

# EDUCATION, THE FUNDAMENTAL FACTOR TO SUCCESS IN ALL ASPECTS OF LIFE

In all aspects of life, there is no way education could be excluded, we may need it to trace and identify the source of social, economic and other problems, solve them and help in establishing sustainable solutions to them. This takes us to our understanding of what education and literacy are, giving a clear distinction between the two.

It is right to put it this way that education is information. Meaning, the level of a man's education could be measured by the amount of information that is available to him not merely his ability to read and write. Reading and writing abilities are the components of Literacy. Thus, there are people who can read and write (Literates) but are not educated and in like manner, those who are educated but cannot read and write.

It sounds like an oxymoronical statement but the truth is that not all readers and writers have the right information on specific topics or certain issues that concern life. This leads straight to the three (3) types of education which are: formal, informal and semi-formal education. Formal education in a nut - shell (shortly), bothers around the knowledge gained through academia, ranging from primary, secondary and up to tertiary level. Informal education hails from the activities and happenings around us that are capable of influencing our thoughts, behaviours, attitudes etc. in our daily lives. Semi-formal education deals with the knowledge and experiences gained outside the framework of formal education as in vocational skill training schools.

All of these knowledges and experiences acquired could be necessary for application in various areas of life. Some people consider education as an opportunity, some consider it as a right, another set of people see it as compelling on them and every other member born to their family while others consider it as a guiding factor to aid and boost their careers and develop their God-given talents. But whichever position we take on education cannot change the fact that it is important to us and for the development of our society as a whole.

Education bridges the huge gap that exists between the poor and the rich and serves as a connect point of interaction among people of various statuses in society. The statement that " my child or children will get educated for me" is mostly common with people who had refused to be educated as a result of ignorance and later come to realise the resonant value of education. Some people prefer trade/business to education forgetting or ignoring the fact that they need some level of education to undertake certain business or trade ventures. Some are of the opinion that education consumes so much time and that even with a university degree in Africa, alot of people could hardly secure a lucrative job but the tragedy people are faced with when jobs are available and they couldn't secure any because they lack the required qualification like an ordinary bachelor's degree or even less than that is severe than the one faced by qualified candidates without jobs who are highly likely to secure at least one in the near future.

It is therefore, good to say that education is the key to success and that it is better than silver and gold.