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We certainly live in a society where so much emphasis is put on being NUMBER ONE, basking in the LIME LIGHT, hugging the SPOT LIGHT and OUTSHINING everyone and everything in sight! These days, coming in 2nd in anything is NOT acceptable and it is not uncommon to find athletes who refuse categorically to attend Awards Ceremonies because they consider their 2nd or 3rd place ranking in any competition, nothing short of a disgrace. Our values have definitely changed in today's "ALL-OR-NOTHING" world, and the regrettable consequence is that we are now reluctant to go out and do our "little bit" regardless of whether our efforts make it to the Front Page of "Cameroon Outlook", or are even acknowledged by our peers. We either wait until "some deed of greatness" comes along for us to do, or we do our "insignificant" deeds with great discouragement and even bitterness. What we have clearly forgotten is WHO our AUDIENCE and EMPLOYER really is!!!

When is the last time you sang the song "LITTLE IS MUCH WHEN GOD IS IN IT" and meant it? When is the last time you read (and digested) Ephesians 2:10 which states:

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared **in advance** for us to do."

The clear implication of this verse to me is that, before man e Mammy wan even reach Labor Room for born e, **PAPA "G"** be don already "jot down inside dat e Big Ledger", de bolo wey e suppose for cam do for dis werld! In fact, the scripture indicates that the fulfilling or carrying out of these good works *is* THE REASON for our very existence as Children of God! The problem is that some of us just don't like the work we've been assigned, and instead "langa" someone else's!! In other words, we have a problem with our omniscient GOD's "DIVISION OF LABOR" process! So we go: "How ah no go struggle go reach sotey for BTTC, get mah Grade 2 Teaching Certificate only for cam tight for house here de look'ut pikin dem? Ah muss go ENS Bambili so dat by de time 1978 wan reach, ah don be Principal!" There is nothing fundamentally or intrinsically wrong with that oh! However, I believe we owe it to ourselves, more than to anyone else even, to figure out what it is that God "ordained" for us to do so we can EXCELL as a MOM, instead of being a "HOT MESS OF A PRINCIPAL" if HE so desires. Here, as a reminder, is what HE has to say about our gifts and our calling in 1Cor. 12: 4-6; 14-20

⁴There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit. ⁵There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men."

¹⁴Now the body is not made up of one part but of many. ¹⁵If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," it would not for that reason cease to be part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸**But in fact God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be.** ¹⁹**If they were all one part, where would the body be?**

²⁰As it is, there are many parts, but one body.

Granted, the person we look upon with adulation is the "Billy Graham", the "T.D. Jakes" or the "Joel Osteen" but how would we be blessed by their messages if "someone" does not do something as basic or "insignificant" as getting their microphones to work? What about the "nonentities" who actually led each one of these distinguished evangelists to Christ in the first place? These behind-the-scenes people are clearly those who were on Harry Truman's mind when he made the following declaration (which happens to be just 1 of the 5 quotes Sister Melissa "appends" to her emails):

"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit."

- Harry S Truman

I would be the last person to condemn "SHOW-SHOW" but there certainly comes a point where that wonderful Primary School saying: "Too much of a thing is a disease" has to step in!! Just as it is a BEAUTIFUL thing to watch someone do the work they were clearly created and equipped by God to do, it is embarrassingly PAINFUL to see someone struggle with or insist on doing a task for which they obviously have no calling! Could there be a worse travesty than for Dr. Martin Luther King (or Nelson Mandela for that matter) to sport some jheri curls, wear a sequined glove and do the moon walk for a living??!! (I am really trying not to throw up as I visualize that "mbahluck"!)

Yet, those are all things we LOVE about Michael Jackson! Still along the same lines, the fact that the things go well with Michael Jackson does not mean they would make excellent attributes for dis my own Oga for house here because, as far as I'm concerned, in a marriage there should be only 1 person wearing a hairnet or tying a headtie to bed to keep the pillowcase from getting stained; and that person had better be "marram"!

If you have watched as many Oprah Shows as I believe you have, you must have heard her mention her 4th Grade Teacher, Mrs. Duncan, whose appearance on her Show she ranks amongst the Top 20 All-Time Highlights. Here's Oprah in her own words on the subject:

"One of the defining moments of my life came in fourth grade—the year I was a student in Mrs. Duncan's class at Wharton Elementary School in Nashville. For the first time, I wasn't afraid to be smart, and she often stayed after school to work with me. I thought I would one day become a fourth-grade teacher.

Ah no dey me inside Ma Mary Duncan e heart but I would be very surprised if she KNEW back then in Tennessee, what an impact she was making on this "chochoro Black pikin" who has turned out to be practically the world's most influential, if not most powerful woman. Wonder what would have happened if a discouraged Mrs. Duncan had quit her job when Oprah was still in the 3rd Grade because e no be win Teacher of the Year Award?! It is an admirable thing that Oprah chose to recognize this woman publicly, but what if she had only done so privately – or not at all? WOULD THAT IN ANY WAY DIMINISH WHAT THIS LADY ACTUALLY DID DO??? No Siree!

So my dear Sisters, the next time "the place you are **called** to labor seems so small and little known", remember that "IT IS GREAT IF GOD IS IN IT, AND HE'LL NOT FORGET HIS OWN"!

Have a Memorable Memorial Day Weekend!

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