**CIVIC EDUCATION-WEEK 1-4**

Self-reliance is the act of depending on one's own skill and ability in achieving one's goals.

To be self-reliant is the proof of maturity. By being self-reliant, you are proactive and productive. When you are self-reliant you are conscious of your God given ability geared to engage it so as to be skillful enough to meet human needs.

Self-reliance is the awareness that one can achieve success by one's own effort. It is a state of being independent and bold to face challenges.

**Attributes of self-reliance**

1. Dedication: dedication is seriousness in commitment to a task set aside for a particular purpose.

2. Risk bearing: The success we achieve in life depends on our abilities to bear risk. A risk is a possibility of loss. A man must be willing to take risk, if he fails to achieve his goal at the first attempt; he must keep on trying until he achieves success.

3. Self-confidence: a self-confidence person believes in his own ability to succeed. He or she believes he or she can do it and his spirit propels him to achieve the goals he set for himself.

4. Hard work: It involves using bodily and mental power to do something creatively or perform a task. A self-reliant person must employ his mental and physical powers, time and Resources wisely to achieve the task he or she has set for himself or herself.

5. knowledge: It consists of the understanding acquired about subjects. A saying "knowledge is power" means that one is knowledgeable about a goal he or she is pursuing, he/she can be self-reliant.

**Benefits of self-Reliance to oneself**

1. A self-reliance student will achieve his or her goals of becoming what he or she wants to become in life.

2. He/she will be happy and fulfilled.

3. He/she will not depend on others for Survival.

4. He/ she will not involve in cruel means to gain success.

5. He/ she will have enough to take care of himself or herself.

6. He/ she will be a role model in the society.

7. He/ she will have enough to give others who don't have.

**Benefits of self-reliance to the family**

1. A self-reliant family will be comfortable and healthy.
2. They don't depend on other families.
3. The family members will discover Talent and skills within the family which they will nurture for their self-sufficiency.
4. The children will be successful and self-reliant.
5. They will contribute to the development of the Nation.

**Benefit of self-reliance to the society**

1. The society where the people are self-reliant will develop because people will be productive and not wait until they are employed by the government.
2. There will be no unemployment and poverty because the people can take care of themselves.
3. They will be self-sufficient and help other nations in need.
4. The economy will attract investors from foreign countries who are ready to partner with indigenous businessman and the government.
5. The society will find it easy to develop coming generations because they have laid good foundations for dream actualization.

**TALENT AND SKILLS**

Talent can be defined as a special ability that allows someone to do something well. This can also be called the natural gift people are born with.

Skills can be defined as the ability to do something that comes from training, experience or practice.

Talent or skill both work together for self-reliance, as any gift not performed skillfully cannot produce excellent results which will not attract buyers or investors; hence can make a person not to be self-reliant.

Processes of identifying, nurturing and perfection of Talent and skills

1. Formal Education: Education is the process of providing an individual with mental and moral training to equip him for life. Students from junior secondary school up to the university are expected to have acquired entrepreneurial skill to be self-reliant in the Labor market. Formal education is also a great play from that. It encourages logical thinking; such a person becomes more logical in thinking; such a person becomes more excellent in productivity.

2. Apprenticeship: Talent and skill can be developed and nurtured by one going through training under a skilled specialist. Working under a company or an individual who has a skill will enable one to develop necessary skill for self-reliance.

3. Monitoring: Talent can be nurtured by those monitoring the skilled person. A child should be well monitored to access his/her level of improvement in learning the skills.

4. Workshops or seminars: People can be trained on a particular vocation and acquire necessary skills during workshop and seminar. This platform is avenue for you to get more values in your profession to become more excellent at what you do as a complement person teaches you what to do.

5. Task: Talent can be discovered by giving people some tasks to do. The task given will also serve as an avenue to nurture and perfect the skill. It is said that practice makes perfection.

6. Finance: Money is essential in establishing a trade or business money empowers you to implement your ideas it empowers you to be successful.

7. Enabling environment: The government should provide enabling environment for the establishing of companies through the legislation laws should be passed to make registration easy the task system should be favorable enough to attract foreign investment. Basic amenities should also be peace and security in the country to give business men peace of mind.

**CONSEQUENCES OF UNDISCOVERED TALENT AND UNDER DEVELOPED SKILL**

The effects of failure to discover Talent and skills are as follows: 1. Under Development: The society will not develop due to the fact that those who have talents are not encouraged to contribute to the development of the Nation. There will be a state of backwardness and underdevelopment.

Massive unemployment: There will be massive unemployment and poverty in the country since the people are not encourage to develop their skills for their self-reliance and economic advancement of the country.

CONSEQUENCES OF UNDISCOVERED TALENT 1. Unfulfilment: The people will not be happy and fulfilled because they are not allowed to develop their skill and perfect their talents.

2. Brain drain and migration: If talented people are not employed, they may migrate to other countries where their skills are appreciated and well remunerated.

THE WEALTH OF A NATION FOR SELF RELIANCE

The wealth of a nation is contained in her natural and human resources. Nigerians basic natural resources is crude oil. some other natural resources include

1. gold
2. water
3. tin ore
4. Land
5. Columbite
6. bitumen
7. lead.

**Human Resources**

This talks about the people who constitute the value adding chain in the nation. They are working in the nation, they are working class professionals who contributes to the wealth of a nation e.g. doctors, lawyers, bankers, businessman and women engineers etc. Sports men and women also contribute to the development of a country.

**Citizenship**

Citizenship is the legal rights of an individual to belong to a country, while citizenship is the right a person has to belong to a particular country. Such a person enjoys some right and freedoms in that terrain, and also must ensure to give back to the society by performing some duties to show his/her loyalty that contributes to the development of the country. One is permitted to become a member of a country after satisfying certain conditions laid down in the Constitution of that country.

**TYPES OF CITIZENSHIP**

There are different types of Citizenship which are the different legal ways for one to become a certified citizen of any nation. They are: 1. By birth: This type of Citizenship is acquired when one is born into a country by parents who are citizens of that country. It is also regarded as citizenship by Blood. At least, either of the parents must belong to the country before one can enjoy this type of Citizenship.

2. By Registration: Citizenship by registration is acquired by a foreigner who got married to a citizen of a country for example, the Constitution of Nigeria allows a foreigner who got married to in Nigeria to acquire Nigeria citizenship by registration. This can be granted when the foreigner has proved to be of good character and also taking an oath of allegiance to show his/her readiness to be loyal to that country.

3. By Descent: This is acquired by a child born by a Nigerian parent living in another country. For example, a child born by a Nigerian couple living in USA is a citizen of the United States of America he or she is also a citizen of Nigeria by descent because his parents are Nigerian citizens.

4. By Naturalization: This type of Citizenship can be acquired by a foreigner living in a particular country. In Nigeria for example foreigners living in Nigeria can obtain Nigerian citizenship by naturalization after satisfying this conditions: A. He or she must be of good character. B. He or she must be willing to live in the country. C. He or she must be matured. D. He or she must contribute to the development of the society. E. He or she must take the oath of Allegiance as a sign of loyalty to the Country F. He or she must have lived in Nigeria for not less than 15 years consecutively.

5. By honorary: citizenship can be conferred on a foreigner who has contributed a lot to the development of the country by the government. This is done to appreciate what the foreigner has done over the years and give him or her sense of belonging.

PROJECT

Write about your talent or your skills and indicate how you can nature and grow and develop the Talent and skill thank you