media, exposure to role models and family all have a significant influence on the decisions we make. Therefore, it is important to understand who you are, your calling and what is important to you at any point in your life and career. This assists you with remaining grounded and focused on what matters.

In relation to skills, Dr Annette highlighted that while we may all obtain certain qualifications e.g., a Certificate, diploma, or degree, these are not particularly unique because at graduation, you are part of a group that has the same qualification. She stated that what distinguishes you are the soft skills you gain and your ability to transfer them to different settings. These are skills that are not taught in any course but gained in various settings including voluntary opportunities. She reflected on the fact that the pandemic has taught us that nothing is static. Everything is dynamic. So, it is important to develop and sharpen your skillsets.

On the issue of growing and progressing in your career, Dr Annette highlighted that flexibility and adaptability are critical as the world is constantly changing.

To remain relevant, you must plan for your career, keep up with industry trends and continue to improve on your skills.

Presentation by Dr Sumbo Ndi:
Christianity in the pursuit of
academic excellence

Dr Sumbo Ndi is a counsellor, coach and scientist with an academic background in microbiology. Her work in Australia and internationally has focused on the community services sector, family and domestic violence, intergenerational conflict and blood borne viruses. Her presentation focused on the pursuit of academic excellence, and she used the word 'STEWARDSHIP' as the guiding framework for her talk. Drawing on various scriptures, she outlined that it was important to do the following:

- S - set your eyes on your vision (Habakkuk 2:2)
- T - trust God for wisdom, knowledge and understanding (Proverbs 2:6)
- E - be driven by the spirit of excellence as was the case for Daniel

(Daniel 6:3)

- W-work hard and understand that you cannot replace hard work (James 2:24-26)
- A – have an exemplary attitude as it determines how far you go (Ephesians 4:22-24)
- R - have relationship with God and people (Mark 12:30-31).
- D – be disciplined as this produces a harvest of righteousness (Hebrews 12:11).

Dr Sumbo emphasised that positive relationships are crucial and that it is important to be considerate about how we engage with people as this has an impact on our experiences. She also stated that it was important to recognise, acknowledge and honour people in our various fields of work.

Challenges women face in the pursuit of an academic career

During the Q&A segment, there was an important conversation about the challenges women from a culturally and linguistically diverse background face. Some of the key things highlighted were that :

- there are negative terms and names given to people that pursues study e.g. bookworm. These terms can be discouraging
- when a woman pursues further education it does not diminish who she is and people should not assume that pursuit of a career or study means a woman ceases being a good steward of her home
- the choices women make are often informed and it is important to understand and respect the paths they take. For example, some women, by choice or by condition may choose to not have fami-

ly or children, or they may choose to delay or have kids early. These choices should not diminish or make what they do irrelevant and we should not diminish their accomplishments as a result

- women face barriers in the home, community and the workplace as a result of the unrealistic expectations and assumptions that people hold. It can be disheartening, but it is something every individual should strive to rise above. This is particularly important because when children who are growing have role models who look like them, it is a source of hope and inspiration about the spaces that they can get into and what they could achieve.

Overall, the sessions on the education segment were loaded with great insights. Not only was it encouraging to hear about the opportunities available, but it was also inspiring to see and hear

from women who are in areas that have historically been male dominated and often inaccessible for women including those from CALD backgrounds.

There were two key messages that I walked away with. First, while your certificates can open doors for you, ultimately it is your positioning, preparation, and the posture you adopt that will determine whether certain doors will remain open to you. Second, taking up voluntary work is a great way to expand yourself. Not only does it improve your soft skills, but it also creates opportunities for you to network and meet new people who may help propel your career.

Finally, as stewards for God's Kingdom we must be prepared and appropriately positioned to meet opportunities, and when the opportunities come, it's important that we manage and use resources for the Glory of God and for the betterment of society.



Dr Sumbo Ndi

SPOTLIGHT ON ARTS AND CULTURE

GPM Heckenberg Dance Performances



The Inspiring Greatness Professional Business Symposium was an insightful day. Not only did we have the privilege of hearing from experts who are trailblazers in their fields, we were also honoured by 3 dance performances, courtesy of the GPM Heckenberg Dance groups under the leadership of Pastor Michael Sua and Lady Francesca Nanai.

Dance is an integral part of our lives. For many, it is a means of communication and expression at the individual and group level. It captures a lot more than words can express. For example, it may communicate one's thoughts, tell a story, give instruction or direction, capture, and express emotions or a set of beliefs. In addition to this, when it comes to our spiritual walk, dance is also an act of worship

and a means by which we can honour God.

There are many examples in the bible where people danced to God and there are many scriptures that refer to dance and its importance. One example is from Psalm 149 verses 2-3 where it says, "Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King. Let them praise his name with dancing and make music to him with timbrel and harp."

In most parts of the world, including Western Samoa, specific traditional or cultural dances are performed at special events including celebrations. The dances can be individual or be by a group. In some cases, it can be an entire community that dances together.



The final performance of the day had a mix of both men and women in their cultural attire. It was a lively performance. As they sang and danced, it was not difficult to tell how joy filled the atmosphere became.

After the sessions I did venture to ask some questions about the messages conveyed through the performances. I was told that the common theme across all 3 dances was the importance of honouring and glorifying God together, through our gifts and talents. I learnt that through dance, the groups are also able to minister the gospel and unify individuals and communities. Essentially, for the groups, their performances are a way through which they can win souls for the Kingdom!!



Reflecting on the day I realised that there is beauty and purpose to the diversity which God has given us. Not only does dance have entertainment and health benefits for us, but it also helps us to learn more about people and connects us in very significant ways as we learn to appreciate our differences and the things that interest us. Most importantly, dance is another powerful tool that can draw and win souls for Christ!

I also realised that the greatness in us manifests in different ways. The level of excellence on display, as well as the confidence, passion, power and joy exhibited was a great reminder of how the seed of greatness trapped in every person flourishes when we all come together and work towards one purpose. It was also a great reminder that this seed of greatness needs to be nurtured and this nurturing can happen through different disciplines and in different ways.

At the Symposium, the 3 dances showcased by the Heckenberg groups originated from Samoa. To begin the day, the first performance delivered by the men was symbolic of victory. They gave an overcomer's dance that was marked by symbolic gestures that include clapping, hand movements and singing. This dance is known as Siva Tau.

The second dance that was presented came from the women. This dance is known as Siva Samoa. This showcased the inner and outer beauty of what is referred to as Teine Samoa (Samoan Women). The grace and gentleness on display as observed in the synchronized movement of hands, feet and bodies as the music played was a reminder of the serenity, beauty and calmness that we find in God.

It was a delight to watch all performances and to see how the team appreciate their heritage. Indeed, it was an honour and we are grateful to the Hekenberg groups for giving us a taste of Samoa. Thank you for gracing and inspiring us.



Current opportunities and challenges in property investment

The Inspiring Greatness Professional Business Symposium provided a platform for individuals from all walks of life to be educated on ways to ethically invest.

David Muchacha, a Property Investment Strategist led the information session on property investment strategies. He discussed the importance of diversification and the need for people to consider a mix or basket of options that include units and houses. He indicated that as an investor, it was important to cater to different market segments and to also hedge against negative property market movements.

David stated that given the complexity of the housing market and the possibility of loss, it is important to do comprehensive research or employ the services of professional property investment consultants. The importance of diversification was stressed to ensure that risk is hedged against negative property price movements. This considers, property type and location and the importance of buying in different locations to avoid concentrating the risk. David also indicated that it is important not to make the mistake of buying an investment property based on personal preferences. Instead, one should think about tenant needs. Before deciding to invest in property, one should also consider developing a Property Investment Strategy and this should be tailored to accommodate a personal circumstance, financial needs and informed by solid research.

There are different investment strategies an investor can consider by taking into consideration the following:



David Muchacha

1. Equity - using equity from an existing family home to buy an investment property. Even though this makes owning a portfolio of properties easy over time, it is important not to over-extend yourself by maxing out your equity.
2. Depreciation – This strategy is used when an investor wants to maximise their potential tax deductions. A Professional Quantity Surveyor can help provide a depreciation schedule (usually units have a higher depreciation schedule).
3. Negative and Positive Cash Flow – Negative gearing means an investor pays money towards the investment property, and over time each property will move into positive cash flow and the investor might benefit from capital growth and income.

A long-term strategy can ensure capital gains, hence, it is important to only buy what you can afford and have the ability to service in the event that the property does not have a tenant.

Reflecting on the session by David, a lot came to mind about the Australian housing market and how as Christians we should think about our investment attitude and motivations. A wise man once wrote, "A good man leaves an inheritance to his children's children, But the wealth of the sinner is stored up for the righteous" (Proverbs 13:22). While this scripture was written thousands of years ago, it remains relevant and applicable to our modern times where it is very important to create wealth that will sustain our families for generations to come.

It is imperative that everyone invests or saves to secure their future and that of their family. However, in our pursuit of wealth to sustain future generations, it is also important to do the right thing. For starters, we cannot take the lazy route and we cannot be deceptive. God does not like lazy people, or people who make profits from dishonesty and greed. Jesus told a parable of the Talents (Matthew 25:14–30), to show us how to do things right. He taught about the ethic of stewardship and how it should be applied so we productively deploy the resources God has given us (i.e. he showed how the income we have can be used to invest) and the righteous intent and purposes we should have in order to utilise the investment.

The graph below shows the median house prices across Australia from 1993 to 2018:



Source: Corelogic

As much as property investment provides a financial return, it is important that the investment be driven by Christian principles like investing in people or in communities. This might include helping to provide low-cost housing to people who struggle to get housing and investing in areas that need housing the most. The session provided a foundation on what to consider, the benefits and the challenges of property investment to help make better informed decisions.

It was also a great reminder about the many scriptures there are about being great stewards of the resources God has given. Remember to be wise and diligent in your ways. As it states in Proverbs 21 verse 5, "The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty."



Starting a business, Improving and Growing

Business is an earthly vehicle that reflects the spiritual mandate that God has given us with regards to dominion, power and authority.



Tatenda Nyamhamba

Genesis 1 vs 26 ends beautifully with a requirement to be fruitful and multiply in v 28. My wife and I were privileged to be given the opportunity to speak at the inaugural Business & Professional Symposium on the 12th of June and we will be forever grateful to our visionary Father in the Lord- Prophet Richard Amoaye and the Inspiring Greatness event organisers. Indeed, it was a heart-warming experience to be invited to such a monumental event to speak amongst subject matter experts who carry the spirit of God. I was given the privilege to present on "Steps in starting a business and how to improve or grow".

A business needs to be established with a crystal-clear Vision, Mission and Objectives to achieve a purpose that outlives the visionary founder. I am a firm believer in reflecting immensely on a weighty vision that excites and propels you as an Entrepreneur for indeed as Proverbs 29 vs 18 rightfully put it Where there is no vision, the people perish. A vision and a compelling mission can be such a profound determinant that can do the following;

- Break/make your organisation survival both in the short-long term

- Attract & retain talent - I have personally witnessed talented individuals relinquish high-paying jobs to be part of organisations with an inspirational vision and mission that aligns with their values
- Certain niche markets can instantly open with a loyal customer-base that relates and wants to be part of a compelling vision and mission
- Suppliers, Gvt funding and Investor Funding that strongly connects with your mission. I have observed a notable market trend of investors that will only fund and be involved with socially or environmentally responsible businesses

Habakkuk 2 vs 2 is an interesting scripture where our Lord instructs us to write down the vision, become obsessed with it, live it, breathe and speak about it. As an Entrepreneur having a vision is the most fulfilling and rewarding part of your journey, particularly in times of despair, you have confidence that there is a God inspired vision that can revive your spirit. In my presentation, I touched on the critical aspect of standing out in business. Going against the norm of blending in with your competitors and having a unique value proposition is important as it improves your ability to connect to your market. It reduces risk and makes you truly connected and understanding of your prospective customer base. Standing out in a crowd is much more rewarding than blending in and even more compelling is a simple truth that you are a God ordained entrepreneur with a mandate to impact generations for his namesake.

With a compelling vision and mission underpinned with excellent values, it becomes imperative to conduct intensive research. You must gain understanding of the problem your prospective market is facing. Researching requires that you immerse yourself with an intention of coming up with a business model that is solution focused. A sustainable business model is growth focused and a wise business owner is mindful of Ecclesiastes 11 vs 2. It emphasises the importance of having multiple sources of revenue that fuel growth. Never be content with a single source of revenue even within the context of an individual business. You will be amazed what God has hidden within you. Apple started off as a personal computer supplier and fast forward to

today, they have a hand in consumer electronics, computer software and online streaming and music services with a market cap of \$2.08 trillion. The results speak for themselves- there is power in multiple streams and diversification of income!

In conclusion, I was compelled to share my own business journey so far with Asterique Tech Solutions. It is a social enterprise that the Lord entrusted me and my colleague, Alladean Chidukwani, to pursue with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. At Asterique, our vision and aspiration is to create a society where more people have access to affordable technology through our product range and to improve and broaden connectivity to the world. With such a huge vision as our horizon marker, we simplified our mission to focus on providing sustainable products that equip, empower and enable communities to prosper.

Our approach as a business has led to us working hand in hand with suppliers that align with us, and proactively attracting support from the public and private sector on multiple fronts. That support was instrumental by God's special grace. It enabled us to provide visually impaired children from St Giles Children's School with affordable laptops to improve their learning in this pandemic.

We have diversified interests and our focus is not only tech but in solar energy. This has resulted in us garnering market interest and broadening our scope in other interesting initiatives which will propel us further as a business. Proverbs 3 vs 5-6 has been my go-to scripture that has spoken to me personally in good and bad times as we have learnt a lot in our young journey.

A key and fundamental thing to be aware of is that business is entrusted to you by God as His representative here on earth. You are to become a blessing to not only your immediate family but to impact all people from all walks of life. Therefore, invest in nurturing it with the utmost care!



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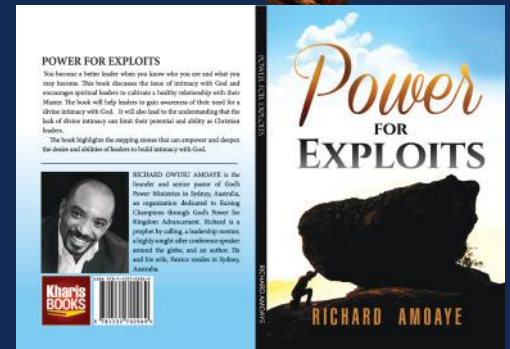
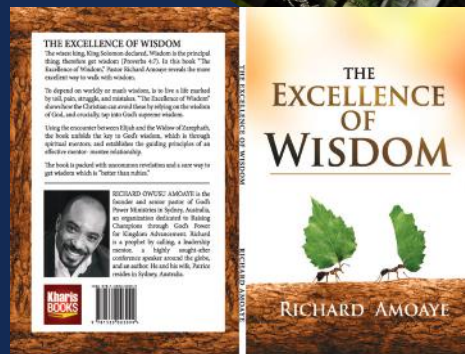


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