

Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo turns 57

The Management, Faculty, Staff and Students of Covenant University felicitate with our Dearly Beloved Chancellor, Dr David Oyedepo on the occasion of his 57th Birthday today, September 27, 2011

We know for you, our Chancellor, it will be as God has declared concerning you in the following scriptures:

"But the path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

(Proverbs 4: 18)

"I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." (Genesis 12:2-3)

"But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." (2 Corinthians 2:9).

Once again, Congratulations and Happy Birthday Sir!

The Chancellor's birthday was solemnly commemorated by the Covenant University community at a special Chapel service held in his honour. It was a service of prayers and supplication and praises unto God for His awesome grace and faithfulness upon the life of the Chancellor. The electronic boards in the University also heralded the Anniversary with pictorial images and birthday messages in his honour.

Profile of DR. David Olaniyi Oyedepo, Chancellor, Covenant University

Dr. David Olaniyi Oyedepo, Chancellor, Covenant University, Canaanland, Ota, in Ogun State of Nigeria, was born on September 27, 1954. He had his early education in Nigeria and later earned a PhD in Human Development from the Honolulu University in Hawaii, USA.

At 57 years of age, Dr Oyedepo has made great impact in many spheres of life, especially in Church ministry, and lately in the educational sector.

An ordained minister of the gospel, his entrance into full-time ministry in 1981, brought honour, dignity and colour to the hitherto unattractive pulpit ministry, in a country where church was synonymous with poverty.

By dint of hard work, commitment and dedication to vision, Dr Oyedepo is today the President of Living Faith Church Worldwide Inc., which has a network of vibrant churches in over 250 cities and towns in Nigeria. He is the Senior Pastor at Faith Tabernacle, Canaanland, a 50,000-seat capacity church auditorium, renowned to be the largest in the world.

He is also the President of World Mission Agency Inc. (WMA), a Christian missionary organization with mission stations in over 40 nations in Africa, and also in Europe, Jamaica and America.

Dr Oyedepo has great passion for knowledge and research. This love has translated into the establishment of a number of vibrant educational institutions. Some of the institutions established by his ministry include Word of Faith Bible Institute



(WOFBI), Faith Academy Group of Schools, Kingdom Heritage Schools, Covenant University and recently Landmark University. WOFBI is a reputable leadership training institute, which he founded in 1986 to service the training needs of ministries and to raise men for exploits. The Institute, which has branches in about 36 nations of Africa, has trained over 30,000 men and women to date.

An acclaimed author and publisher, Dr. Oyedepo has written over 60 titles apart from periodicals. He is also Chairman/Publisher of Dominion Publishing House (DPH), a publishing arm of his ministry. DPH has over 4 million prints in circulation to date. It won a Gold Merit Award of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) in 1992.

Dr. Oyedepo's dogged commitment to excellence has also won him many honours and awards. These include, "The 20th Century Award for Achievement" by the International Biographic Centre, Cambridge; "International Who Is Who of Intellectuals, 13th Edition" of the International Biographical Centre, Cambridge, England; "Man of Dignity" by Global Care International; "Frontline Christian Author" by ECOWAS International Gold Award and "Inscribed in the Jerusalem 3000 Scroll #102268. Others include "Doctor of Divinity" by Bethel Graduate School of Technology, Riverside, California, USA; "Fellow, Nigerian Academy of Education" and "Fellow, Institute of Strategic Management, Nigeria".

Married to Pastor Faith, and blessed with Godly children, Dr. Oyedepo's hobbies are reading, reasoning, planning and writing.

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