



# Covenant University Newsflash

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## Spirituality, Internationalization: Channels for Innovation and Product Development



Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo

In a bid to achieve the University's goal for the new Academic Session, the Chancellor, Covenant University, Dr. David Oyedepo, has charged the Faculty and Staff to improve their spiritual life as it serves as a catalyst for innovation

and product development. He said this on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 during the on-going Executive Advance at the African Leadership Development Centre (ALDC).

In his presentation titled, "Spirituality: A Catalyst for Innovation and Product Development" the Chancellor said spirituality is an all-round plus in the race of life, especially in the realms of intellectualism and divine inspiration.

In his words, "Inspiration can be defined as the move of the Holy Spirit within our spirit, which empowers our access into the deep things of God. Inspiration is the gateway to supernatural insight and key to supernatural intelligence".

The Chancellor quoting from 1Kings 4 vs29-34 and Daniel 9 vs. 2, added that, inspiration, enables us draw insight from everything around us. "By inspiration, our capacity is enhanced to draw insight from all that we see, hear or read. The inspiration of the Holy

Spirit is the gateway to ultimate wisdom because divine wisdom is creative, innovative and inventive," he said.

Furthermore, the Chancellor also highlighted some keys to flowing in inspiration, which include; engaging the ministry of the Holy Spirit; a prayerful life; a spirited study of the Word; engaging the art of Meditation and engaging the joy of the Lord in thanksgiving, praise and worship as a lifestyle.

In addition, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Taiwo Abioye, in her presentation, "Developing an Internationalization Agenda for Covenant University," noted that to internationalize an academic environment is to make programmes more attractive in order to increase cultural diversity, foster intercultural understanding, respect and tolerance among people.

She also stated that it is essential to see internationalization as an agenda even in the face of numerous economic challenges, health challenges, security challenges, socio-political challenges, among others.

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## Five Cs of Healthy Family Life by Pastor Faith Oyedepo

Commitment, Communication, Counsel, Creativity and Conduct have been identified as keys for a healthy family life.

This was the crux of the presentation by the Vice-President (Education), Living Faith Church, Worldwide, Pastor (Mrs.) Faith Oyedepo, titled "Running Well and Finishing Strong: Healthy Tips for Academics", during the just concluded 2015/2016 Executive Advance for Faculty and Senior Non-Teaching Staff on Thursday, August 6, 2015.

She noted that life is a race and that everyone is on the line for a contest, adding that career and home are of utmost importance. "Running well and finishing strong require a strong and healthy family life", she said.

The Vice-President, Education, stated further that countless studies point to the need for balancing home and work-life to reduce stress, increase personal and professional satisfaction and effectiveness.

She asserted that attaining a steady and successful career while maintaining a healthy and happy family life is achievable. "Don't confuse having a career with having a life", she advised.

She highlighted love as the foundation for healthy family life, adding that it is imperative to share one's dreams, hopes, memories, possessions, successes among others with family members to achieve a healthy family life.

While speaking on the 5Cs of a healthy family life, she defined commitment as the process of giving time, resources, energy to anything an individual believes in.

Also enumerating three levels of commitment, she said it is important to be committed to God, family and career. She stated that commitment to family brings security, compels love and triggers submission.

Pastor Faith Oyedepo highlighted



Pastor (Mrs) Faith Oyedepo

communication as another key ingredient for healthy family life. She made reference to the words of the Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo that "Poor Communication is the reason behind brutality in many Christian marriages today".

She said words are the vehicle for effective

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communication and advised that people should chose their words wisely in order to engender good relationship.

According to her, effective communication requires that an individual learns to be a good listener, be faithful, truthful and openly recognize the need for wisdom and understanding. "Individuals should be open to counsel from God, His word, observations, testimonies and resource materials," she said.

She encouraged faculty and staff to embrace creativity and good conduct in their relationships. Pastor Faith Oyedepo also admonished them to strike balance

between career and family life. According to her, only good and conducive family atmosphere can engender career success.

She concluded with Wiseman's quote that says, "Other things may change us, but we start and end with our family" she noted.

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Professor Abioye, recommended some ways the university can grow to achieve desired results. These, according to her includes, harvesting experiences from Eagles (CU graduates) abroad, production of publications that captures best memories on campus,

having faculty/staff who are contact persons in universities abroad etc.

In her words, "The way forward includes global branding that provides experience from our Eagles abroad and our students on the Summer Programme, joint supervision of Post-Graduate students (at least one Semester abroad) for Ph.D students, memories on campus in publications/ magazine.

"Have contact persons in different universities abroad, working closely with the Students' Council, have a big data base using all the social media platforms, foundations, endowments, charity for outstanding students before graduation etc," she added.

Concluding her presentation, the Deputy Vice-Chancellor emphasized the need for an internationalized mindset within the Faculty and Staff, to get enhanced results the institution desires. "We need an internationalized mind-set, and have internationalized Faculty/ Staff to give us the visibility we desire for the agenda to be realized," she said.

## Distinguished Professors Adeyemi and Ojo Honoured as they Exit Covenant University

There were showers of encomium and celebration in a send forth ceremony on Saturday, August 8, 2015, when the Chancellor and the Management of Covenant University celebrated the contributions of two distinguished professors Ekundayo Adeyemi and Joshua Ojo.

The Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo, expressed his admiration for the professors' character and dedication to their assignments, referring to them as 'men of honour.' He added that the professors had left an indelible impression in his heart and that Covenant University would remain a home for them for life.

The Chancellor also charged them from Exodus 31 verse 16-17 to take rest. "The most effective way to maintain health and vitality is to take rest when one is due for it," he added before praying peace and longevity for both men.

The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Charles Ayo, celebrated the professors' deep sense of commitment and responsibility to the system. He added that they were always at their duty post making valuable contributions at all time. He also commended their quality of life and investment in their children. He also acknowledged the hand of God upon their lives.

The Vice-Chancellor recognised the



Chancellor, Dr. David Oyedepo fourth left, flanked by Professor Adeyemi (L) Professor Ojo ( R) and other member of the University Management

mentorship provided by the professors, noting that they would be sorely missed by colleagues and students alike. He encouraged other faculty and staff present at the event to endeavour to leave a lasting legacy just as the two professors had done, when their time at Covenant University comes to a close.

Some of their protégées were also on hand to testify to the professors' virtues and contributions, particularly as they had imparted their individual lives. They were the first Professor of Architecture in Covenant University, Professor Albert Adeboye and the current Head of Department of Architecture, Dr. Eziyi Ibem, both mentored by Distinguished Professor Adeyemi. Also present was Dr. Adetiloye, mentored by Professor Ojo.

The immediate past Registrar, Dr

Olumuyiwa Oludayo, earlier stated that the reason for the occasion was to celebrate the two great academics, and to learn lessons from their achievements. He encouraged everyone to reflect on their quality of contributions and emulate them.

In his response, Distinguished Professor Joshua Ojo, said he looked back and thanked God for ordering his steps to Covenant University. The foremost professor of Banking and Finance noted that he did not come to the University to earn salary but to partner in doing God's business. He added that he was joyful, but would miss the Chancellor's spiritual messages, which he referred to as 'bread of life.'

On his part, Distinguished Professor Ekundayo Adeyemi noted that he chose to come to Covenant University against an offer to set up a School of Environmental Studies in Sierra Leone. He stated that he had not regretted his decision 10 years ago. He expressed his gratitude to the Chancellor for welcoming him with open arms. He also appreciated the Management and everyone for making the University a home for him.

The Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Professor Taiwo Abioye, presented gifts to the two academic colossi, on behalf of the management, faculty, staff and students, as she prayed for God's guidance upon them and their families.