

CONFIDENT IGNORANCE



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Hello, how are you doing today? Today we will be talking about confident ignorance. I like to share my journey, my victories, and my weaknesses and over the years in my line of work I have observed that 65% of my clients are successful and a good number of them do not have people who can call them to order. They have more people who worship and patronize them than people who would tell them the truth and at that point, they have moved from being a human to an object of worship. This is a very dangerous and terrible place to be , a place where nobody can tell you the truth you need to hear. They have emotional worshippers; they have people who pray to be like them, people who will do anything to be in their good books, or people who because they are benefiting from them cannot constructively criticize them or offer any constructive criticism. It is pathetic to observe that when a few people tell them the truth, they start to think that those people are either against them, hate them, or are jealous of them.

One of the realities that I help them to understand is that something is wrong if nobody can tell you the truth you need to hear, especially in love. I usually ask them a few questions, who is your coach? who do you submit to? who do you defer to? because it is only God that does not defer to anybody.

As long as you are human, you are limited in wisdom and resources. One time, I posted something on social media it was supposed to be sarcastic and funny really and then I knew that some people were going to call me to take down the post. To be fair there was nothing wrong with the post but because these people are my friends and they will always have my back and I trust them, I had to defer and submit to them and take down the post because it bothered them.

Now, if you're listening to me today, I don't know what level of achievement you have acquired career or personnel-wise it is critical and crucial that you are not full of yourself, you must have people who can call you to order, people who are the voice of reason or the voice of truth in your corner. Let me tell you something all these different agendas masked around being self-made is a flavor of self-worship if you're not careful is a flavor of superiority complex that is rooted in inferiority complex because you are trying to disguise and mask the shortcomings you need to get down from your high horse and have people who call you to order.

I'll give you another example, when I was younger, I was always very shy, I still am. Naturally, I have always shied away from attention. I think of myself as an highly effective person , but I prefer to be in the background. I don't understand noise and hype I would rather run away from it. I remember talking to a friend and she said you should put yourself out there more often and I simply told her my team members can do it. I don't want that level of noise in my life or my personal space, I just want to be effective. I don't want to be outside, and people would start asking me for selfies or trying to worship or hug me I want them to just greet me normally. I don't want to lose my humanity and my essence, I have never desired to be an object of worship, I am very human, very real, very normal.

I don't think any of us likes criticism, I actually think that the natural default is to be defensive, to feel upset, we always want to feel like we are not the problem but let's get off our high horses, that unnecessary hype that we all get drowned in sometimes, you know that you are not as perfect as you make it seem to be, we all mess up.

People have good intentions, but sometimes bad executions and we all do it. But the essence of tonight's conversation is that ensure that we all have someone who tells us the truth.

People have killed themselves just because nobody called them to order. Submission is not gender-related. If you're a gentleman listening to me I need to understand how to submit, submission is not tied to “my wife submit to me just because I have you protruding organ” at this particular point even if it is a child that will save you from destruction, you should be able to learn, you can pick wisdom from the streets, you can pick wisdom from anybody wisdom is not tied to gender or age as long as you can receive instructions and you can test and know that this is good for you, you should follow it.

I see a lot of Gen Z and millennials being rude and no longer showing respect to their parents or siblings because they made one or two million here and there. And I always say to them “He who the gods want to destroy, he will first run mad”.

Confidence ignorance is that state where you are unconsciously incompetent, You are high on self-praise and proclamation, but you are failing woefully, you are on the wrong ladder, you are on the wrong journey, you are taking the wrong turn, but you will not listen to anybody because you have the final say. I respect that you listen to your voice, but sometimes your voice must learn to submit to other voices, especially proven and trusted voices, and the voice of God, pride, and arrogance will lead to nothing but destruction.

We all make mistakes; we all think that we are bigger than who we are but the truth about it is that you cannot derive your self-worth or self-esteem from your bank balance. No, you can't derive it from anything else, apart from intrinsic qualities.

There are even married couples who can't listen to their spouses. Someone you want to raise your children with, that's the same person you sleep with, the same as you took to the altar to marry but you can't listen to them, sometimes even your children have the wisdom to share. Please ensure you have somebody who can tell you the truth, somebody that can call your bluff and you should have them in corners and areas of your life, career-wise, emotionally, financial-wise, spiritually.

In essence, what I am trying to say is confidence ignorance will ruin and destroy you. Ask people who drown themselves in pride, there's a pattern and a pride design, Pride announces a fall.

I hope this conversation has been beautiful to you. I intentionally ensure that I have friends who can call me to order, who can put me on the straight and narrow.

Meanwhile, one of the places you need to be in June is at the Emotional intelligence week dinner with Mr. Leke Alder. He's the creator of the branding industry in Nigeria, He's my coach and mentor and that's one of the best decisions I've made in my life. Mentoring does not mean that a perfect person is mentoring you, it just means that there's somebody who has gone ahead of you who is giving you the answers.

We're hosting him on the 5th of June and if you're not going to be there you are going to miss out.

So, to wrap this up. It's been a fantastic conversation with all of us, please, please, please, learn how to submit to your friends and how to submit to people that you trust. Join us on the 5th of June at the Emotions City's Emotional Intelligence Week dinner with Mr Leke Alder, it promises to be a money-back guaranteed experience.



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