



PLANTED BUT NOT BURIED

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It starts from the mind...

- ❖ Life tries to convince us that there's nothing special about us. We have too many obstacles to ever accomplish our dreams.
- ❖ We've made too many mistakes to ever leave our mark. But the turning point to leaving the exact life God ordained for us regardless is our...



MENTALITY

...For we have the mind
of Christ (Philippians
2:5)

A big part of being planted is enduring the darkness as you grow

Having experience lives both in care and in family, there were times I felt I was not good enough but the difference was when I discovered Gods love and promise for my life in his word. I realized I had a good **SEED** inside of me (Proverbs 23:18).

You may have come from negative circumstances, but that doesn't change your seed. Don't let how you were raised, what you didn't get, or any dysfunction convince you that you're not up to par, that you can't do something great. Because you're good seed, you're still going to blossom.

Being planted feels the same as being buried. Beware!

If you judge things too soon and get discouraged, you'll give up on your dreams

In life, you have to realize that you'll have some dirt put on you. At times, it feels like you're a buried seed. You'll feel like you'll never get passed a sickness, a trouble, an addiction. It's dark, you feel pressure all around, and you don't see a way out. The good news is that you're not buried, you're planted.

Your life may look like the Chinese bamboo!

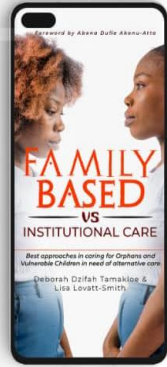
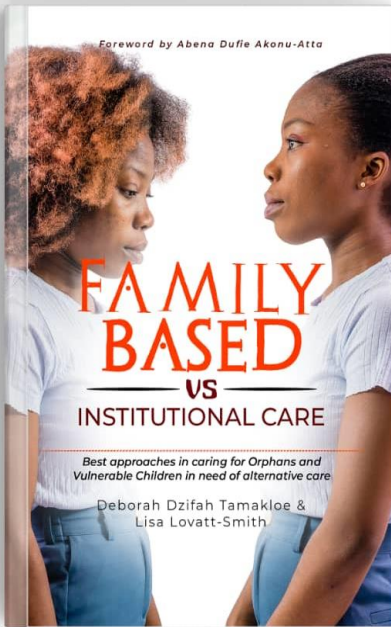
One of the most significant seasons that we can go through in life is the season where our roots grow down deep. It's the season where, externally your life looks stagnant, but beneath the surface God is building a foundation that your destiny is dependent on.

Apparently, once the seed has been sown, you see nothing for about five years, apart from a tiny shoot. All the growth takes place underground, where a complex root system reaching upward and outward is being established. Then, at the end of the fifth year, the bamboo suddenly shoots up to a height of twenty-five meters.

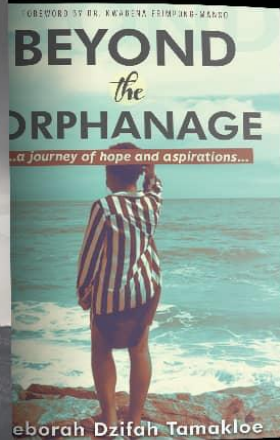
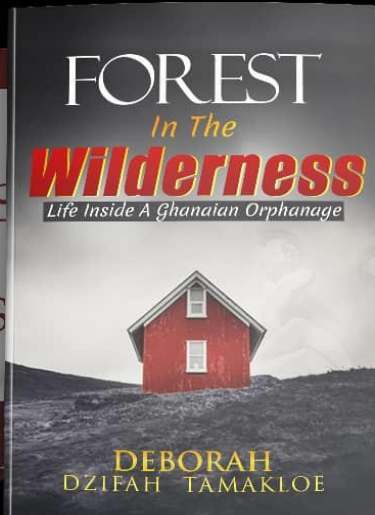
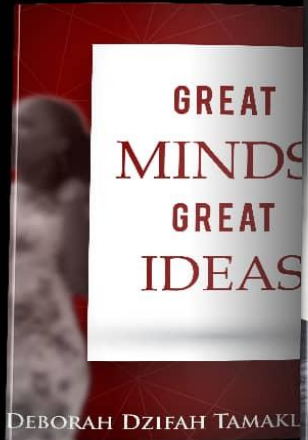
I was ridiculed...while in the wilderness, you have a choice. You could fade away, or you can do what needs to be done to flourish

When I started my advocacy career mainly through writing, I had friends telling me I write like a kid. That never discouraged me but rather motivated me to be the best version of myself. I challenged myself to be a good writer and I am gradually becoming.

To succeed as a care leaver or a person in any field- do not be discouraged! Rather be encouraged!



It takes years of God working intricately beneath the surface to make you stronger from the inside, so that at the right time, the external “sudden growth” is seen by many.



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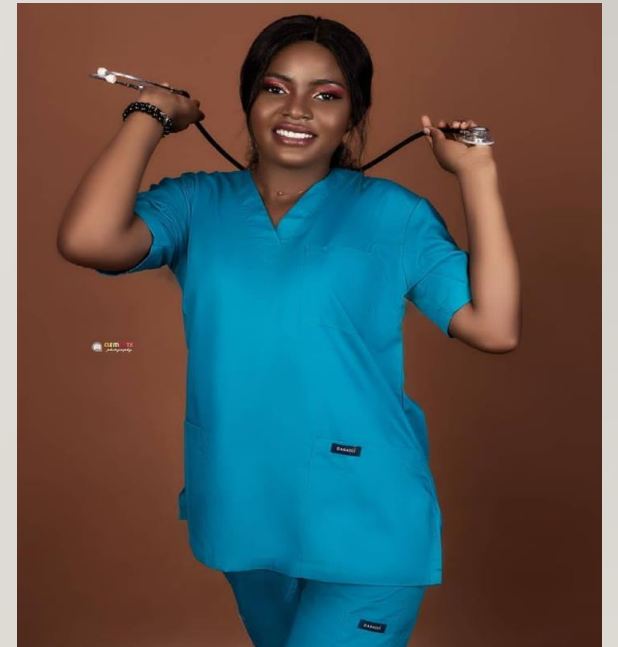
Richard is the Operations Manager for city facilities management Limited



Prosper is the branch manager for an Insurance company



Ruth is a nurse



Trust the process

When we are in the wilderness/planted, we try to get out of it. We try to "fix" the problem

As hard as it is, you have to rest and let the lord lead when you feel you are planted
I often say, you must trust the process-Do not rush it

