

Chancellor Advises Staff on Dedication to "Vision One of Ten in Ten"

Faculty and senior non-Teaching staff of Covenant University have been advised to be major players in the realization of the vision of becoming one of the ten world class universities within ten years, christened "Vision One of Ten in Ten".

The Chancellor of the University, Dr. David Oyedepo, gave the advise while speaking on "Self Motivation: Gateway to a World of Exploits" at the close of a 2-day Executive Advance for 2013/2014 academic session on Saturday, February 1, 2014 at the University campus.

The theme of the advance was "Capacity Building and Utilization for Enhanced Productivity".



Chancellor, Covenant University, Dr. David Oyedepo giving his charge and blessing the assembly

Dr. Oyedepo noted that self-motivation was key to a world of distinction and only those who would rather die than fail truly excel in life.

Citing examples of self motivated people like Michael Faraday, Benjamin Franklin and Kim Woo-jung, CEO of Daewoo, Dr. Oyedepo emphasized the need for hard work as a requirement for any outstanding accomplishments in life.

He said, "Dedication converts possibility to reality. No matter what you do, dedicate yourself to it and to the benefits of the society.

"Creativity increases with hard work. The harder you work by day, the more realistic your dream at night. Let your work become your hobby, then you are on your way to the top."

The Chancellor also stressed the need to be solution provider in order to be relevant in life. According to him, "You must go beyond identifying problems but also proffering solutions. Don't pursue after entitlement but pursue after accomplishment, the entitlement then comes naturally. When you carry what they need, they will look for you".

Dr. Oyedepo enjoined the participants to take responsibility for the actualization of the set goal. "Please, don't just believe in One of Ten in Ten, but believe to be a major player in it. You can't get out of life more than what you put into it. Hard work pays, dedication is priceless, discipline is an asset. Please wake up and take responsibility".

Also speaking at the event, the Pro-Chancellor, Pastor Abraham Ojeme, expressed the need for commitment to the vision for its actualization.

He noted that, "There is really nothing impossible for us if we commit ourselves enough to it. Whatever the mind can imagine strongly enough, the brain will instruct the body to align with the belief".

Pastor Ojeme expressed optimism that the University would soon celebrate the fulfillment of the vision if everyone accepts the responsibility to believe, accept and run with the mandate.

Earlier in his welcome remark and overview of the event, the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, noted that the University would take advantage of the e-learning facilities in place to reach out to more prospective students, noting that the University had applied to the National Universities Commission to begin Distance Learning and Part-time Programmes.

Various papers were presented at the event. These include "Institutional Accreditation: Signposts for One of Ten in Ten" by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo and "Effective Internal and External Communication" by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Administration), Professor Taiwo Abioye.

Other papers were, "E-Learning Imperatives for Capacity Building" by the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Academic), Professor A. A. A. Atayero, "Driving Administrative Quality for Vision 10: 2022" by the Registrar, Mr. Olumuyiwa Oludayo and "Capacity Building and Academic Leadership" by Distinguished Professor Ekundayo Adeyemi.

The Covenant University's Executive Advance is an annual capacity building programme for the university Faculty and Senior non-Teaching staff to situate the expectation of the leadership for the academic session.

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