

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE "RIGHT TO ACCESS HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION" IN MALAWI

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George Kussein, one of the Directors at Padziwe, delivering his speech

Before I make my speech I would like to thank you all for coming to this function. Thank you for coming to witness the birth of this strong baby Padziwe. We thank you for choosing to be part of the end of the beginning of this journey of change and success; journey of innovation and impact.

I am glad that my parents sent me to school. For sure I did not know why I was being forced to go to school preventing me from playing at home. My primary school days were, however the most exciting to me. What excited me most were listing of opposites. For example: "Give opposites of the following: eat, east, short, tomorrow, fat, high, positive, go etc. And we quickly gave answers: vomit, west, tall, yesterday, thin, low and negative.

Later I started thinking. It seemed there was an opposite to everything. I started seeing so many things in opposites. There were so many to be found.

Then came the multiparty era which brought with it Freedoms and Human Rights we did not know existed. Some of the freedoms included freedoms of worship, assembly, dressing and that of speech. My curiosity of opposites continued. I remember asking myself: "if we have freedom of dressing do we also have freedom of undressing? While knowing that in courts one has and is encouraged to have freedom of speech they are also told to have freedom or right to remain silent. On rights I thought of the opposite or right(s) and found it to be wrong(s).

I continued but was afraid of concluding that "For every Human Right there is a Human Wrong". I thank God that it was last week when I was preparing my speech that I found that the forest of Human Wrong exists. You can imagine my joy. I smiled from one eye to the other. The Human Right was the Right to access to high quality education. I concluded that "Poor or Non Access to High Quality Education" was therefore a "Human Wrong". I blamed the framers of Human Rights as regards to why they did not give us the "Human Wrong" for each and every "Human Right".

The Right to High Quality Education is not a reality. Only few have access to it leaving the majority with poor or no quality education access at all. And this gave me another thought of the need to re-define education. What is education? To me Education is "A system designed by a group of few people for the singular purpose of discriminating against certain groups of people from accessing some opportunities that could improve the quality of their lives and those of their family members without breaking any law on the globe".

You see, educated people advertise high paying jobs to their fellow educated and give each other better salaries and conditions which are not provided to those with little or no formal education as well. In Human Rights we are told not to discriminate other based on gender, race, disabilities, HIV status, etc. There is no mention of "DO NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANYONE BASED ON HIS OR HER EDUCATION STATUS". Why? The answer I get just confirms my earlier thoughts about Human Wrongs and therefore new definition of education: "ACCESS TO POOR OR LOW QUALITY EDUCATION IS A HUMAN WRONG".

Ladies and gentlemen it is our collective right and responsibility to fight for one of the most important Human Right. And this is "THE RIGHT TO ACCESS TO HIGH QUALITY EDUCATION" Why? Denial or failure to access high quality education is a Human Wrong that breeds generational curses. When you are not educated you deny yourself ability and capacity to access better jobs, pay checks, conditions and quality of your life and that of your family, village and nation.

The main worry was, is and remains: HOW CAN WE WIN THIS FIGHT AND BECOME HIGHLY EDUCATED AT THE LEAST POSSIBLE COST? How can we access high quality education when it is too expensive and unaffordable by the majority of Malawians? This is why we are here. We are here to launch Padziwe Online Secondary School (POSS). This is a Weapon of Mass Destruction of The Human Wrong of Denial or poor Access to High Quality Education in the country. It is a tool that has come to level the playing field in the education sector so that all should afford high quality education and make it in life. At Padziwe we believe in offering equal chances for anyone to launch his or success. Some have benefited already. Why not you?

Experience has shown that people do not achieve what they want or what must be achieved in life because of one of the following three reasons:

- They don't want to succeed in that field
- They don't know how to succeed in that field
- Something is preventing them from succeeding in that field

Padziwe has done its job, fulfilled its corporate social responsibility of giving the "Have Nots" a chance to compete with the "Haves" so that one day the children from these two may share an office and continue fighting for better condition pay and quality of life at equal footing. Padziwe service is high quality, cheap and user friendly. If it were possible Padziwe could have learnt for you but it is illegal to do so. The ball is in your court. You have to hit it or leave at your own peril.

If you want to succeed in life use the ABCD of VAT Theory or the Value System Theory (VST). There is a VST that is used by everyone on this planet. And this is placement of value to anything we see or don't see. And it is the level of value you place on something that motivates or demotivated; pulls up or pushes you towards your success or failure. This is based on the premise that:

What you VALUE you:

- Respect
- Are available for it, and
- Provide resources for it

EXPLANATION OF THE ABCD OF VAT

1.. The "**V**" stands for value:

The more positive VALUE the more positive the ATTITUDE and vice versa.

2. The Value influences (the "**A**" which stands for attitude) Attitude as follows: The more Positive the VALUE the more positive the ATTITUDE and vice versa

C. (The "**T**" stands for thoughts) Your Attitude influences your thoughts as follows:

The more positive the ATTITUDE the more positive the THOUGHTS and vice versa

4. (The "**A**" stands for action). Your Positive THOUGHTS influence your Positive ACTION and vice versa.

5. (The "**B**" stands for Behaviour) Your Positive Action influences your Positive Behaviour and vice versa

6. (The "C" stands for Character). Your Positive ACTIONS influence you positive CHARACTER and vice versa

7. (The "D" stands for Destiny). Your Positive CHARACTER determines your Positive DESTINY and vice versa.

Thank you choosing to be part of the FUTURE. Thanks for adding value to our existence. I hope you have now proved that we are real, confident, competent and committed to our singular goal of leveling the playing field in the education sector for you not to fall into a group of people being discriminated against by our newly found "Human Wrong" of poor access to education. We want you to become educated at the least possible cost. We are here for you.

My mouth is too small to say thank you for your support. You are our ambassadors. Tell others we are not fake but real. Tell others we can and we do help success-minded individuals achieve higher qualifications at a fraction of the cost of others schools' fees. But most important of all: Don't be lazy. Succeed!

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