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The Importance of discovering and pursuing your Career Path as a Single Man, Before Seeking Marriage

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Introduction

- **With over 180 million people, Nigeria stands as the most populous Country in Africa**
- **It is further projected, that by 2030, Nigeria would be the 3rd most populous country in the world**
- **The present day youth, by then, would be full adults**



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- **Given that the combination of a growing population and shrinking economy, could pose challenges for the perpetuation of matrimony**
- **It has become imperative that the youth be fully prepared for the realities of marriage**



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In today's society, young men should strive to establish both their careers and family units as quickly as possible, due to the innate mortality of man. For example, in road traffic crashes, data has shown that the majority of fatalities are men.

This has consequences for the marriage institution.

Year	Total RTC Fatalities	No Of Males involved	% of males involved
2013	6,450	4,631	70.8%
2014	5,996	4,646	77%
2015	5,440	4,245	78%
Total	17,886	13,522	75.6%

MARRIAGE



Marriage, also called matrimony or wedlock, is a socially or ritually recognized union or legal contract between spouses that establishes

- **rights & obligations between them,**
- **between them & their children, and**
- **and between them and their in-laws**



What Marriage is NOT

- **Marriage is not easy, its hard work**
- **Marriage is not for the impatient, you have to stick around to find out some of the best things**
- **Marriage is not self-sustaining. It does not thrive on its own**
- **Marriage is not without conflict**
- **Marriage is not the place for criticism and abuse. If it is found there, it will ruin any chance of true intimacy and trust**

Benefits of Marriage for Men

- In addition to companionship and children, men enjoy health benefits from marriage
- the Landmark research by University College London, the London School of Economics and The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine found that single women do not suffer the same negative health effects as unmarried men
- Being married appears to be very beneficial for men



CAREER



WHAT IS A CAREER?

- **The Oxford dictionary defines career as; “an occupation undertaken for a significant period of a person's life and with opportunities for progress”**
- **Career planning means putting together a well-thought out plan towards achieving the goal that you desire to achieve in a selected field or occupation**

Discovering Your Career

- **Career planning involves much more than making wishes; it also means, identifying the kind of jobs, training, education, and skills we will need to achieve our career goal**



Discovering Your Career II

- It help to know the nature of the jobs that interest you, the educational requirements, salary, working conditions, fringe benefits, promotion chances, future prospects, etc to motivate you towards acquiring the necessary qualifications



Pursuing your Career

The future is un-predictable, however, we could still make our place in this meritocratic world by creating and excelling in our own professional niche, towards getting better opportunities in today's pluralistic and globalized world

Benefits of Establishing a Career Early and Before Marriage



Financial Security

- Marriage comes with a lot of financial responsibilities
- Money is important, and having a steady paycheck makes marriage more viable



A Well Developed Sense Of Identity

- A career gives you a sense of identity. It shapes your definition of who you are as an individual. It is not an indication of everything about you – but it is a starting point.
- Have you ever noticed that the first thing anyone asks you is your name? The next thing they ask you is *“What do you do?”*.
- Notice that they do not ask about your hobby, your interests, your family life right off the bat.

Learning Useful Skills

- If you work at an organization -then they provide you with all the resources & tools for you to do the job
- Invariably, you pick up useful skills that will help your home and marriage



Work-life Balance

Having a thriving career provides you with a structured life, this will aid long term family planning



Enhanced personal and professional relationships

- Practice makes perfect; workplace associations and interactions serve as a source of training, towards better managing of human relationships**
- Having a working life can also be a major source of satisfaction and self-esteem, which will have a powerful positive effect on the other areas of life, including your relationships**

A better role model for children

Your children will model themselves after who you are and what you do

If you want to be proud of them, live so that you are proud of yourself and your career is your best opportunity to make a contribution



You enjoy better health, a longer life, more vitality

Your rich life experiences ensure that have a deeper, richer, more authentic sense of humor, Humor that wells up from a core of well-being and satisfaction



CONCLUSION



“ So the point is.... ”

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- **Marriage is a source of joy, acceptance, love and life-long support**
 - **However, establishing a career is a vital part of the maturity process that will guarantee a better quality of life and marriage**
 - **Such good, well balanced marriages form the nucleus from which wholesome members of the society and raised**

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- **I admonish every young man here, to strive very hard to identify and pursue a clear career path, and to embrace all the lessons and life experiences that the process affords**
 - **Only then, should you embark on the journey of marriage**



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you!