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Dear Purpose Pioneer,

In every generation, there is one principle that separates those who merely dream from those who build lasting results: the discipline to remain hungry even when progress begins to appear. The mindset of hustling like you are broke is not about living in fear of lack; it is about refusing to let comfort weaken your ambition, your focus, or your consistency. It is the understanding that success does not reward occasional effort, it responds to sustained discipline, strategic movement, and relentless commitment.

Many people slow down the moment they experience small improvement. A little recognition, a little income, a little progress, and suddenly the urgency that once drove them begins to fade. But those who rise higher understand a deeper truth: the habits that created the first breakthrough must remain active if greater doors are to open. Hunger must survive progress.

To hustle like you are broke means to keep thinking creatively, keep moving intentionally, and keep treating every opportunity as valuable. It means showing up with seriousness even when nobody is watching, learning when others are relaxing, and staying disciplined when comfort invites distraction.

The world often celebrates visible success, but rarely speaks enough about the invisible sacrifices behind it, the early mornings, the delayed gratification, the repeated effort, and the ability to remain focused long after excitement fades. True growth belongs to those who maintain pressure on their vision until results mature.

At Arise Africa Magazine, we believe that greatness is not accidental. It is built by people who continue to push, continue to improve, and continue to act with urgency even when circumstances begin to change.

Hustle is not noise. Hustle is discipline. Hustle is vision in motion. Hustle is choosing not to settle when there is still more to build.

The future belongs to those who stay hungry long enough to become undeniable.

*With bold faith and conviction,
David Ntalasha Chisha
The Visionary*

HUSTLE LIKE YOU ARE BROKE

Africa must learn a discipline that every enduring nation understands: never sleep on yesterday's gains. Progress is important, but progress is never permission to relax. Every generation that stops pushing because of yesterday's victories soon discovers that the world has already moved ahead. Nations, institutions, men, women, and young people must adopt one uncompromising mindset: hustle like you are broke, even when progress begins to appear.

The greatest danger after achievement is comfort. A country may celebrate economic growth, but if innovation slows, others will overtake it. A business may enjoy one profitable year, but if discipline weakens, relevance quickly fades. An individual may experience one breakthrough, but if hunger disappears, momentum declines. Yesterday's applause cannot solve today's demands. Every new season asks a new question: Will you still move with urgency when success has already visited you?

The world offers clear examples. Japan rose from devastation after war not by celebrating recovery alone, but by embracing relentless productivity, precision, and continuous improvement. Even after becoming one of the strongest economies in the world, Japan maintained a culture where excellence remained daily work, not historical memory. Germany rebuilt after destruction through discipline so deep that manufacturing became part of national identity. They understood a timeless truth: survival is not enough; growth must continue.

Africa must adopt the same mentality. One successful election is not enough. One stable year is not enough. One major road, one university, one company, one policy breakthrough is not enough. Development must become continuous, intentional, and restless. Nations that rise do not pause because they built one bridge; they ask what must be built next.

The same applies to institutions. A school that once produced strong graduates cannot depend forever on old reputation. A ministry cannot rely only on past achievements. A church cannot survive on former glory. Every institution must keep improving as though it has everything to prove. The moment institutions become satisfied with history, they begin to weaken in relevance.

For Africa's young people, this lesson is urgent. A first salary must not create laziness. A first contract must not reduce discipline. A first recognition must not weaken ambition. The world now rewards those who remain hungry after small progress. Cristiano Ronaldo remained exceptional not because of talent alone, but because he trained as though every season still demanded proof. Even after global success, his discipline never retired. Greatness survives only where hunger survives.

Women across Africa must also carry this same mindset. One achievement should never become the ceiling. The woman who opens one business must think beyond survival into scale. The one who enters leadership must continue building competence. The one who gains visibility must deepen substance. Lasting influence belongs to those who keep moving when others assume arrival. Entrepreneurs especially must understand that markets punish complacency. Netflix did not survive because it once succeeded in DVD rentals; it survived because it kept reinventing before comfort became weakness. The world changes too fast for anyone to rely on old formulas. Hustle means staying alert enough to see what tomorrow requires before tomorrow arrives.

Africa's greatest opportunity lies in refusing comfort. Our land is rich, our people are creative, our energy is undeniable, but none of this reaches full value without relentless effort. The African proverb says, "The one who thinks he has arrived has already begun to fall behind." Progress must never become a pillow. This is why Africa must think like a continent still building, still learning, still stretching, still hungry. Not because nothing has been achieved, but because far greater possibilities remain ahead.

Yesterday's success is important, but today's demand is greater. Tomorrow's competition is stronger. The nations that will lead are those that work as though nothing has yet been secured. The future belongs to those who remain restless enough to build again, improve again, and rise again. Africa must never sleep on her gains. Because in a changing world, those who hustle like they are broke often build what others thought impossible.

HUSTLE

WHY URGENCY BUILDS WHAT COMFORT CANNOT

Across Africa, some of the most remarkable success stories did not begin with abundance, they began with pressure, limited options, and a determination to move despite uncertainty. From small roadside enterprises that became national brands to young innovators building digital solutions from modest spaces, one principle continues to define those who rise: they work with urgency long before results become visible. To hustle like you are broke is not a confession of lack; it is a discipline of staying sharp, staying creative, and refusing to let comfort arrive before the vision is fully built. In a continent where opportunity often rewards resilience more than convenience, urgency remains one of the strongest hidden currencies of progress.

1. RESOURCEFULNESS CREATES ADVANTAGE BEFORE CAPITAL ARRIVES

One of Africa's greatest strengths has always been the ability to create value under pressure. Many successful ventures on the continent began not because conditions were ideal, but because someone refused to wait for perfect resources. Airbnb is often cited globally as an example of turning limitation into innovation, but Africa carries similar lessons every day entrepreneurs turning mobile phones into sales offices, social media into marketing systems, and small community networks into national opportunities. The strongest builders do not begin by asking what is missing; they begin by identifying what is already available. A phone, a skill, a relationship, a simple service, these often become the first tools of expansion. Innovation grows fastest where excuses are weakest. Across African markets, necessity has repeatedly produced ideas that larger systems overlooked because pressure often sharpens observation. This is why resourcefulness must remain stronger than dependency. Capital helps, but creativity often arrives first. Those who learn how to maximize little are usually better prepared when larger opportunities come.

2. HIGH ACTIVITY DEFEATS PASSIVE AMBITION

Many people desire growth, but few match desire with enough visible movement. In every market, the difference between those who remain hidden and those who break through is often simple: one group keeps reaching out while the other waits to be noticed. Hungry people understand that opportunities rarely knock twice. They send proposals, initiate conversations, make calls, ask questions, follow up, and create presence. In African business culture especially, relationships often open doors before formal systems do. Visibility is rarely accidental; it is built through repeated action. A young entrepreneur may not control market conditions, but they control how often they present value. A professional may not control immediate promotion, but they control consistency, preparation, and relevance. The people who move repeatedly often create their own momentum. The African proverb says, "The one who asks is never lost." Progress belongs to those willing to knock until doors begin to open.

3. DISCIPLINE BEFORE COMFORT PROTECTS GROWTH

One of the greatest dangers after early progress is premature comfort. A first profitable season, a first salary increase, or a first visible breakthrough often creates the illusion that pressure has ended. Yet many promising journeys collapse because discipline weakens too early. Warren Buffett remains globally respected not only for wealth creation, but for the discipline that protected his growth over decades. The principle is universal: income alone does not create strength; disciplined decisions do. Across Africa, many businesses fail not because revenue never came, but because early gains were consumed before systems were strengthened. Strong builders understand that assets must mature before lifestyle expands. The first responsibility of growth is reinforcement better systems, stronger tools, deeper learning, and wiser reinvestment. Comfort must never arrive before stability is built.



4. SPEED OF EXECUTION WINS IN A COMPETITIVE WORLD

The modern economy rewards those who move quickly. Large institutions often hesitate because layers of approval slow action, but smaller players often possess one advantage: speed. Canva entered a crowded digital market yet succeeded because it moved with clarity and solved a practical need quickly. This lesson matters deeply for African entrepreneurs and institutions. Many good ideas die not because they are weak, but because they stay too long in discussion without execution. An imperfect start often teaches more than endless preparation. The first version may be small, but movement creates learning, and learning strengthens direction. Markets often respect action more than theory. In today's world, speed does not mean recklessness, it means refusing paralysis.

5. SKILLS ARE THE NEW CURRENCY OF HUSTLE

The strongest advantage in today's world is no longer possession alone; it is usefulness. A person who can sell, communicate, solve problems, understand digital tools, and adapt quickly carries value that can travel across industries and borders. Across Africa, a generation is rising where skills increasingly matter more than formal titles alone. Those who learn continuously remain relevant even when industries change. The strongest investment is often invisible: knowledge, competence, and the ability to solve difficult problems. A certificate may open one door, but skill determines how many doors remain open after that.

To hustle like you are broke is to protect urgency even when progress begins. It is to remain disciplined when comfort invites distraction, to stay inventive when resources feel small, and to keep moving when results are still forming. The strongest African stories are rarely built by those who waited for perfect conditions. They were built by people who worked with seriousness before recognition arrived, who stayed hungry after small victories, and who treated every opportunity as if it mattered deeply. Because in every generation, those who keep moving like they still have everything to prove often become the ones who shape what others later admire.



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"SUCCESS IS DANGEROUS WHEN IT ARRIVES BEFORE DISCIPLINE IS FULLY FORMED."

Fear often stops us from making bold, unpopular decisions. It wants to keep us confined to what feels safe and familiar. But what if the things we cling to offer no eternal reward only temporary gratification?

True courage is choosing what pleases God, even when it's uncomfortable or misunderstood. Daniel and his friends; Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, chose to stand firm in their faith rather than bow to fear or compromise their convictions. Because of their boldness, Daniel became ten times better than all the wise men of Babylon, and the three Hebrew boys were delivered from the fiery furnace without harm. Their courage brought glory to God and distinction to their lives.

Following Jesus Christ is the bravest decision you can ever make. It's a choice to trade momentary comfort for lasting purpose, to walk by faith rather than fear. Step out of your comfort zone today. Let go of what's fleeting and embrace the path that leads to eternal impact. Your journey of fearless faith begins the moment you decide to follow Him completely.

PRAY THIS PRAYER:

"Dear God, I come before You, acknowledging my sins and my need for Your forgiveness. I believe in Your love and in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, who gave His life for my salvation. I accept You as my Lord and Savior, and I surrender my life to Your guidance and grace.

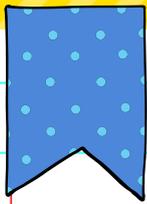
Please forgive my past, guide me in the present, and secure my future. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit, and help me follow Your will for my life.

In Jesus' name, I pray. Amen."

If you have accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, we encourage you to find a Bible-believing church where you can grow in faith. We would also love to connect with you, pray with you, and support you in your journey. Consider joining the Arise Connect Groups to be nurtured, empowered, and equipped for both spiritual and entrepreneurial growth.

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What Are Community Connect Groups?

Community Connect Groups are local teams of people who get together to improve their community. They could be focused on anything from cleaning up parks, helping small businesses, or even supporting mental health. These groups create a space for sharing ideas, working together, and making real changes happen.



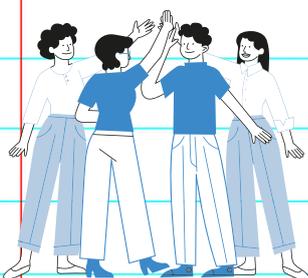
Why Are They Important?

When people come together, their combined efforts can make a way bigger difference than if they try to go it alone. A group of friends or neighbors could organize events, fundraisers, or even start a movement that makes lasting change in their town or school.



When different people come together, they bring new ideas and skills. With diverse perspectives, connect groups are better at coming up with creative solutions to tough problems. Maybe someone has a great idea for reducing plastic waste in your community, while another knows how to make it happen.

One of the best things about being part of a community group is feeling like you're actually making a difference. When you work with others to solve issues that affect you directly, you feel more connected and motivated to keep going. You're not just watching things happen, you're making them happen.



Challenges may seem huge, but when young people come together through Community Connect Groups, nothing is impossible. These groups bring people closer, spark new ideas, and create the change that's needed. By joining forces, you can help shape the future of your community and make sure everyone is part of the solution.



DISCOVER SOUTH SUDAN: 10 FACTS THAT REVEAL THE SPIRIT OF AFRICA'S YOUNGEST NATION.

AFRICA'S YOUNGEST COUNTRY

South Sudan became the world's newest nation on 9 July 2011, after gaining independence from Sudan. Its birth marked one of the most significant political moments in modern African history.

A NATION RICH IN CULTURAL DIVERSITY

South Sudan is home to more than 60 ethnic communities, each carrying distinct languages, traditions, music, and cultural identity. This diversity gives the country a remarkable social richness rarely matched in the region.

THE WHITE NILE SHAPES ITS GEOGRAPHY

The White Nile flows through South Sudan, serving as a major natural resource for agriculture, transport, and daily life. The river remains central to both livelihood and national identity.

ONE OF THE LARGEST WETLANDS IN THE WORLD

The Sudd is among the largest wetlands on earth, creating a unique ecosystem that supports wildlife, fishing, and environmental significance across the region.

JUBA IS THE POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC HEART

Juba serves as the capital city and remains the country's center for government, diplomacy, trade, and growing urban development.

CATTLE ARE MORE THAN WEALTH

In many South Sudanese communities, cattle represent social status, cultural pride, and economic value. They play important roles in marriage traditions, identity, and community life.

A STRONG ORAL TRADITION LIVES ON

Storytelling remains deeply rooted in South Sudanese culture, where wisdom, history, and values are often passed through spoken narratives from one generation to another.

OIL REMAINS A MAJOR ECONOMIC DRIVER

South Sudan holds significant oil reserves, making petroleum one of its main economic resources and a critical factor in national development.

MUSIC AND DANCE ARE POWERFUL CULTURAL EXPRESSIONS

Traditional dance, drumming, and song remain essential in ceremonies, celebrations, and community gatherings, reflecting strong cultural pride across the nation.

A YOUNG NATION WITH A YOUNG POPULATION

A large percentage of South Sudan's population is youthful, making young people central to the country's future leadership, innovation, and social transformation.

LEBOGANG MORATELE: BUILDING, RISING, AND LEADING THROUGH EVERY SEASON.

In every generation, certain individuals embody the quiet strength of reinvention those who understand that success is not a straight road, but a disciplined decision to rise repeatedly, even after loss, setbacks, and uncertainty. Lebogang Moratele belongs to that class of builders: a woman whose journey reflects courage, entrepreneurial intelligence, and the determination to create opportunity beyond circumstance.

Born and raised in Johannesburg, her story began between two worlds: the township of Tembisa and later the suburbs, where she experienced both ordinary African realities and the privileges of a secure upbringing. Yet long before business became her own language, entrepreneurship was already present in the atmosphere around her.

Raised by a single mother whose life itself was a model of enterprise, Lebogang learned early that business was more than making money, it was a way of thinking, building, and surviving. Her mother managed several ventures, from a hair salon to a recruitment agency, while also working in corporate accounting and succeeding in network marketing. As a young girl, Lebogang was not merely watching; she was participating; filing documents, observing systems, and learning that every successful enterprise is built through discipline behind the scenes.

That early exposure planted a mindset that would later define her path.

Though she studied psychology at Varsity College in Sandton, her entrepreneurial instincts had already begun to take shape. She chose psychology out of passion, but the deeper lesson remained clear: understanding people would later become one of her strongest advantages in business.

At just sixteen, she recognized that conventional career structures would not fully contain her vision. She was drawn instead to enterprise, the challenge of creating value, leading people, and building systems.





Her first major breakthrough came at twenty-four, when she earned her first million through digital network marketing. Starting with a team of only nine people, she expanded her distributorship to more than 60,000, proving that leadership multiplied through systems can produce extraordinary results. Her strategy was simple but powerful: duplication, mentorship, and consistency. What many people pursue through speed, she built through structure.

Over the years, that same mindset led her to establish multiple ventures: a digital consulting business, the cosmetics brand Divine Cosmetics, training and education platforms, and crowdfunding initiatives. Some ventures flourished. Others taught difficult lessons. Not every chapter was easy.

Physical education centers became unsustainable after the pandemic. A beauty network marketing business slowed and awaits revival. Yet her story demonstrates an important truth: failure does not cancel vision; it refines it. Each setback became instruction. Each delay added wisdom.

Life also tested her beyond business. Financial setbacks, personal grief, and the sudden loss of her partner placed heavy demands on her strength. At the same time, she continued raising three children, balancing motherhood and entrepreneurship in a way many women understand deeply but few speak about openly.

Instead of retreating, she evolved.

These experiences gave her something that cannot be taught in classrooms: resilience with empathy. She understands not only strategy, but also the emotional weight carried by entrepreneurs trying to rebuild while life continues demanding more.

That maturity shaped her next chapter.

In 2025, Lebogang Moratele launched Rise of the Modern Moguls, a podcast created to spotlight entrepreneurs who have overcome setbacks and built meaningful success. Through conversations with voices from network marketing and other sectors, she offers a message many Africans need to hear: where you begin does not determine how far you can rise.

Her work now carries a broader mission, to help Africans recognize that digital opportunities have changed the rules of access. Capital barriers are lower, distance matters less, and global income streams are increasingly possible for those willing to learn, adapt, and act.

Her story teaches that entrepreneurship is not only about income; it is about identity, courage, and staying in motion when life becomes uncertain. African wisdom says, "However long the night, the dawn will break." Lebogang Moratele's journey reminds a generation that it is possible to build, lose, rebuild, and rise stronger. True success is not found in avoiding difficulty, but in refusing to let difficulty define the final chapter. The future belongs to those who keep building even when the path changes.

WORK LIKE YOUR NEXT BREAKTHROUGH DEPENDS ON TODAY.

BY DAVID NTALASHA CHISHA

Across Africa, a new economic mindset is emerging. From Lagos to Nairobi, from Accra to Johannesburg, a generation of builders is realizing that the continent's future will not be shaped by waiting but by working. Africa's rise will be driven by those who treat every day as preparation for the opportunity that has not yet appeared. Entrepreneur and podcaster Lebogang Moratele represents this spirit of disciplined action. Through business ventures and media platforms, she has consistently emphasized a powerful idea: breakthroughs are rarely sudden miracles, they are the result of persistent work done long before recognition arrives. Her journey offers practical lessons for a continent filled with young dreamers and emerging entrepreneurs.

1. BEGIN BEFORE CONDITIONS ARE PERFECT

Many people postpone their ambitions while waiting for capital, networks, or perfect timing. Yet most successful entrepreneurs begin with limited resources but unlimited commitment.

Moratele herself built early success through network-driven entrepreneurship and leadership development, demonstrating that disciplined effort can transform small beginnings into large organizations. Africa's future will belong to those who start with what they have.

2. BUILD SYSTEMS, NOT JUST INCOME

Short-term hustle produces temporary income. Systems create sustainable wealth. One of the reasons Moratele was able to grow large entrepreneurial networks was her focus on mentorship, duplication, and structured leadership. When systems are built, growth becomes exponential rather than exhausting. For African entrepreneurs, the lesson is clear: design structures that can grow beyond your individual effort.

3. TREAT SETBACKS AS EDUCATION

Every entrepreneur encounters seasons of uncertainty. Businesses close. Markets change. Personal tragedies occur. Yet resilience is the quiet engine of long-term success. Rather than abandoning the journey, Moratele used challenges as lessons that strengthened her perspective and leadership capacity. Africa's builders must adopt the same mindset: failure is not the opposite of success, it is often the training ground for it.

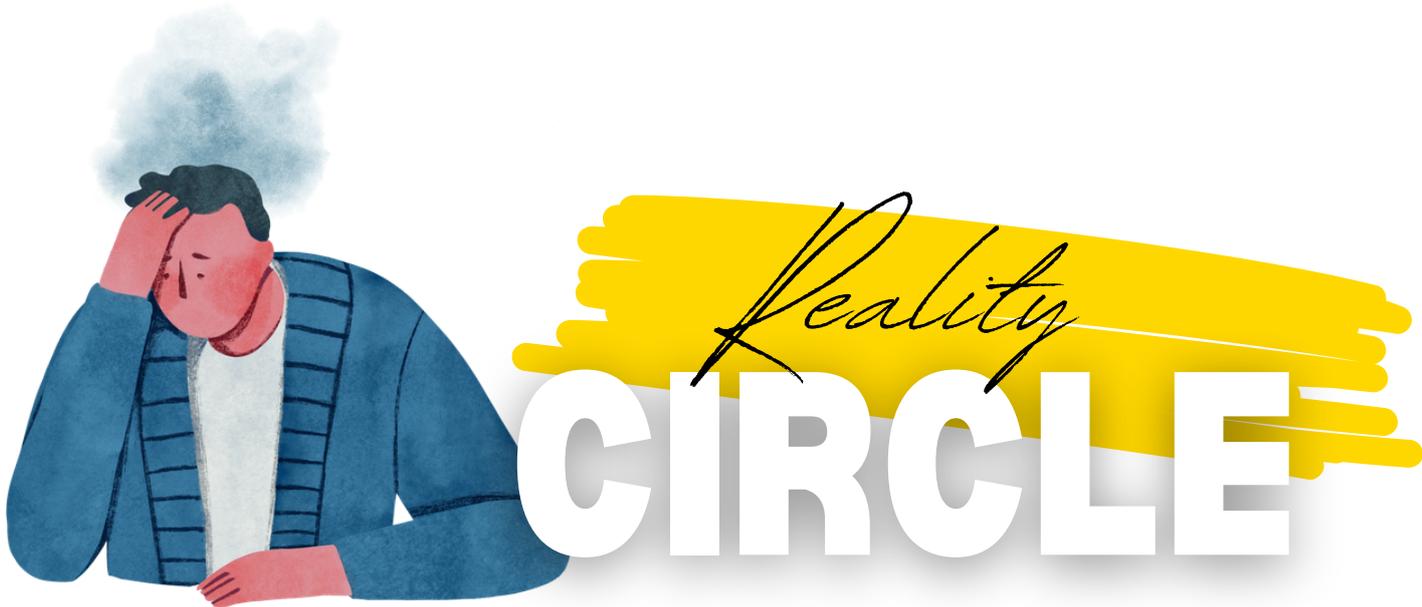
4. USE DIGITAL PLATFORMS TO EXPAND OPPORTUNITY

The modern African entrepreneur operates in a global marketplace. Digital platforms now allow individuals to build brands, communities, and income streams across borders. Through her platform Rise of the Modern Moguls, Moratele highlights entrepreneurs who leveraged digital systems and networks to transform their financial realities. Technology has lowered many traditional barriers to opportunity. The real question is no longer access, it is preparation.

5. WORK AS IF OPPORTUNITY IS ALREADY NEAR

Breakthrough moments rarely announce themselves in advance. They often appear as a conversation, an invitation, a partnership, or a new platform. But those moments reward the prepared. Those who work with discipline today are the ones positioned to recognize and seize tomorrow's opportunity.

The continent's future will not be shaped by passive hope. It will be built by entrepreneurs, innovators, and leaders who refuse to delay their potential. The story of Lebogang Moratele reminds us that breakthroughs are rarely accidents. They are the natural outcome of consistent preparation. So work today with intensity. Build today with courage. Prepare today with vision. Because your next breakthrough may already be closer than you think and when it arrives, it will reward the work you chose to do today.



NEGATIVE ASSOCIATION: WHO IS SHAPING YOUR DIRECTION?

Are you noticing that your energy changes depending on who you spend time with? Maybe your focus weakens, your values shift, your discipline drops, or your thinking becomes smaller after certain conversations. Here is a truth many people discover too late: the wrong association can quietly delay your future. The people around you do not only share space with you, they influence your decisions, your standards, and sometimes even your destiny.

THE TRUTH ABOUT NEGATIVE ASSOCIATION

Negative association is not only about bad company in obvious ways. Sometimes it is consistent exposure to people who normalize excuses, celebrate laziness, mock vision, reject growth, or make destructive choices look ordinary. A negative circle can quietly weaken ambition, drain confidence, and make unhealthy behavior feel acceptable. The African proverb says, "When you walk with people who do not know where they are going, you may forget where you were heading." Association matters because influence is often gradual. Very few people lose direction suddenly; many lose it slowly through repeated exposure to wrong voices. Even strong people can weaken when they remain too long in environments where negativity becomes culture.

STATS THAT MATTER

- Young people are significantly more likely to adopt habits that mirror the behavior of their closest social circle.
- Studies consistently show that peer influence strongly affects confidence, discipline, academic focus, and lifestyle choices.
- Negative environments often increase emotional stress, poor decision-making, and delayed personal growth.

BREAK THE CYCLE: CHOOSE YOUR CIRCLE WISELY

Recognize Harmful Influence:

Ask yourself honestly: who leaves you weaker after conversation? Who constantly feeds fear, gossip, distraction, or compromise? Awareness is the first step to protection.

Protect Your Standards:

Not every friendship deserves full access to your future. Some people may know you but should not shape you. Boundaries are wisdom, not pride.

Seek Growth-Minded People:

Spend time with those who challenge your thinking, sharpen your discipline, and remind you of your values. Strong circles produce stronger decisions.

Limit Voices That Normalize Negativity:

If someone constantly makes poor choices feel normal, their influence can become dangerous over time. Distance is sometimes necessary for growth.

HOW TO START TODAY

Audit Your Circle:

Write down the five people whose voices affect you most. Ask whether they push you forward or pull you backward.

Strengthen Positive Connections:

Build friendships with people who respect purpose, discipline, faith, and progress.

Choose Conversations That Add Value:

Not every conversation deserves your energy. Feed your mind with ideas that strengthen your direction.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

A strong future requires wise association. Share your commitment to building healthier circles using #ChooseYourCircleWisely and encourage others to protect their direction.

GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Which relationships in your life currently strengthen your growth, and which ones weaken it?
2. How can you create healthy boundaries without losing kindness?

Remember this: Who sits near you often shapes where you arrive. Choose people who strengthen your becoming, not those who weaken your direction.



THE MIRROR MOMENT

Has Comfort Slowed Your Hunger?

Stand before the mirror and ask yourself: Have I become too comfortable with small progress? Have I allowed one achievement, one open door, one answered prayer, or one good season to reduce the urgency that once pushed me to pray harder, think deeper, and work with greater discipline? Because many people do not lose momentum in failure, they lose it in early comfort.

The truth is, what built your first breakthrough must remain active if you intend to sustain the next one. The discipline that helped you survive when nobody noticed you must not disappear now that progress has begun to show. If you woke early when resources were limited, why sleep longer now that possibilities are increasing? If you once valued every opportunity, why treat present opportunities casually?

The mirror does not lie: some people are praying for the level you have already entered, yet you may be acting as though your work is complete. But purpose does not reward false arrival. The future still demands focus, sharper thinking, and stronger movement.

Ask yourself again: *Am I still hungry enough to learn? Am I still urgent enough to improve? Am I still disciplined enough to build beyond what people already admire?*

Because the strongest people often continue moving as though nothing is guaranteed. They do not wait for pressure before they sharpen themselves. They know that yesterday's applause cannot secure tomorrow's relevance.

So look at yourself carefully and declare: *I will not let comfort weaken my ambition. I will not let early progress silence my discipline. I will keep building, keep learning, and keep moving until purpose is fully visible. Sometimes the mirror reveals what applause hides: there is still more in you, and it still requires work.*

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YOUR CIRCLE IS EITHER FUELING YOUR FUTURE OR SLOWING YOUR FIRE

BY FAVOUR DANIELS

You have probably heard the saying: if you have nine successful friends, you are likely becoming the tenth. But the deeper truth is this, it is not only about money; it is about mindset, standards, discipline, and the invisible energy you absorb every day from the people around you. The circle around you quietly shapes what you normalize, what you pursue, and what you believe is possible. If the people closest to you are not stretching your thinking, sharpening your discipline, or challenging you to rise, then your environment may already be limiting your future without you noticing. Because growth rarely happens by accident; it often begins when your environment starts demanding more from you.

There are moments when even strong people feel tired, distracted, or tempted to slow down. There are seasons when ambition becomes quiet and the mind begins negotiating with comfort. But often, one conversation changes everything. A friend shares a breakthrough. Someone launches an idea. Someone closes a major opportunity. Suddenly your thinking expands again. You remember that more is possible. You regain movement. That is why your circle matters. Sometimes one disciplined person near you can correct a season of hesitation. One focused mind can awaken forgotten hunger. One friend who still hustles like they are broke even after progress can remind you that comfort is dangerous too early.

The people around you should not only celebrate with you; they should disturb your excuses. They should challenge small thinking, question laziness, and remind you that yesterday's progress is not permission to relax. Because one of the greatest dangers in life is surrounding yourself with people who normalize delay while your future requires urgency. The African proverb says, "When the drummer changes rhythm, the dancers must also adjust." If your environment keeps feeding you complaints, fear, gossip, and low expectation, eventually your movement weakens too.

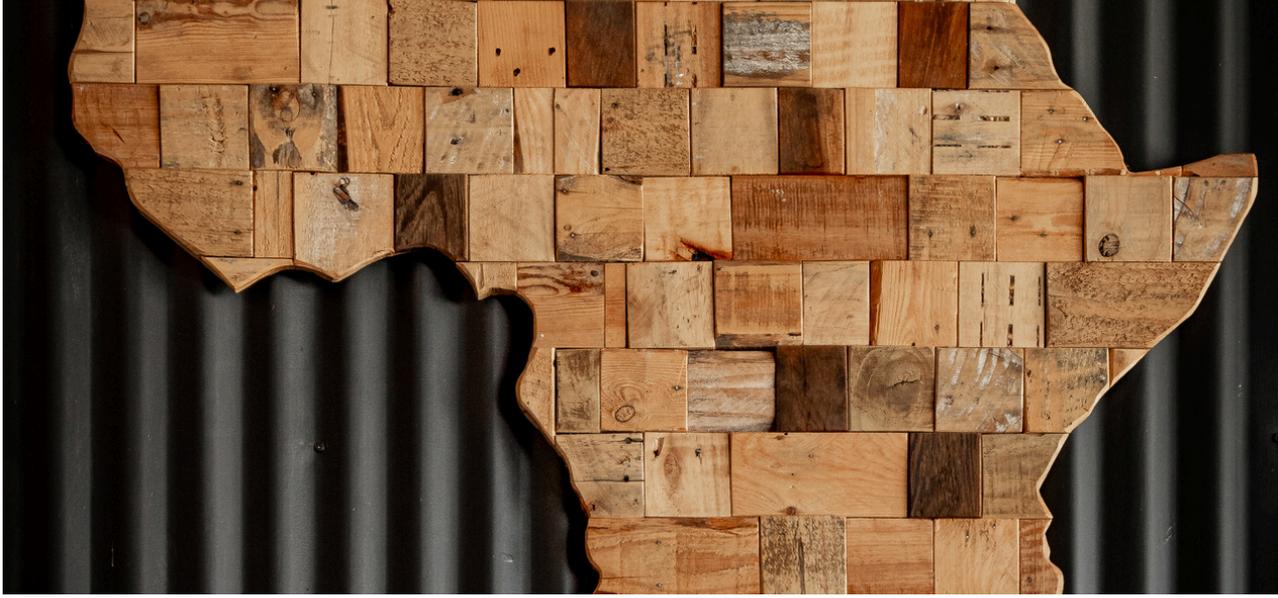
Stop staying too long where conversations leave you heavier instead of stronger. Stop protecting circles that repeatedly drain your confidence, your focus, and your standards. Negative association often delays people more than lack of opportunity ever does. And remember this: people who still hustle like they are broke carry a different kind of energy. They wake with urgency. They think beyond current comfort. They treat opportunities seriously. They ask better questions. They move as though purpose still demands proof.

That kind of environment is powerful because hunger is contagious too. Sometimes your next breakthrough is not waiting for a miracle; it is waiting for a stronger environment, wiser conversations, and friendships that call more out of you.

So ask yourself honestly:

- *When was the last time you audited your friendship circle?*
- *Who sharpens your ambition?*
- *Who weakens your discipline?*
- *Who reminds you to rise when comfort begins to whisper?*

Because your future will often reflect the voices you keep closest. Choose people whose lives remind you that there is still more to build.



THE NEW AFRICAN HUSTLE: BUILDING VALUE BEFORE EXPORT.

Dear African Leaders,

The time has come to refine the African hustle. For too long, much of our economic movement has been driven by extraction; sending out raw copper, cocoa, lithium, oil, and agricultural produce, only to buy them back as finished products at far greater cost. If Africa is to move from survival to global strength, one shift is essential: we must move from value extraction to value addition.

The continent already possesses extraordinary resources, yet resources alone do not create power; transformation does. The true advantage will come when Africa refuses to let strategic commodities leave the continent without first creating higher value through local processing, manufacturing, and industrial development.

A bag of cocoa should not leave Africa only to return as expensive chocolate. Copper should not leave as raw ore while finished electrical systems are imported at multiplied cost. The future belongs to nations that process what they possess.

This is why regional industrial cooperation is no longer optional. Countries do not need to compete by duplicating everything; they can build strength through coordinated specialization. Where one nation carries minerals, another can strengthen manufacturing, another logistics, another energy. Connected economies create stronger continental leverage.

At the same time, the new century demands that Africa master digital infrastructure with equal seriousness. Data, payments, digital identity, and cross-border systems are now part of modern economic sovereignty. A continent that trades easily within itself unlocks scale that no external market can replace.

Energy must also remain central. No industrial rise survives without reliable power. Factories, digital systems, research, and modern trade all depend on energy that is stable, affordable, and future-focused. Africa's renewable potential gives the continent an opportunity not only to power itself, but to shape part of the global energy future.

When value is added locally, three things change immediately: jobs expand, currencies strengthen, and negotiating power increases. Instead of exporting opportunity, Africa begins retaining it.

To hustle like we are broke as a continent means understanding that we already possess many of the ingredients needed for greatness, but we must now decide to do the full work ourselves. The next chapter of African prosperity will not belong only to those who own resources, but to those who transform them.

Africa must no longer only supply the world; Africa must increasingly produce for the world.

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STAY HUNGRY EVEN WHEN PROGRESS BEGINS TO SHOW.

One lesson I have learned is this: never allow visible progress to reduce your hunger. Some of the most dangerous moments in growth are not the hard seasons, but the moments when results begin to appear and people assume you have arrived. That is often when discipline must become even stronger.

As I prepare to speak at the Global Economy Summit 2026 in Alicante on Creating Generational Wealth, I see it not as arrival, but as responsibility. Every platform must remain connected to the people one is called to serve.

*For more than fifteen years, I have worked in financial literacy, entrepreneurship, and development across Southern Africa because wealth is not only about income, it is about changing how families think, plan, and build across generations. That conviction shaped my book *Black People Get Your Money Right* and continues to drive the work ahead.*

Even now, my focus is expansion: building programmes for schools, churches, and colleges so African youth can learn early how to create generational wealth.

Progress should sharpen focus, not create comfort.

When recognition comes, work harder. When doors open, think bigger. When results begin to show, stay hungry.

Because true wealth belongs to those who understand that every breakthrough is an invitation to greater work.

THE HARVEST IS NEVER THE END OF THE WORK.

In one village deep in Africa, there lived two young farmers who inherited land from their fathers. The first farmer, after one good harvest, relaxed. He built a bigger chair outside his hut, spoke often about last season's success, and told everyone that his field had already proven itself. Because the granary was full, he delayed waking early. He visited the field less, repaired no fences, and assumed the land would keep rewarding him simply because it had done so once.

The second farmer thought differently. Though his harvest had also been good, he returned to the field the next morning before sunrise. He studied the soil again, repaired weak places in the fence, planted new seed, and stored some grain for the next season. When others asked why he still worked so hard when his barn was already full, he replied, "The ground does not remember yesterday's harvest; it responds only to today's labor."

Months later, heavy winds came. Goats broke through weak fences. Insects entered neglected fields. The first farmer lost much because he had trusted yesterday more than today. But the second farmer harvested again because he had treated success as a beginning, not an arrival.

The village elders then said, "The hunter who eats well today must still sharpen his spear before nightfall."

And so the village learned a lasting lesson: when your hands continue to work even after your first harvest, your future remains protected.

For in Africa, wise people know this truth: the river that keeps flowing never dries, but the one that rests too soon becomes dust.



NYAWARGAK BOL KIIR AND THE POWER OF PURPOSE-DRIVEN LEADERSHIP.

In every generation, a few leaders rise beyond visibility to build systems that shape the future and elevate people. Nyawargak Bol Kiir stands in that class, a leader whose journey reflects intentional leadership, institutional thinking, and purpose-driven impact. Her foundation was never originally media. Trained in accounting and finance, she developed discipline, structure, and strategic thinking. But beyond profession, she recognized a deeper assignment: impact. Media became not a destination, but a platform, a vehicle to amplify ideas, mentor people, and extend influence where transformation was needed. At the center of her work is people-building. Mentorship, leadership development, and empowering others define her contribution across South Sudan and beyond. Every platform she leads reflects one principle: lasting relevance is built not through visibility, but through developing people with values, responsibility, and vision.

BUILD PEOPLE BEFORE BUILDING IMAGE

Across her journey, one pattern remains clear: she invests in human development before recognition. Whether engaging young women, emerging leaders, or faith communities, her focus is to help others discover identity, sharpen potential, and grow in responsibility. African wisdom teaches, "The child who is carried on the back does not know how far the journey is." Strong generations require mentors willing to carry others until they can stand.

TURN COMMUNICATION INTO MENTORSHIP

As Executive Host of Waraga Global Influence Podcast, she shows that communication becomes powerful when it serves growth. The platform is more than conversation; it is a channel where leadership lessons, ideas, and lived experience are transferred. "Wisdom is like fire; people take it from others." In this sense, media matters only when it helps others rise.

BUILD PLATFORMS THAT FORM CONFIDENCE

Through Miss Naath South Sudan, she transformed pageantry into a platform for leadership, confidence, and identity formation among young women in South Sudan and the diaspora. Its deeper message is clear: empowerment is not simply visibility, but equipping women to think, speak, and lead with clarity. "When you educate a woman, you build a nation."

ROOT LEADERSHIP IN VALUES

As National Coordinator for EQUIP Leadership, founded by John C. Maxwell, she advances leadership grounded in ethics, discipline, and transformation. Here, leadership is not treated as position, but responsibility. Influence may attract followers, but values sustain trust.

EMPOWER OTHERS BEYOND BORDERS

Her role as Female Governor at Mogi Global Leadership School, founded by Mike Oladepo, reflects a simple truth: purpose must not be confined by geography. Leadership reaches its highest value when it multiplies across borders and generations. "A river does not drink its own water."

KEEP FAITH AT THE CENTER

Through Set Apart Sisterhood, she demonstrates that spiritual grounding strengthens leadership longevity. Her focus is building women who are spiritually grounded, intellectually aware, and emotionally mature. Faith, in her model, is what preserves direction when influence expands.

BUILD LEGACY THROUGH PEOPLE

Nyawargak Bol Kiir's journey is more than personal achievement; it is a model of intentional African leadership built on one enduring principle: develop people, and legacy will follow.

Titles may introduce leaders, but systems reveal them. Platforms may amplify a voice, but mentorship multiplies impact. The clearest evidence of leadership is found in the people who rise because someone invested in them. Arise, leadership is not waiting for permission; it is waiting for builders.



A LOVE LETTER TO MY *Daughters*

My Daughter, hear me!

Never allow comfort to arrive before purpose is fully built. Hustle is not only for seasons of lack; it is a discipline that must remain alive even when progress begins to appear. Many women slow down after one open door, one promotion, one contract, one visible result. But greatness belongs to those who remain urgent even after the first sign of success. "The women who rise highest are those who refuse to act as though they have already arrived."

Look at Ruth. She entered a foreign land with uncertainty, yet she rose early and gathered in fields where others saw leftovers. She understood that small opportunities often carry great futures. "Sometimes destiny begins in fields where nobody is watching."

Consider Lydia, a woman of business and influence. She built with excellence until her work became a platform for leadership and impact. "A woman who understands value can turn ordinary work into lasting influence."

Remember Madam C. J. Walker. She saw a need, created a solution, and built with relentless discipline. Her story proves that one breakthrough should never reduce your hunger. "The first breakthrough is proof that more is possible."

Look also at Folorunso Alakija. She entered difficult spaces and remained disciplined enough to build beyond one opportunity into lasting influence. "Real wealth begins where discipline becomes stronger than appearance."

My daughter, when money begins to come, remain wise. When recognition begins to grow, remain focused. When people begin to applaud, remain teachable. The danger of early progress is false arrival. "Do not let small success create big comfort." Wake early. Face the hardest task first. Learn what increases your value. Sharpen your skill. Return to the work. Refine the idea. Send the message. Make the call. The future belongs to women who move before conditions feel perfect.

I declare over you now: comfort will not weaken your ambition, delay will not silence your potential, and laziness will not steal your season. You will move with wisdom, build with urgency, and stay disciplined until what God placed within you becomes visible.

Hustle like you are broke not because you lack, but because purpose still has more to reveal.

*With love and fire,
Mrs. Bupe Mwape Chisha
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