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ADDRESS

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Address of the Chancellor, Dr. David O. Oyedepo on the Occasion of the 8th Matriculation Ceremony of Landmark University, Omuaran, Kwara State, Nigeria, Friday 17th November, 2017.

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INTRODUCTION

I welcome you all on behalf of the Proprietors of Landmark University – the Living Faith Church World Wide (LFCWW) and Members of the Board of Regents to the 8th Matriculation Ceremony of Landmark University.

At this Matriculation Ceremony, we will be formally admitting the 8th batch of students into Landmark University, making them a part of the distinct heritage of Universities worldwide. We are grateful to God for His grace and preservation as we connect with the significance of today's ceremony.

My address on this occasion is captioned **“WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT LANDMARK UNIVERSITY”**

OUR VISION THRUST

Vision emphasis of Landmark University is embedded in our quest to put in place a University with visible footprints in Agriculture, making agriculture and allied programmes, the hub of academic and practitioner involvements that define the directions and emphasis of her operations. The visionary emphasis of Landmark University is in making men out of children by providing a platform for provoking accelerated maturity, intellectually and emotionally, through our custom built programmes, namely, Total Man's Concept (TMC), Entrepreneurial Development Study (EDS) and Towards Total Graduate(TTG) , designed to culminate in the raising of revolutionary army of intellectual giants, entrepreneurial pacesetters, young men and women in pursuit of vision, driving with unquenchable passion, commanding exploits in every direction, a people of honour, set to take the world by storms.

This is what informs the vision of Landmark University, a 3-fold mandate, captured as follows:

- Raising a generation of solution providers through a qualitative and life-applicable training system that focuses on value and creative knowledge.
- Raising a new generation of leaders through a broad-based qualitative education built on sound biblical principles culminating in the birth of breadwinners, job creators and world changers.

- Raising an army of reformers who shall redeem the battered image of the black race and restore her lost glory as these well-equipped graduates begin to build the old waste, repair the wasted cities and raise the desolation of many generations

OUR CORE VALUES

- The platform for the implementation of our Vision and Mission is the Core Value of this university.
- Our Core Values are the principles that constitute the creed and defines the culture of this University. These are seven in number:

1. Spirituality

- Here at Landmark University, Spirituality is the core of our core values.
- We recognize spirituality as an asset of inestimable value.

2. Possibility Mentality

- Possibility mentality is key to a world of unlimited accomplishment.
- As no one ever arrives at a future that he cannot see.
- In like manner, no one ever arrives at a future he is not prepared for
- Here, we train our students to think contribution, think solution and think impact

3. Capacity-Building

- Henry Ford said, "When you stop learning whether at 20 or 80 but when you keep learning, you are young whether at 80 or at 20".
- The largest room in the world is the room for improvement.
- Excellence is the product of one's tireless commitment to improvement.

4. Integrity

- Whatever feat capacity may accomplish, it takes integrity to preserve it. For instance, here at Landmark University, examination malpractice is a capital offence and every perpetrator automatically loses his/her place in the university.

5. Responsibility

- Responsibility here is all about efficient self and time management, it about living under self-set rules
- George Washington once stated, "*Discipline is the sole of an army. It makes small numbers formidable, it procures success to the weak and esteem to all*".
- It takes high-level discipline to fully deliver any given vision, goal or task.

6. Diligence

- Every accomplishment is at the cost of commitment.
- Every high flyer is known to be a hard worker.
- No one ever gets out of life more than what he puts into it.

7. Sacrifice

- There is nothing extraordinary on its own, it is man's extraordinary input that makes it so.
- No world-changer runs a normal schedule.
- No world-changer possesses a normal work habit.
- There is no star without a scar and the scar of every star is sacrifice.

Our Founding Philosophy

However, in order for us to achieve these goals, we must build on a very solid foundation. It was this demand that led to the crafting of the founding philosophy of Landmark University which in the main emphasizes a needed departure from the tradition of schooling to the dynamics of learning and living.

Ours is essentially a philosophy of departure, change and transformation:

“A departure from **form** to **skill**

A departure from **knowledge** to **empowerment**

A departure from **figures** to **future-building**

A departure from **legalism** to **realism**

A departure from **points** to **facts**

A departure from ‘**mathe-matics**’ to ‘**life-matics**’.”

Our Concept of Life-matics is all about:

- Learning to make the most of life.
- Learning to live, and learning to lead
- Learning the Mathematics of living; Learning the process of solving the complex equations of life.
- It is the calculus of life: Processes and Procedures towards impactful living
- Learning to solve problems. Learning to impact on the world around us.
- Training to be an asset and not a liability.
- Learning to be relevant to the world around us!
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A CHARGE TO THE 8TH BATCH OF MATRICULATING STUDENTS OF LANDMARK UNIVERSITY

Our dear matriculating students, this ceremony presents you with boundless opportunities to reaffirm your commitment to the ideals which this University stands for and the dream which is set in place to make you pathfinders for your generation and your time. Let me therefore invite you again to fully embrace the Landmark University philosophy and vision. By your admission to this University, you have become a part of the divine team to make this world a better place; the team to place Africa on the global map for good and to raise the dignity of the Blackman. Once again, I welcome you all to an exciting adventure at Landmark University.

CONCLUSION

On this auspicious occasion, I congratulate all Parents, Guardians and well-wishers, commending you for worthy investments into a compelling and beckoning future that will more than justify the investments of today. Your labours will not be in vain and your expectations shall surely come to pass.

Finally, I give thanks and Praise to the most high God who alone is worthy of praise and who enables us all actualize the wonderful vision of Landmark University, may the great dreams of our students find absolute fulfillment as you go through our unique production line in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To him and to Him alone is all the glory.

Thank you and God bless.

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