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Masculinity Redefined: Strength in vulnerability



Masculinity has traditionally been associated with strength, courage, leadership, and the ability to provide and protect. These qualities have played an important role in families and societies throughout history. However, over time, masculinity has often been narrowly defined in ways that discourage emotional expression, equate vulnerability with weakness, and place unrealistic expectations on men. As society changes, there is a growing need to redefine masculinity, not by abandoning its strengths, but by expanding what it means to be a strong man.

A redefined masculinity recognizes that true strength is not measured only by physical power or financial success. It also includes integrity, emotional intelligence, humility, self control, compassion, and accountability. A man should be able to lead with confidence while also showing empathy, admitting mistakes, and seeking help when necessary. These qualities do not weaken masculinity. Instead, they strengthen it. Men who are emotionally healthy are better equipped to build strong relationships, raise confident children, resolve conflicts peacefully, and contribute positively to society.

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Say something, it's okay to.

Chinedu was 24 and looked like every other young Nigerian trying to make it. Unknown to those around him, he had taken loans from different loan apps, hoping his small business would succeed and help him repay them. Instead, the business failed, the debts grew, and the calls and threatening messages became part of his daily life.

Ashamed of what people would think, Chinedu told no one. Whenever his friend Musa asked if he was okay, he simply smiled and said, "I'm fine." Inside, however, he was overwhelmed by fear, anxiety, and the pressure of trying to solve everything alone because he believed that was what a man was supposed to do.

One evening, after receiving another series of threatening messages, Chinedu finally called Musa and admitted, "I need help." Rather than judging him, Musa listened, encouraged him, and connected him with people who helped him create a repayment plan and find new work opportunities.

Chinedu learned that speaking up did not make him weak. It gave him the chance to heal, grow, and start again.

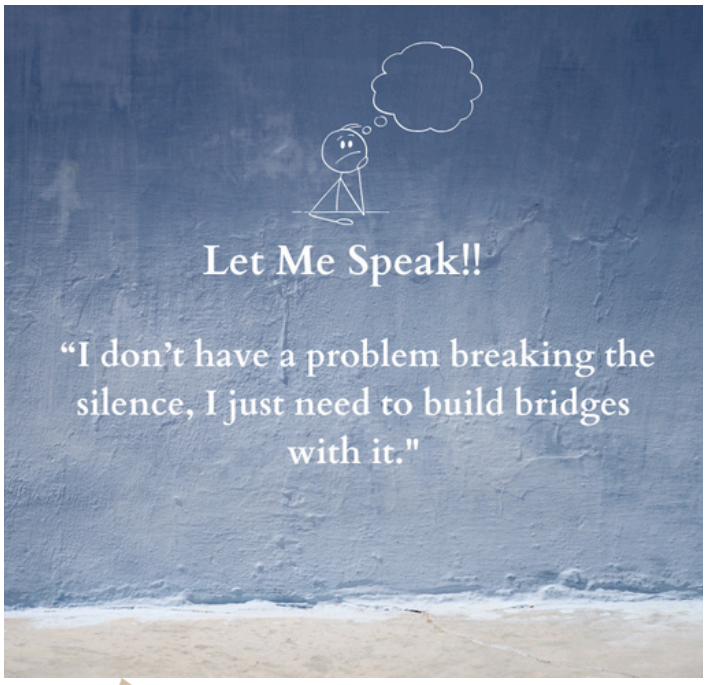
Many young Nigerian men are carrying burdens they never talk about. True strength is not suffering in silence. True strength is having the courage to ask for help before the weight becomes too much to bear.

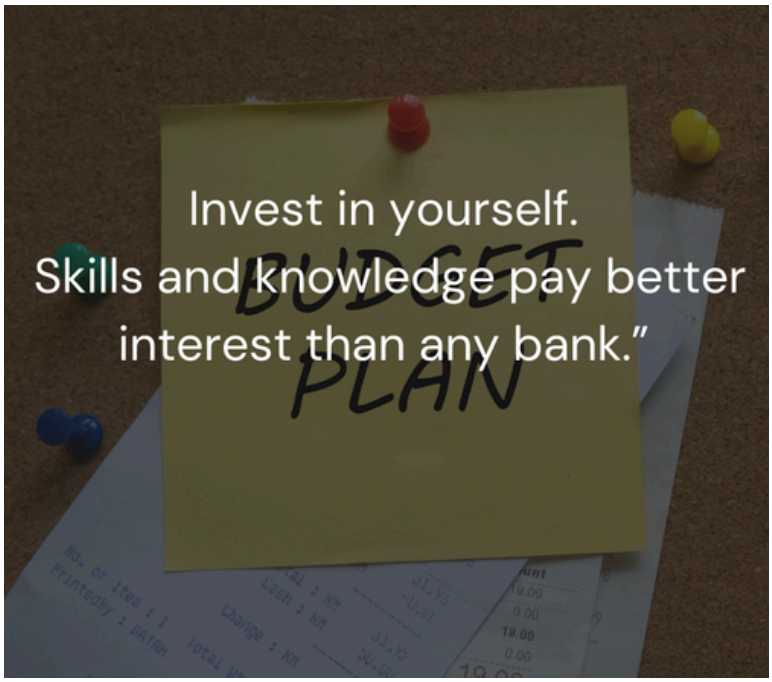
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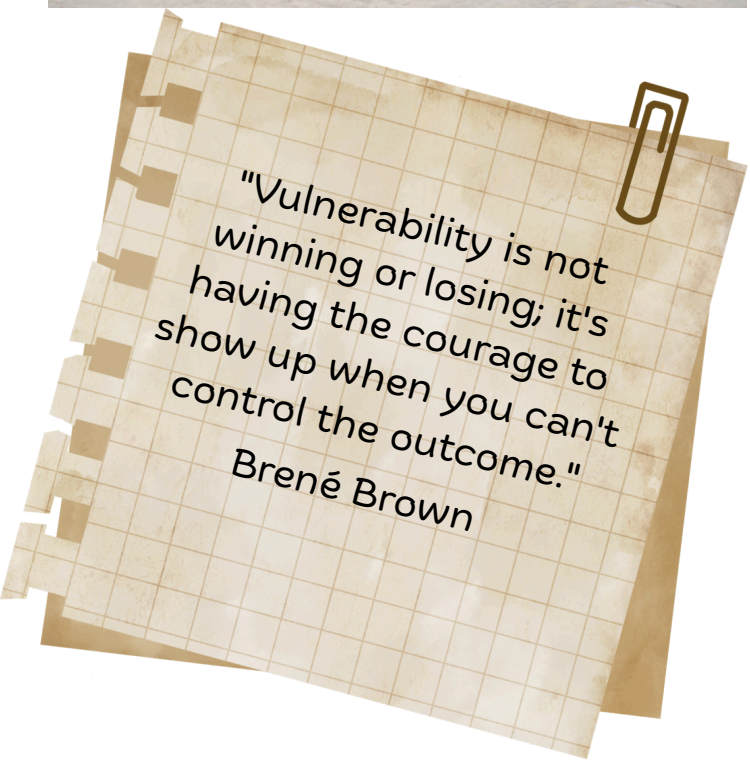


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Becoming your best self starts with a decision to keep growing. You do not have to be the smartest or the most talented person in the room. What matters is your willingness to learn, stay consistent, and improve every day. Stop comparing your journey to others. Focus on becoming a better version of yourself, one step at a time. Remember, your future is shaped by the choices you make today, so keep showing up, keep believing, and never stop growing.









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