

STAGNANT WATER

Microsoft started with MS-DOS but now we have Windows 10 and Lumia- a partnership made with Nokia. Busy Ghana started as an internet cafe and now it is a 4G speed Internet Service Provider. University Of Ghana started as an affiliate to University of London but now it can award it own degrees and currently is the #1 university in Ghana. Joe Mettle made history by being the first Gospel Artiste to be awarded Artiste of the year for the year 2016 at the annually organized; Ghana Music Awards.

Such achievement and success does not come on a silver platter. It takes years of dedication and hard work. It takes a brave heart that can take risks and a heart that has gone through purification to accept failure as a lesson and not the end of the world. A heart that takes failure as wisdom to adequately inform future operations. The above achievers mentioned never became like the *stagnant water*, or else University of Ghana wouldn't have become what it is today; or else Bill Gate wouldn't be the richest man; or else *Busy GH* wouldn't be making great things happen; or else Joe Mettle would just be another gospel artiste. There were times they wanted to give up because all hope was lost. No, help, no encouragement, no motivations, nothing.

Mark Zuckerberg, founder and CEO of Facebook Inc. said in his graduation speech at Harvard University that, before Facebook he had developed other applications which didn't experience the limelight. But that didn't discourage him. Now Facebook Inc. owns WhatsApp, Facebook and Instagram. (At least two of these app is found on every smart phone in the world if not all.) Mark didn't became like the stagnant water. He didn't stay disappointed and discouraged. He didn't give up. Stagnancy is a disease.

All it takes is to try one more time. Our success is actually realised in the number of times we get back up when we fall on the journey to greatness. If only there is passion and belief in oneself, "impossible" is just another obsolete word in one's vocabulary. A wise man once said to me that _once the quest to actualize our dream begins we ought not to give up because the beginning is always the hardest_. Dreams of many became stagnant because the initial stages where like mountain which couldn't be climbed, but it should never be forgotten that faith moves mountains. Faith in oneself can do the extraordinary. Faith and trying one more time cancels stagnancy.

Stagnant water in cans and puddles only breed mosquitoes which in turn breed malaria. Nothing good comes out of stagnant waters. The annoying part is when it is splashed on pedestrians by cars. (which sometimes its no fault of the driver's). When your dreams become stagnant like the waters in potholes, it brings frustration not only to yourself but the people around you. It breeds disappointments. But this shouldn't be the end of the world. Just us stagnant waters can be cleared and potholes, filled, so can your dream be fulfilled once again if you decide to try one more time and have faith. It pays to progress. It pays to flow and press on. It is never advisable to become stagnant when failure appears.

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