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LEAD WITH LOVE
WORDS OF WISDOM
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A portrait of Dr. Michael Koku, a Black man with short hair, wearing a blue suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. He is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is a solid purple color.

Welcome

WELCOME TO THE INAUGURAL EDITION OF PEARL MAGAZINE

EMPOWERED PARENTS. EMPOWERING GENERATIONS!

"We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future." — Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Dear Esteemed Reader,

With a joyful heart and deep gratitude, I welcome you to the first-ever edition of PEARL MAGAZINE, a signature publication of the LAMP Global Community—filled with practical wisdom, real stories, and actionable strategies that will enrich your life both personally and professionally.

This magazine is more than pages of content—it's a movement. Empowered parents raise empowered children. And empowered children build a better world.

PEARL stands for Parents Empowered Academy for Right Leadership, a key initiative birthed from our commitment at LAMP Global Community to equip, elevate, and empower parents, guardians, and caregivers around the world with world-class tools, timeless truths, and transformational leadership strategies to raise the next generation with courage, character, and clarity.

As the Chief Visionary Officer of LAMP Global Community, I have the privilege of leading this groundbreaking initiative alongside a global team of twenty-five passionate leaders dedicated to seeing families thrive and communities transformed.

There is no job more important than parenting. There is no leadership more foundational than the leadership of a parent.

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Points for the Head – Backed by research, data, and time-tested insights.

Pictures for the Heart – Authentic stories, relatable moments, and powerful illustrations

Practice for the Hands – Real-life applications to help you lead your home intentionally.

Why PEARL?

Because every parent is a precious gem—shaped by pressure, polished by experience, and designed to shine in their unique calling. Whether you're a new mom, seasoned dad, grandparent, or a single parent navigating the beautiful chaos of family life, this magazine is created with you in mind. We believe that when parents grow, families win. And when families win, the world is changed.

Thank you for joining us on this transformational journey. I invite you to read, reflect, and share. Let this be more than a magazine—let it be a catalyst for empowered parenting and right leadership.

You were made for more. Your family is worth it. Your leadership matters.

Enjoy the ride and happy reading!

With warm regards and unwavering belief in your potential,

Dr. Michael Koku

Chief Visionary Officer
LAMP Global Community
Parent Organization of PEARL
(Parents Empowered Academy for Right Leadership).

A portrait of Coach Mute Olori, a Black woman with long, dark, braided hair, smiling warmly at the camera. She is wearing a white short-sleeved button-down shirt with a vibrant orange and blue floral pattern, a gold necklace with a large circular pendant, and large pearl earrings. The background is a softly blurred indoor setting with white architectural details.

COVER PERSONALITY INTERVIEW

WITH COACH MUTE OLORI

Empowered for Significance: A Conversation with Coach Mute Olori

In a world where families are navigating shifting values, digital distractions, and cultural complexities, one woman stands out as a beacon of hope for transformational parenting. Coach Mute Olori—international speaker, leadership coach, and founder of the Transformational ParenTeen Academy—is on a mission to equip parents and educators to raise emotionally intelligent, value-driven, and purpose-led young people.

Through initiatives like Parenting as a Coach, Boredom to Boardroom Youth Leadership Camps, and her global work with the iLEAD Maxwell Leadership Foundation and Beyond Success Roundtables, Coach Mute is transforming how parents lead, how youths think, and how families thrive. In this special cover interview, she opens up about leadership, legacy, and the power of empowering families for significance.

PEARL: Coach Mute, you often describe parenting as a calling, not just a role. How did your personal journey lead you to redefine parenting as a transformational form of leadership?

COACH MUTE: Thank you for this opportunity. Yes, I truly believe parenting is not just a role we occupy but a calling, a sacred assignment that shapes destinies and influences the future long after we are gone. My journey into redefining parenting began with my own struggles as a young mother trying to balance ambition, career, and motherhood. I realized early on that I was not just raising children; I was raising leaders. Every word I spoke, every boundary I set, every value I modeled on was molding how my children would show up in the world. That awareness changed everything.

Over time, through my work with parents, teens, and leaders, I noticed same pattern where parents were leading effectively in their offices and communities but struggling to lead intentionally at home. That disconnect stirred something in me. I began to see that the same principles that make great leaders (vision, empathy, communication, accountability, and influence) are the same principles that make great parents. It's about inspiring, not controlling; coaching, not condemning; and modeling, not merely instructing. It's seeing your home as your first leadership

platform, where you practice influence with love and raise the next generation of purpose-driven leaders. So, I started teaching and living parenting as transformational leadership. Parenting, to me, is leadership with a heart. It's where transformation truly begins, one conversation, one connection, and one child at a time.

PEARL: The theme of this inaugural edition is "Empowered for Significance." What does significance mean to you in the context of parenting and leadership, and how can parents move from success to true significance in their homes?

COACH MUTE: Awesome. I absolutely love the theme, "Empowered for Significance." It resonates deeply with me because significance goes beyond personal achievement; it's about impact, legacy, and purpose. It's about others.

In the context of parenting and leadership, success is often measured by what we accomplish, our titles, our children's grades, or the comfort we create at home. But significance is measured by what we deposit; the values, character, and courage we instill in others. Success adds to you; significance multiplies through you.

As parents and leaders, significance begins when we shift our focus from raising well-behaved children to raising well-formed individuals - children who know



who they are, why they are here, and how to make a difference. It's about seeing parenting not as a duty, but as discipleship; not just nurturing children for survival but empowering them for purpose.

To move from success to significance in the home, parents must Lead with a Vision. Connect with Intentionality. Model What Matters. Give your children room to make choices, fail, learn, and grow. Leadership thrives where trust exists. When parents embrace this mindset, their homes become leadership incubators, places where love builds confidence, discipline nurtures direction, and vision inspires greatness. That, to me, is the essence of significance: leaving more in others than we ever had ourselves.

PEARL: As a Maxwell Leadership Certified Trainer and founder of the Transformational ParenTeen Academy, how do you integrate leadership principles into parenting in a way that feels authentic and practical for everyday families?

COACH MUTE OLORI: Thank you for this question because, for many families, the word leadership sounds corporate and distant, something for the boardroom, not the living room. But the truth is, every home is a leadership environment, and every parent is a leader by influence.

At the Transformational ParenTeen Academy, we help parents see leadership as a lifestyle, not a title. We draw from Dr. John C. Maxwell's timeless principles such as "Leadership is influence, nothing more, nothing less" and translate them into parenting language that fits real life. For example, instead of commanding obedience, we teach parents how to influence them through connection. Rather than focusing only on rules, we emphasize relationships. Instead of trying to fix a child, we encourage parents to coach them toward self-awareness and responsibility. We simplify leadership principles into what I call The Three Cs of Transformational Parenting: Connection – Communication – Coaching. "You cannot lead who you don't connect with."

When these principles are practiced consistently, families begin to thrive. The atmosphere at home shifts from command and control to collaboration and confidence. Parents feel more fulfilled, and children feel seen and empowered.

PEARL: You've impacted youths globally through the iLEAD Maxwell Leadership Foundation Program. What has been the most eye-opening lesson you've learned about the connection between empowered parents and empowered young leaders?

COACH MUTE: Working with thousands of young people through the iLEAD Maxwell Leadership Foundation Peer-to-Peer Mentoring Program has been one of the most transformative experiences of my life. The iLEAD Program has ignited a culture of leadership and responsibility among students, turning classrooms into communities of growth. It has helped schools nurture confident, value-driven learners who lead with empathy and integrity. Most importantly, it has shown young people that leadership begins with influence, not position, thereby empowering them to make positive changes from where they are. But one truth has become unmistakably clear: behind every empowered young leader is usually an empowered parent or adult who believes in them.

The environment of belief, affirmation, and guidance that a parent creates becomes the foundation on which a child builds their self-worth and leadership identity. When a parent learns to lead with empathy, communicate with clarity, and model integrity, their child naturally reflects those



same traits in school, in relationships, and in society. I've also discovered that disempowered parents often raise uncertain leaders. When parents feel overwhelmed, unheard, or disconnected, it affects how they show up for their children. That's why part of my mission is to bridge that gap — to help parents rediscover their voice, rebuild their confidence, and reimagine their influence. Because when parents heal, children rise.

PEARL: Many leaders struggle to balance influence at work and impact at home. What do you say to parents who lead organizations but feel disconnected from leading their children effectively?

COACH MUTE: As a leadership and family value coach, I have met many great leaders who win at work but are quietly struggling at home. They lead teams with vision, strategy, and purpose, yet often feel unsure how to connect or lead effectively within their own families.

What I usually say to them is; your greatest leadership assignment is not the organization you build, but the hearts you influence at home. Leadership is not about titles or targets; it's about transformation. And if our leadership is strong in public but weak in private, then something is out of balance. At work, you lead through performance and productivity. At home, you lead through presence and connection. Your children don't need you to be impressive or perfect, they just need you to be available and present. They want to feel seen, heard, and valued by you.

I often remind leaders that influence without intimacy creates distance. You can't lead a child you're not connected to. So, the same principles that drive success at work, that is, intentionality, communication, empathy, and consistency, dedication etc., are the same that create impact at home.

The truth is, children may forget what you said, but they will never forget how you showed up. When leaders begin to bring the same intentional energy they give to their workplace into their homes, they move from simply leading people to truly shaping generations.

COACH MUTE: Your program "Parenting as a Coach"

has touched families across cultures. What inspired its creation, and how does it challenge traditional notions of discipline, communication, and authority?

"Parenting as a Coach" is our ten weeks online coaching course at the Academy, it was born out of both personal experience and observation. Over the years, as I worked with parents, I noticed a pattern where many of us were parenting from a place of fear and control. We were trying to produce obedient children but not developing understanding of them.

I began to ask myself: What if parenting could look more like coaching? What if, instead of telling our children what to do, we helped them discover who they are? Because I see the results with my clients when I coach, I see the results with my children and youths when I do one on one or group coaching with them. That's where the inspiration came from. I wanted to help parents shift from being directors or dictators to being developers.

Traditional parenting often leans heavily on authority, "Do as I say because I'm your parent." But coaching invites partnership, "Let's explore this together." It doesn't remove boundaries; it redefines them through relationships. Coaching teaches parents how to listen deeply, ask powerful questions, and inspire ownership rather than enforce compliance.



So, when parents begin to approach discipline through the lens of development, everything changes. Instead of punishment, there's training. Instead of yelling, there's conversation. Instead of fear, there's trust.

"Parenting as a Coach" is not about being less firm, it's about being more intentional. It helps parents become emotionally intelligent leaders in their own homes, the kind who build influence through empathy, consistency, and authenticity. And what's beautiful is that this model transcends culture. Whether in Africa, Europe, or North America, every parent wants the same thing, a meaningful connection with their child and the assurance that they are raising confident, capable, and compassionate young adults. Coaching gives us the tools to make that possible.

PEARL: Working across nations and cultures, what universal challenges have you observed in modern parenting, and how do you help families rise above them?

COACH MUTE: Thank you. One thing I have learned from working with families across nations and cultures is that, regardless of where we live or what language we speak, parents are facing very similar challenges only expressed in different ways. The world has changed faster than many families have adapted, and that's where the tension lies.

Across cultures, I see three major universal struggles:

First, disconnection. Parents and children are more digitally connected yet emotionally distant. The noise of social media, work pressure, and societal expectations often drowns out genuine communication.

Second, comparison. Many parents are unknowingly caught in the trap of measuring their children and themselves against others. Whether it's academic success, social behavior, or lifestyle, comparison creates anxiety and steals joy from the parenting journey.

And third, confusion. With so many conflicting voices like cultural norms, modern ideologies, and parenting trends, many parents are unsure of what's right anymore. They want to do better but often feel

lost in the process.

What I do through my work is help families return to the heart of parenting — connection, clarity, and confidence. I remind them that transformational parenting is not about perfection; it's about presence. It's about learning, unlearning, and growing alongside your child. It is not about your child only but it's about your personal development and growth. I also teach parents to embrace leadership principles that cut across culture, principles like listening with empathy, modeling the values they want to see, and leading through influence rather than intimidation. When parents rediscover their voice and purpose, they naturally create an atmosphere where children can thrive. No matter what the culture is.

PEARL: In your global experience, how can educators and parents form stronger alliances to raise value-driven, purpose-led students in a rapidly changing world?

COACH MUTE: From my experience working globally with schools, teachers, and families, I've realized that raising value-driven, purpose-led students requires collaboration, not competition, between parents and educators. Both play critical roles in shaping a child's character and worldview, but too often they operate in isolation or worse, in tension.

The truth is that education and parenting are two sides of the same coin of influence. Teachers shape the mind, while parents shape the heart. When both sides come together, transformation becomes inevitable.

To build stronger alliances, three things are essential:

1. Shared Vision:

Parents and educators must agree on what kind of young person they're trying to raise. Are we just preparing students for exams, or for life? When both parties unite around purpose every interaction becomes intentional. So, we encourage students to take the DISC Personality Assessment. It helps teachers and parents understand their unique strengths, communication styles, and motivations. It also equips them to build healthier relationships, work better in teams, and make informed choices that align with their natural wiring.

2. Open Communication:

Partnership thrives on trust and transparency. Educators should not be afraid to engage parents, and parents should not see teachers as critics. We need a culture of honest dialogue where both are focused on the child's holistic development, not just performance.

3. Mutual Respect and Reinforcement:

Children are most secure when the messages at home and school align. When parents reinforce what educators teach and educators affirm what parents' model, students grow with clarity and confidence.

"The classroom teaches lessons, but the home teaches life." When both institutions align around values and purpose, we raise not just smart students but strong leaders.

If we want to raise leaders who will shape the future, parents and educators must first model unity in shaping the present.

PEARL: You often emphasize values as the foundation of leadership. What key values do you believe every parent should intentionally model to shape the next generation?

COACH MUTE: Yes, I always say that values are not taught by instruction; they are caught by observation. Children learn who to become by watching who we are. That's why as parents, our most powerful leadership tool is not our voice, but our example.

There are several values I believe every parent should intentionally model, but if I were to highlight a few foundational ones, they would be these:

#1 is Integrity which is the bedrock of trust. When parents say what they mean and live what they say, they teach their children to value truth over convenience. Integrity isn't about perfection.

#2 is Responsibility. Our children must see that accountability is strength, not weakness. When parents own their mistakes and model responsibility, they raise children who take initiative rather than shift blame.

#3 is Respect. Respect teaches empathy, patience, and humility. It's not just about how we treat others, but also how we handle differences and disagreements, especially in front of our children.

#4 is Gratitude. A thankful heart keeps entitlement away. When children see parents practicing gratitude (for small wins, for each other, and even in tough times) they develop resilience and contentment.

Compassion is another important value because in a world that often celebrates success over kindness, compassion keeps humanity alive. So, teaching children to care, to serve, and to see others through the lens of love is what truly shapes leaders who make a difference.

And finally, faith and courage, because values mean little without the strength to live them out. Our children are watching how we handle challenges, disappointments, and decisions. Every reaction becomes a lesson in leadership. As a Christian, I model the value of faith by living it out daily, praying, trusting God's guidance in my decisions and reflecting His love in my actions. My goal is for my children, to see faith not just in my words but in the way I respond with peace, integrity, and hope in God.



So, I tell parents everywhere: You don't raise children by preaching values — you raise them by living them. When values become visible at home, leadership becomes natural to the next generation.



PEARL: As someone who coaches both parents and teens, what are the telltale signs that a child is being raised not just for success, but for significance?

COACH MUTE: I love this question because it speaks of the ultimate goal of parenting not just raising children who do well, but children who live well and lead well. Often time we measure success by what a child achieves like good grades, awards, or recognition. But significance is measured by who a child becomes, their character, compassion, and contribution to society.

Over the years, I've noticed a few clear signs when a child is being raised for significance:

1. They value people over performance. Children raised for significance understand that relationships matter more than recognition, so they celebrate others, not just themselves.

2. They take responsibility rather than seek excuses. You can tell a child has been guided with purpose when they own their actions. They may stumble, make mistakes and fall, but they don't stay down. That's leadership in motion.

3. They show gratitude and humility. A significant child doesn't feel entitled; They appreciate effort, respect others, and carry themselves with humble confidence rather than arrogance.

4. They are purpose minded. They ask meaningful questions: "Why?" "How can I help?" "What difference can I make?" That curiosity about impact — not just income — is a sign of deep internal guidance.

5. They reflect their parents' values, not just their parents' ambitions, this is a very important trait. When parents lead from the heart, children grow up secure in their identity, not pressured by expectation. They feel free to express themselves yet anchored by strong moral values.

PEARL: Looking ahead, what is your ultimate vision for the Transformational ParenTeen Academy and your legacy as a voice for transformational families worldwide?

COACH MUTE: Looking ahead, my ultimate vision for the Transformational ParenTeen Academy Network is to see it become a global movement that redefines what family and leadership looks like, a movement that empowers parents, equips teenagers, and transforms homes into hubs of influence and purpose.

When your child's sense of worth is rooted in who they are, not in what they achieve, you're raising a leader of significance. Because in the end, success may open doors, but significance builds legacies. And those legacies begin in homes where love, purpose, and integrity are lived out daily.

When I founded TPA in 2019, my dream was never just to run programs or classes; it was to spark a mindset shift to help families realize that the home is the first leadership training ground. I envision a world where every parent leads with clarity, compassion, and courage, and every young person grows up knowing they were created for purpose, not pressure.

Through TPA, I want to continue building bridges between generations and society. Helping parents move from control to connection, and helping teens find their voice, values, and vision for life. I see communities where families lead change together, where conversations at the dinner table become the seeds of national transformation.

As for my personal legacy, I envision building a Family Wellness Resort and Youth Centre, like a safe haven where families can reconnect, rejuvenate, and grow together. It will also serve as a healing home for troubled teenagers to rediscover hope, purpose, and belonging through love, mentorship, and transformation.

My hope is that long after I'm gone, the principles of transformational parenting and leadership will keep echoing in homes, schools, and communities across the world, shaping generations that lead with love and live with significance.

I often say, "If you change how family's function, you change how nations flourish."

Thank you

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A portrait of Coach Mute Olori, a Black woman with her hair styled in a high bun, wearing a dark blue long-sleeved top and large gold earrings. She is resting her chin on her hand and smiling. The background is a soft, olive green.

COVER PERSONALITY INTERVIEW

WITH COACH MUTE OLORI

WHEN

PURPOSE

COSTS YOU

COMFORT:

CHOOSING SIGNIFICANCE OVER SECURITY

By Mobolaji Oluwafemi Bamidele (MOB)



Throughout history, men who lived lives of depth, impact, and legacy did so intentionally. No one stumbles into integrity. No man becomes a faithful husband, committed father, or grounded leader by accident. Faithfulness is deliberate. It is the fruit of alignment—alignment with God’s calling, alignment with personal responsibility, and alignment with what truly matters.

In an age driven by ambition, performance metrics, and relentless pursuit of more, purpose often demands a different path. It rarely flatters the ego. It rarely guarantees convenience. But it always invites significance.

Steve Farrar once wrote that in times of moral decline and societal uncertainty, a man who remains faithful to God and shepherds his family well becomes a signpost of strength far beyond himself. That is the true essence of significance. That is empowerment.

Your Family Is Your First Ministry

Purpose begins at home. Before a father can model love for God, that love must be deeply rooted in his own heart. Before a man can guide others, his first responsibility is to the people entrusted to him, his spouse, his children, his household.

Work matters. Provision is honorable. Excellence is essential. But families must never become the price we pay to secure professional applause. Our children may not remember how many hours we worked or how many titles we held. But they will remember whether we were present. They will remember connection. They will remember consistency. They will remember love.

If you died today, your workplace would replace you within days. Your family would feel the void forever. Legacy is not a corporate reward; it is a relational inheritance. Every moment invested in family counts toward eternity.

THE 4PS OF PARENTING: A FRAMEWORK FOR RAISING EMPOWERED CHILDREN

To raise children capable of living significantly, parenting must be intentional. It cannot be casual, reactive, or accidental. The 4Ps of Parenting provide a guiding structure for shaping secure, grounded, emotionally stable, and value-driven children.

1. PRESENCE

The greatest gift you can give your children is not your income, it is you.

Presence is more than being physically around. Presence is:

- Showing up.
- Being emotionally available.
- Engaging deeply in your children's world.
- Being spiritually invested in who they are becoming.
- Where work appreciates effort, family is transformed by presence. Presence communicates identity. Presence builds confidence. Presence says, "You matter enough for me to be here."

2. PATIENCE

Parenting is not microwaved; it is cultivated. Growth takes time. Development happens in stages. Children stumble, learn, question, explore, fail, attempt, and rise again. Patience allows parents to guide without crushing, correct without breaking,

and discipline without disconnecting love.

Patience means:

- Listening before reacting.
- Understanding each child's uniqueness.
- Trusting God's timing.
- Allowing growth to unfold, not forcing premature outcomes.
- Empowered parents nurture; they do not rush.

3. PURPOSE

Purpose-driven parenting raises children with clarity, values, and direction. Purpose is intentionality—knowing that parenting is not about raising comfortable children but raising capable, grounded, faith-rooted human beings who will shape the future.

Purposeful parenting:

- Builds values, not just memories.
- Models' integrity rather than merely enforcing rules.
- Leads spiritually and morally.
- Choosing legacy over convenience.
- Purpose gives family's direction. It creates standards. It aligns households with divine assignments.

4. PROTECTION

True parenting includes building a safe world around your children, not fearful isolation, but intentional covering.

Protection is more than physical. It includes:

- Spiritual covering.
- Emotional safety.
- Mental stability.
- Curating influences and environments.
- Guarding what shapes their identity and worldview.

A protected child becomes a secure child. A secure child thrives. A thriving child becomes impactful. Protection is not control—it is stewardship.

WHEN PURPOSE CALLS YOU OUT OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE

Purpose rarely leaves us where it finds us.

For many years, I worked in Nigeria's Oil & Gas industry. The career was rewarding, the income attractive, and the position respectable. By societal standards, I was "successful." But beneath the

achievements, God was stirring something deeper—an increasing burden to be present for my family, a calling to serve men, and a conviction to pursue significance rather than applause.

Eventually, I said yes.

I walked away from comfort. I left familiarity. I turned my back on predictable security and stepped into the unknown, relocating to the United Kingdom not because it was easy, but because it was obedience. That journey redefined my understanding of success. Purpose will always stretch you beyond convenience, but it positions you for impact. That is empowerment. That is significance.

THE REALITY OF MODERN MANHOOD

Today's man carries silent weight—expectations, pressure, responsibility, fears, and the unspoken demand to remain perpetually strong. Men do not fail because they are weak; they fail because they are isolated. Healing, grounding, emotional honesty, and spiritual rootedness are not signs of fragility; they are foundations of strength.

A healed man raises healthier children.

A grounded father builds stronger families.

Stronger families transform societies.

THE CALL TO RISE

Purpose invites responsibility. Purpose demands intentionality. Purpose calls men and parents to rise. Three commitments make the difference:

1. Be Visible – Show up. Heart, mind, presence, time.
2. Be Vulnerable – Strength is not pretending; strength is honesty.
3. Be Valuable – Add value where God places you—home, community, workplace, nation.

FINAL CHARGE

This generation needs men and parents who will choose significance over convenience. Men who will lead with faith, integrity, presence, and courage. Families thrive when fathers are grounded. Children flourish when parents are intentional. Purpose may cost comfort, but it rewards with legacy.

You are needed.

You are valued.

You are seen.

You are empowered for significance.

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It Begins with a Pebble

by Kari-Lynn Hastman

Imagine dropping a pebble into still water. The moment it hits the water; ripples begin to move outward- affecting all the surrounding water and spreading further than you'd expect.

Imagine impacting the people in our lives with kindness, encouragement, and compassion in the same way. Imagine teaching our children to do the same. Our words and actions have a ripple effect on those we spend time with, and even those we do not. It keeps going, touching hearts and shaping lives.

As parents, we have the privilege of helping our children see that their choices matter. Their words carry weight. Their kindness is noticed. And even when life gets hard, they can rise and do hard things, because this too creates a ripple effect.

We can teach our children that we may not be able to control what happens to us, but we can control our reaction. That ripple effect can be a powerfully positive motivation for someone else watching our response. Their strength creates ripples too.

When we nurture this awareness, we empower our children to lead with compassion, courage and conviction in a world that needs more positive voices.

Even as simple as it is- a pebble dropped into a body of still water – the ripple effect is powerful. We can teach our youth that every action we take creates a reaction in the world around us.

Positive or negative, there will be effects of our words and actions.



Generosity ripples from the child that shares their lunch with a friend that forgot theirs. Kind words spoken start a ripple of courage.

When we as parents show patience in front of them, as we drive through traffic, or show gratitude at the dinner table, our children learn how to create these same ripples of love, resilience and integrity.

Once when I was rushing to get to an appointment and my son could sense my stress level rising as I was nervously preparing, he calmly looked up at me, took my hand to stop me for a moment, and

declared, “Mom, take a deep breath. It’s going to be ok.”

You never know when these modelled truths will reveal themselves through our own children’s mouths.

Every day, they watch how we treat others and how we handle challenges. By modeling strong characters, we empower them to lead through example. Often our example is noticed when we think no one is watching. Stay aware. Influence intentionally. Then watch what multiplies from your efforts.

Our kids are growing up in a world filled with pressure, comparison, and a great deal of noise compared to our youth years. Social media and the expectations of peers can cause our children to question if what they do really matters.

‘Am I enough’ becomes the question in their mind. This is why the ripple effect is such a vital truth to teach. It reminds them that they matter, that what they do matters, and that who they are becoming matters.

This truth helps them become leaders, not followers, and encouragers not critics.

When they understand their influence, we empower them to lead with confidence and kindness.

“In a world where you can be anything...be kind.”



And when the ripples are difficult, we can watch their character build as they learn from the mistakes. These are ripple effects that teach them what they couldn’t have learnt without the mistakes.

We can’t always control what happens, but we can always choose our response. When our children fail, show them that resilience and perseverance are part of their ripple.

How can we teach our children the ripple effect at home?

Speak life. Let your home be filled with words that build up, that encourage and create a safe space. Catch your kids doing good. What you focus on will grow. Focus on the good. Children bloom with encouragement, and they will give it away. Speaking of life empowers them to lead by lifting others higher.

My client shared with me a recent vulnerable moment when she was ill and could not care for herself. She had to come to a place of trust and allow her children to care for her as best they could. Her young son knew how to step up to help his mom, and declared, “Don’t worry mom, I got you!” While he tended to her needs, he received a gift of empowerment as his mom relied on him in a way she never had before. This was a growing moment for both.

- Show resilience. Life gets hard. Don’t hide this from your children. Let them see how you pray through the challenges you face. Let them see you rise over obstacles and push through disappointments. Teach them to do hard things.
- Reflect together. Ask your children, “What kind of ripple effect did you make today?” or “Who did you encourage?” Even the small conversations will grow into big awareness. When we teach our children to reflect, it empowers them to lead with intention and self-awareness.
- Affirm their influence. Remind them that even little actions make a big difference. Send a note with them to school, or tuck it in their favorite book, with the words, “You are a light wherever you go.” Or “Your kindness makes ripples you may never see.”

Affirmation gives them courage to take initiative and empowers them to lead from their heart.

- Idea: Create a “Blessing Jar”. Each time that someone says or does something uplifting, write it down and add it to the jar. At the end of the week, celebrate the good ripples your family created.

Empower them to lead with shining their light into every circumstance.

Finally, when kids see their ripple effect, it will show them accountability and courage to make positive choices. These are powerful lessons. Every smile, every encouraging word, every act of kindness, and brave choice sends ripples into their future.

And it all begins with one pebble, right in your home.

“What kind of ripple will you make?”

They will learn their words matter, their actions matter, their hearts matter, and ultimately, that they matter.

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It Begins with a Pebble

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UNLOCKING THE PARENT-TEEN C.O.N.N.E.C.T. CODE:

7 Keys to Build A Lasting Legacy

by Remi Ayodele.

A Transformational Conversation based on the new book by Coach Remi Ayodele.

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INTRODUCTION

Parenting today's teens can feel like decoding an ever-changing puzzle—emotions at the surface, conflicts beneath it, and communication somewhere in between. Yet in her groundbreaking book, *Unlocking the Parent-Teen C.O.N.N.E.C.T. Code: 7 Keys to Build A Lasting Legacy*, she offers a refreshing, hope-filled roadmap.

She reveals seven practical, deeply insightful keys that turn frustration into trust, conflict into connection, and daily interactions into legacy-building moments.

In this special PEARL Magazine exclusive, we sit down with Coach Remi to explore the heart behind her book and the wisdom parents desperately need for this generation.

“Connection must exist before correction can have meaning.” — Remi Ayodele.

PEARL: Your book begins with “The Calling of Parenthood.” What moment or personal experience awakened you to the reality that parenting is truly a calling—and not just a responsibility?

COACH REMI: My understanding of parenthood as a calling began long before I became a mother. In college, while serving on the welcome team of our campus fellowship, I watched something heartbreaking happen each year: freshmen arrived with strong family values, yet many drifted by their second year—pulled by peer pressure and an identity not yet rooted. I kept wondering, “If these values were truly theirs, would they slip away so quickly?” That question awakened something in me. Parenting isn't just responsibility; it's a life assignment. A calling to shape hearts, habits, and faith in the short window our children are home, and to stay present as they navigate adolescence. Thankfully, I saw this lived out by my parents.



PEARL: Why do you think so many parents lead from reaction rather than intention, and how can they make that shift today?

COACH REMI: Most of us parent the way we were brought up. Add the fast pace of life, and even well-meaning parents slip into autopilot—reacting from stress, fear, or frustration instead of purpose. When life feels overwhelming, reactivity becomes the default. The shift begins when we pause long enough to ask, “What kind of adult am I raising?” and let that vision shape our responses. Intention grows from clarity and learning—understanding your child’s world, personality, and needs. When parents lead with connection rather than control and choose tools that build self-leadership instead of short-term compliance, everything changes. Home becomes the first classroom of healthy leadership.

PEARL: You beautifully describe conflict as an “iceberg.” What is the biggest “beneath-the-surface root” you’ve discovered in parent–teen conflicts that most parents completely overlook?

COACH REMI: The biggest hidden root is our assumptions. We see attitude, withdrawal, or pushbacks and quickly label it as disrespect, laziness, or rebellion. But behavior is only the beginning. Underneath could be academic pressure, friendship drama, identity questions, social media stress, or simply emotional exhaustion. Sometimes, the real issue is also the state of our relationship—does our teen feel constantly corrected and lectured or truly seen and heard? When we pause and get curious instead of jumping to conclusions, we discover that behavior is often a signal, not a verdict. That shift in perspective can change the whole conversation.

PEARL: Teens rarely grow “on schedule.” How can parents practically embrace this flexibility without feeling like they’re losing control or failing in their role?

COACH REMI: Adolescence is a season where teens practice independence while still needing the safety of home. Growth is less like a calendar or charts. Emotionally, spiritually, and cognitively, each teen develops uniquely. Neuroscience even reminds us that the part of the brain responsible for planning and impulse control isn’t fully developed until the mid-twenties. When parents accept that maturity can’t be rushed, they stop seeing differences as failure and start asking, how can I meet this child where they are and walk with them? Flexibility isn’t losing control; it’s trusting the process and walking with them at their pace.



PEARL: One of your most powerful statements is that correction without connection leads to disconnection. What are the biggest mistakes parents make when trying to correct teens—and how can they instantly turn correction into mentorship?

COACH REMI: One common mistake is correcting behavior without addressing the heart behind it. In busy moments, our tone, timing, and assumptions can come across as sharp, and teens hear disappointment instead of guidance. I’ve done it too correcting out of my own pressure rather than my child’s actual need. The shift begins with slowing down: breathe, connect, then correct. Move from, “What did you do?” to, “What did you learn?” In the book, I explain the difference between discipline that merely controls behavior and discipleship that shapes character. When mistakes become training moments, correction becomes mentorship. Our teens learn, “When I mess up, I’m still safe here”—and that sense of safety opens the door for real growth.

PEARL: We live in an age where culture, technology, and values collide daily. What is one common cultural or generational collision point you see between parents and teens, and how can families bridge it before it becomes a wall?

COACH REMI: A common collision point is the phrase, “When I was your age...” We mean well, but it often minimizes our teens’ reality. Today’s teens are navigating an always-on digital world we never experienced. They don’t just need more information; they need wise conversation to help filter it. Bridging the gap starts with humility: valuing our hindsight while honoring their insight into technology and modern pressures. When we listen first, we turn generational differences into shared learning. Families build bridges when each voice—parent and teen—feels seen, valued, and respectfully understood.

PEARL: In your chapter “When I Was Your Age...,” you expose the trap of comparing generations. What does a parent need to unlearn first before they can truly connect with today’s teens?

COACH REMI: Parents must unlearn the habit of interpreting every struggle through the lens of their own teenage years or assuming their way is the only “right” way. Today’s teens face a different set of pressures—social, academic, emotional, and cultural. When we let go of comparison, we create space for curiosity and open dialogue. I still remember my grades slipping in technical drawing until my parents discovered I needed glasses to see the lines well. That experience taught me to look beyond the problem and ask deeper questions. Connection grows when we stop expecting our children to relive our story and start supporting them as they write their own.



PEARL: You teach parents to see their teens through the L.E.N.S. What does this secret language unlock that parents often miss—and can you share a real-life story of transformation from using this approach?

COACH REMI: L.E.N.S. helps parents slow down and truly see their teens:

L—Look beyond behavior.

E—Engage their language.

N—Notice what’s not said.

S—See the strength in difference.

With one of my daughters, I noticed how much she valued details—whether doing homework, crossing at the crosswalk, or researching a purchase. Instead of rushing her, I began giving advance notice and space to “do it right.” Viewing her through the L.E.N.S. transformed my frustration into appreciation. L.E.N.S. helps parents decode hidden needs and appreciate each teens’ uniqueness, turning potential friction into connection and confidence.

PEARL: DISC is often used in corporate settings, but you bring it home to parenting. What is the most surprising personality “misreading” that creates tension at home—and how can understanding DISC instantly change the atmosphere?

COACH REMI: Misreading happens when we label our children unfairly. A cautious, detail-oriented child gets called rigid. A routine-loving child is seen as inflexible. A fun, talkative child is dismissed as “too much.” A strong-willed child is labeled defiant.

Once parents understand DISC which gives insights into human behavior, those same traits become clues: this child needs structure, that one needs stability, another needs affirmation, and others need choices and challenges. The atmosphere changes and home becomes calmer when we stop struggling with our child’s wiring and start guiding how they use their natural strengths wisely.

PEARL: You say every teen has “superpowers hidden inside their personality.” How can parents re-narrate what they perceive as weaknesses and help their teens turn those traits into strengths?

COACH REMI: Re-narrating begins with asking, “What strength is hiding inside this behavior?” A boundary- pushing teen may be a courageous leader in the making. A chatty, expressive teenager is often a natural encourager. A routine-loving teenager builds reliability. A detail-focused teenager is sharpening analytical strength. When parents name the strength and guide its expression— “You’re a strong leader,” here’s how to use it wisely”—we reduce power struggles and build confidence. Our teens begin to see themselves not as “too much” or “not enough,” but as uniquely wired for purpose and influence.

PEARL: Legacy is a powerful theme in your book. What does legacy look like in everyday parenting—not years from now, but in the small moments parents often overlook?

COACH REMI: Legacy is written in the small choices we make daily. Every time we choose connection over control, curiosity over assumption, or mentorship over mere correction, we are writing tomorrow’s story. In daily life, legacy looks like calmer conversations, fewer blowups, the repairs we make after hard conversations. It shows up in forgiveness, listening deeply, celebrating progress,

and creating a home that is safe. When our teens see home as a haven— not a battlefield—we’re already shaping the legacy they’ll carry with them into adulthood.

PEARL: If you had only one sentence to give to every parent reading this magazine, one transformational charge that could reshape the parent-teen relationship—what would it be and why?

COACH REMI: “If I could tell every parent one thing, it would be this: Pause long enough to truly see who your teen is becoming—because your greatest influence flows not from what you say, but from who you are and how you show up.” When parents slow down long enough to look beneath behavior, consider personality, and choose understanding over assumption, connection deepens and trust grows. Parenting teens isn’t about perfection; it’s about presence. I don’t want parents to simply survive the teen years—I want them to look back with gratitude, knowing they invested their influence well.

PEARL: Thank you, Coach Remi, for your time.

COACH REMI: My pleasure.



From Discipline to Discipleship:

Raising Leaders, Not Just Correcting Behavior

Coach Remi Ayodele

A NEW WAY OF SEEING DISCIPLINE

Discipline, when it comes to correcting children, can mean different things depending on your culture, community, or upbringing.

During my teen years, I spent most of the year in boarding school. We had a ‘disciplinary master,’ and discipline meant only one thing: punishment. No guidance, no explanation, no follow-up, just the belief that pain alone would teach the lesson.

In my community, spanking was another common method. Afterward, the adult might simply say, “Don’t do that again.” But no real mentoring followed.

At its core, discipline has often been about rules and consequences, correcting wrong behavior or unexpected actions.

But as parenting expert Dr. Jim Fay reminds us:

“The goal of discipline is not punishment; it’s about helping someone to grow.”

That perspective changes everything. Discipline should never be about anger or control—it should be about guiding our children toward maturity.





WHY THIS MATTERS FOR PARENTS AND TEENS

Discipline often feels like walking a tightrope. Many parents ask, “Should I raise my child the way I was raised?”

The truth is every generation is different. Teens today face pressures and influences that didn’t exist before. Personality also plays a big role; some children respond to structure, while others need encouragement and dialogue.

That’s why effective parenting requires balance. We carry forward only the good values passed down to us while adapting to who our teens are and the world they’re growing up in. And here’s the key: how we correct matters as much as what we correct.

If we lose our temper, our teens may hear only our anger. But if we correct with patience and empathy, they see maturity modeled in real life. Shouting, “You never listen!” leaves behind shame. Saying, “Come, let me show you something,” still corrects but invites growth.

Correction doesn’t erase consequences, but it changes how those consequences shape our children’s hearts.

THE SHIFT TOWARD DISCIPLESHIP

Discipline and discipleship share the same root word, but the outcomes are very different. Discipline corrects behavior. Discipleship goes deeper—it’s about mentoring, shaping character, and teaching self-leadership.

So, here’s the question for every parent: When my child makes a mistake, do I go into discipline or discipleship mode?

Punishment alone doesn’t produce character. We don’t just want to stop bad behavior; we want to shape who our children are becoming. Sometimes the best lesson comes from natural consequences—like a forgotten homework assignment that teaches responsibility more effectively than any lecture.

Parenting is leadership, and leadership is influence. Parents are the first and most important leaders their children will ever follow. Our children are leaders-in-training, and how we guide them today shapes the adults they will become tomorrow.



Discipline Mode	Discipleship Mode
• Corrects wrong behavior • Focuses on rules & consequences • Stops the moment, but not always the pattern • Sounds like: “Don’t do that again.” • Risk: Child hears frustration more than guidance •	• Shapes character & self-leadership • Focuses on mentoring & guidance • Builds long-term growth • Sounds like: “Come, let me show you a better way.” • Benefit: Child feels coached, supported, and equipped

PRACTICAL STEPS FOR PARENTS

So how do we shift from correction to mentorship? L.A.B.

1. Lead with Self-Control. Stay calm when correcting. Your example of patience teaches more than your words.
2. Ask: Discipline or Discipleship? Rules and consequences matter—but so does mentoring. Pause before reacting and choose your approach intentionally.
3. Balance with Compassion. Create an environment where teens feel respected. Discipline paired with empathy raises resilient, respectful young adults.

The next time your teen makes a mistake, pause and ask yourself: Am I correcting behavior, or coaching character?

Successful parenting isn’t about perfection. It’s about creating a safe, patient space where teens grow into confident, capable leaders.

Discipline may correct the moment—but discipleship shapes the future.

Be Inspired to Maximize your Potential!

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LEADERSHIP IN PARENTING:

Raising Children with the Heart of a Leader

By Coach Okiemute Olori

“Leadership is not about being in charge; it’s about taking care of those in your charge.” — Simon Sinek

A few years ago, after a long day of work, I walked into my son’s room and found him frustrated with a school project. He sighed, “Mom, I can’t do it. It’s too hard.”

My instinct was to fix it. But instead, I asked gently, “What’s the first thing you can do?”

That small question shifted everything. He began breaking the task into steps. Within minutes, his focus returned — frustration replaced by confidence.

That evening, I realized I wasn’t just helping my child finish homework — I was coaching him to lead himself.

And that’s when it struck me: Parenting is leadership in its most personal, lasting form.

PARENTING: THE MOST PERSONAL FORM OF LEADERSHIP

When we think of leadership, we picture presidents, CEOs, or visionary founders. But leadership is not about titles — it’s about influence.

As John C. Maxwell puts it, “Leadership is influence, nothing more, nothing less.” Every parent influences a life daily — shaping character, decisions, and destiny. You don’t wait to become a leader at work; you start by leading at home.



THE PARALLELS BETWEEN LEADERSHIP AND PARENTING

1. VISION

Leaders without vision drift; so do families.

Intentional parents have a clear picture of the kind of adults they want their children to become — not just academically, but morally and emotionally.

A Pew Research report revealed that over 65% of parents feel uncertain about the core values they’re intentionally passing on to their children. That’s like running an organization without a mission. A family with vision doesn’t just exist — it becomes.

2. COMMUNICATION

Leadership thrives on connection. Parenting does too.

“Because I said so” may once have worked, but today’s children crave understanding before instruction.

Harvard’s Center on the Developing Child found that open, respectful dialogue between parents and children strengthens confidence, resilience, and problem-solving skills. When children feel heard, they become more willing to be guided.

3. EMPOWERMENT

Good leaders delegate; great leaders develop.

Likewise, great parents empower children to think, decide, and grow through consequences. Empowerment isn’t permissiveness — it’s guided freedom. It says, “I trust you enough to try, and I’ll be here when you fall.”

4. EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE (EQ)

Daniel Goleman’s research shows EQ accounts for up to 90% of the difference between average and exceptional leaders.

At home, emotional intelligence helps parents model empathy, patience, and control. A calm, emotionally aware parent teaches by example that strength isn’t in shouting — it’s in composure. Fear may create compliance, but love creates confidence — and confidence sustains character.

FROM AUTHORITY TO AUTHENTICITY

There was a time when leadership meant power and parenting meant command.

But the modern world calls for a new kind of leadership — one that leads from the heart, not the hierarchy.

Transformational leaders and transformational parents have one thing in common: they inspire through relationships, not rules. True influence flows from connection, not control.



LEADERSHIP ↔ PARENTING EXCHANGE

What Leadership Teaches Parenting/What Parenting Teaches Leadership

- Strategic thinking; anticipates challenges.
- Patience; strengthens people’s skills.
- Feedback culture; fosters openness and trust.
- Nurture; fuels team loyalty.
- Coaching mindset; unlocks hidden potential.
- Modeling values; inspires integrity.

At their core, both roles are about developing people. The difference?

Leaders shape teams. Parents shape generations.

PRACTICAL WAYS TO LEAD AT HOME

1. Craft A Family Vision Statement

Just as great organizations have mission statements, your family needs one too.

Try this example; “In our family, we love deeply, learn daily, and lead by example.”

It becomes a compass that guides decisions and actions.

2. Hold Family Meetings

Fifteen minutes each week can transform family culture. Celebrate wins. Discuss challenges. Make plans together. It teaches accountability and collaboration.

3. Coach, Don't Command

Ask questions that promote thinking: for example.

“What would be the right thing to do?”

“How could we handle this differently next time?”

This builds self-leadership and emotional maturity.

4. Model What You Teach

Children learn more from who we are than what we say.

A Journal of Child Psychology study found that children are 37% more likely to repeat behavior modeled by their parents than behavior they were merely told to perform. Your lifestyle is your loudest leadership lesson.

The world's next great leaders are not trained in boardrooms — they are raised at dining tables.

The Future Belongs to Parents Who Lead

Every patient correction, every honest conversation, every time you choose love over power — you are leading the next generation. The world is yearning for value-driven leaders, and they are being molded in the quiet places of our homes.

Leadership begins at home.

Because the greatest title you can ever hold isn't CEO — it's Mom or Dad, the Chief Empowerment Officer.

When parents see themselves as leaders raising leaders, we don't just raise children — WE RAISE LEGACIES.

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MAGAZINE

Dr. Michael Koku

PARENTING JOKES THAT HIT HOME

1. Why did the toddler throw his clock out the window?
Because he wanted to see time fly!
2. Why did the mom bring a ladder to the parent-teacher meeting?
Because the teacher said her kid was climbing the walls!
3. What's the most dangerous question you can ask a child?
"What did you do today?"
Because you'll either get "Nothing." or a 3-hour animated documentary.
4. Why should you never use a dull pencil?
Because it's pointless.

QUICK PARENTING WISDOM

"Children are not a distraction from more important work. They are the most important work." – C.S. Lewis.

"There is no such thing as a perfect parent. So just be a real one." – Sue Atkins.

"Your greatest contribution to the world may not be something you do but someone you raise." – Andy Stanley.

"In a world where you can be anything...be kind."

DID YOU KNOW? [Parenting Stats]

Children whose parents read with them for at least 15 minutes a day enter school with a vocabulary of one million words larger than those who don't. (Source: Journal of Developmental Psychology).



Positive parenting techniques are associated with higher academic success, stronger emotional regulation, and reduced risk of depression in children. (American Psychological Association).

The average child asks seventy-three questions a day. The average parent asks, "Are you listening?" three times per hour.

The "Gratitude Jar" Game

Every evening, ask each family member to write or say one thing they're grateful for and drop it in the jar. On weekends, read a few together. Builds emotional intelligence and connection.

The "Yes Day" Experiment

Let your child plan the day (within safe and reasonable limits) and say "yes" to their ideas. It fosters responsibility, creativity, and joy!

The "Dinner Table Question" Routine

Ask:

What was the best part of your day?

What was the hardest?

What did you learn about yourself today?



Words of Wisdom:

The Woman, Custodian of Life and Agent of Change

By Elder Lucky Otobojowho Aladjara

The Modern Parenting Call

Parenting today is filled with new challenges such as technology, peer pressure, broken homes, and a rising culture of disconnection. Statistics reveal:

- 70% of young people say their greatest influence still comes from their parents (Barna Research, 2023)
- Children who grow up in stable homes with both parents present are more likely to excel academically and emotionally (Harvard Child Development Report, 2022).
- Families that pray together regularly report 35% higher levels of family bonding and resilience during difficult times (Pew Research, 2021).

These numbers remind us that the responsibility of parenting cannot be taken lightly. Women, especially, must rise as intentional life-shapers, while men must equally stand as loving leaders.

Restoring Harmony in Families

God's plan has never been for men and women to fight for dominance. Rather, each has a role to fulfill. When women abandon their God-given assignments in pursuit of roles not meant for them or when men neglect theirs, the family suffers. But when both honor their responsibilities, peace, respect, and progress abound.

This is why Ephesians 5:33 gives us the blueprint: "Each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband." Love and respect are the twin pillars that hold every home.

From the beginning of creation, God has placed in the hands of the woman a sacred trust, the gift of life. He fashioned her as a custodian of destiny, giving her the grace to carry, nurture, and bring forth generations. For nine months, God entrusts her with lives in the hidden sanctuary of her womb, affirming her as capable, strong, and irreplaceable.

Scripture reminds us that, "The man and the woman are heirs together of the grace of life" (1 Peter 3:7). Both are co-creators in God's divine plan, designed not to compete but to complement each other. The man carries strength and vision, while the woman carries nurture and multiplication. Each role is unique, and when both walk in harmony, families flourish.

Yet, in today's fast-changing world, many women struggle with identity, self-worth, and the constant pressure to compare themselves to others. We must return to God's design. A woman is not just beautiful; she is purposeful. She is God's agent of change, called to raise godly seeds and influence society with wisdom, grace, and strength.

As Proverbs 14:1 wisely notes: "The wise woman builds her house, but the foolish one tears hers down with her own hands." The responsibility of building and preserving families rests heavily on the choices women make daily, choices of love, respect, patience, and prayer.

Wisdom for Today's Woman

- Know who you are in God: a life-bearer, nurturer, and agent of change.
- Honor your role and stop the comparison race; your assignment is already weighty and divine.
- Invest in your children—not just with food and clothing but with time, values, and prayers.
- Build harmony, not rivalry, in your marriage. A united home is a strong home.
- As elders, let us model peace, respect, and honor so our children learn to value family and community.

A Final Word

Woman, know yourself. You are not an afterthought; you are a vessel of God's increase. You owe God the responsibility of embracing your calling and raising generations that will glorify Him. As mothers, wives, and leaders, let us rise with wisdom and humility, shaping homes that will, in turn, shape nations.

May God grant us grace to fulfill our divine duties with joy, so that our families will be filled with peace, love, and lasting impact.

"The future of society passes through the family." Pope John Paul II.

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Lead With *Love:* Parenting on Purpose

Coach Remi Ayodele

We've all heard of the "terrible twos" and somewhere along the way, it turned into "terrible teens." Fear often gets planted in parents' hearts long before the teen years even arrive. But parenting is leadership, and true leadership is about influence, not fear.

I remember sitting in women's groups like Bible studies, friendship circles, multicultural gatherings where parenting was always a hot topic. Moms had kids of every age, from newborns to married adults.

At that time, my own children were still very young. I'll never forget one mom leaning over and saying, "Watch out when your children become teens... and especially if you have a son."

She meant it as advice, but I walked away unsettled. I didn't want fear to define my parenting story. That moment sent me praying and searching for wisdom, and I discovered a truth that changed everything: every parent leads from a model.

So instead of bracing for fear, I found a model that works: L.E.A.D. Four steps that serve as parenting compass and simple reminders that can help us lead with love, not fear, in every season of our children's lives.

L – Love First: Anchor Your Actions in Unconditional Love

At the core of parenting is love. Fear pushes us to control, but love invites us to guide with patience and trust.

I once spoke with a mom who was exhausted. She was counting down the days until her son would leave for college. He pushed every boundary, and she sighed, "He'll learn out there."

But I couldn't help wondering: If he doesn't learn at home, who's going to teach him—college, a roommate, or a nanny that doesn't exist? Life will teach our kids, but usually through harsh consequences. Home is where we coach in love.

Reflection Question: What emotions—fear, faith, or love—most shape my parenting responses right now?

E – Equip for Life: Parent from a Model That Prepares Children for Tomorrow



1. **Authoritarian** – strict, controlling, “my way or the highway.” Obedience is demanded, but warmth is missing.
2. **Permissive** – very few rules or boundaries. Parents avoid conflict, hoping children will figure it out.
3. **Neglectful** – uninvolved or distracted. Children feel ignored and without guidance.
4. **Authoritative** – balanced. Firm rules with clear explanations, structure with warmth, listening as well as guiding.

But beyond the labels, the real question is this: What outcome are you parenting toward? Do you want children who are fearful and disconnected, or young adults who are confident and responsible?

Reflection Question: Which parenting model did you grow up with? Which one are you practicing now?

A – Adapt Gracefully: Flex to Their Personality and Stage of Growth

Parenting with grace means recognizing differences.

Every child is different, and what works for one may not work for another. A quieter child may need extra reassurance to feel secure. An energetic child may thrive with freedom, if it comes with accountability. A determined child may respond best when given choices they can own. And a tender-hearted child often needs gentleness and understanding to flourish.

We want to pay attention to who our children are, not just what they do, because noticing their needs is the first step to leading them with love.

Leadership at home is knowing your people (your children) and giving each what they need to succeed. Adapting to their personality shows them they’re truly seen.

Reflection Question: Am I giving my children what each of them needs, or am I parenting with a one-size-fits-all approach?

D – Demonstrate Integrity: Walk Your Talk, Even When It’s Tough

Parenting teens doesn’t have to mean constant battles. When conflict comes, your response as a parent will be tested.

What we see at home during a conflict—the back

talk, the slammed door, the eye roll, the silence—is often just the tip of the iceberg. Beneath the surface may be school stress, friend drama, social media comparisons, cultural expectations, or plain exhaustion. Parents carry their own hidden weights too like, work deadlines, financial strain, or unresolved pain from childhood. No wonder words collide.

Leadership expert Dr. John Maxwell explains that people choose one of three paths when they relate with others: the low, middle, or high road. For parent-teen conflicts, it may look like this:

- **Low Road** – raised voices, hurtful words, name-calling, even cultural jabs or criticism that damage trust.
- **Middle Road** – sarcasm, shame, eye rolls, or “you always/never” statements that wound without solving.
- **High Road** – respectful, calm responses that choose curiosity and positive influence over reaction.



Love takes the High Road.

Taking the High Road doesn't mean avoiding truth, it means speaking truth with love. It shows our children that relationships matter more than "winning" an argument. Teens may roll their eyes, slam a door, or argue, but they will remember the way we handled it.

When we walk our talk, our example becomes their guide. Integrity builds the kind of trust that lasts long after the teenage years.

Reflection Question: When my teen disagrees with me, do I take the Low Road, the Middle Road, or the High Road?

The Question That Changes Everything

At the end of the day, the question is this: What kind of legacy do you want to leave behind?

Fear will produce distance. Pressure will produce rebellion. But love—real, present, intentional, and tough love—will produce connection. And connection outlasts the teenage years. It becomes the bridge your children will walk across into adulthood, carrying your voice of encouragement with them and multiplying that influence as they lead themselves and others.

Parenting will always bring challenges, but fear doesn't have to write our story. When we **Love first, Equip for life, Adapt with grace, and Demonstrate integrity**, we lead with purpose—not pressure.

So, here's the challenge: the next time you face a tough parenting moment, pause and ask yourself, Am I leading with fear, or with love?

Choose love. Choose the high road. Choose to L.E.A.D. your family with purpose.

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Dr. Koku's commitment to uplifting others has led to measurable outcomes and tangible successes, earning him the prestigious Salvation Army Ray Welsh's Employee of the Year award in 2018.

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With eleven influential books, including 4 Keys for Effective Leadership, The AREA Code: Unveiling the Essence of Servant Leadership, LIVE LIFE BIG: Don't LEAVE Your Dream, LIVE Your Dream, and THE MENTORSHIP ADVANTAGE: WHY MENTORSHIP MATTERS he offers practical strategies for today's challenges.

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Dr. Koku is known for simplifying complex ideas and presenting them in a clear and engaging manner, making them easy to understand and apply and personal growth.

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Dr. Michael has trained professionals from various countries in diverse fields, including Education, Business, Healthcare, and Non - Profit.

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Dr. Koku offers facilitation, speaking, training, and coaching services in leadership, professional skills, and personal growth, with a focus on improving productivity, performance, and profitability

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Dr. Koku aims to enrich lives and make meaningful contributions to humanity

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Leading the LAMP Global Community, Dr. Koku drives initiatives like WILL (Women In Leadership League), PEARL (Parents Empowered Academy for Right Leadership), YES (Youth Empowerment Society), and TBN (The Berean Network).



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LAMP GLOBAL COMMUNITY

At LAMP Global Community, leadership is not a solitary journey but a shared path of growth, empowerment, and transformation. Together, we are shaping a future where leadership is intentional, impactful, and inclusive.

Our vision is to attract, develop, and multiply leaders in all the eight streams of influence: Government, Sport, Business, Family, Religion, Arts & Entertainment, Media, and Education.

We are passionate about unlocking infinite growth, empowering leaders in different streams of influence all over the world and transforming futures globally, personally and professionally.

LAMP simply means Leadership Advancement Mentorship Platform and TLC personalities are the nucleus and leaders of the LAMP Global Community. In less than two years, what began as a Dream has flourished into a thriving global network of twenty-two dedicated leaders united by shared values and a positive attitude.

A clear purpose drives our community: to collaborate, empower, and transform lives through Leadership, education, and service. We bring this to life through quarterly global projects, initiatives, and conferences, creating lasting change across continents.

Our Key Pillars:

- **Collaboration:** We build leaders together, working as one to lift each other higher.
- **Empowerment:** We equip emerging leaders with tools, mind set, and the support they need to thrive.
- **Global Transformation:** Through our leadership programs and initiatives, we are committed to creating a ripple effect of positive change worldwide.

As the parent organization for WILL (Women In Leadership League), PEARL (Parents Empowered Academy for Right Leadership), YES (Youth Empowerment Society), and TBN (The Berean Network),

LAMP Global Community is at the forefront of shaping leaders in every sphere of influence.

Our reach is broad, but our focus is clear: to create a unified, empowered global leadership movement.

UPCOMING 2026 EVENTS

LAMP GLOBAL COMMUNITY 2026 CONFERENCES, DATES, AND THEMES:

Made For More Global Leadership Conference 6.0.

Date: Saturday, March 7, 2026.

Theme: Unlocking Your Power With Personal Leadership.

Women Ablaze Global Leadership Conference 2.0.

Date: Saturday, June 6, 2026.

Theme: Empowered to Lead, Equipped to Last!

Blaze of Change Annual Global Youth Conference 3.0.

Date: Saturday, June 27, 2026.

Theme: Awaken the Leader Within You!

Made For More Global Leadership Conference 7.0.

Date: Saturday, September 5, 2026.

Theme: Sustainable Leadership in a Changing World.

Parents Empowered Annual Global Conference 4.0.

Date: Saturday, December 19, 2026

Theme: Parenting with Purpose in a Changing World.

All the Events Time Are:

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM EST US&CANADA.

Together Everyone Achieves More" is more than just an acronym—it's the heartbeat of our community. TEAM also mean to us; Team Efforts Achieve Miracles!

We believe in the constructive collaboration of collective effort and the undeniable truth that team work makes the dream work.

With every step forward, we prove that when individuals unite around a shared vision, we can achieve far more than we can alone.



You can become a member of this global leadership community committed to attracting, developing, and multiplying leaders by unlocking leadership potential, empowering lives, and transforming futures.

Together, we will realize and amplify our dreams into something extraordinary.

The LAMP Global Community invites you to be a beacon of Leadership, sparking change and guiding others toward greatness.

Michael Jordan said, "Talent wins games, but teamwork and intelligence win championships."

Let's build the future of Leadership—together!

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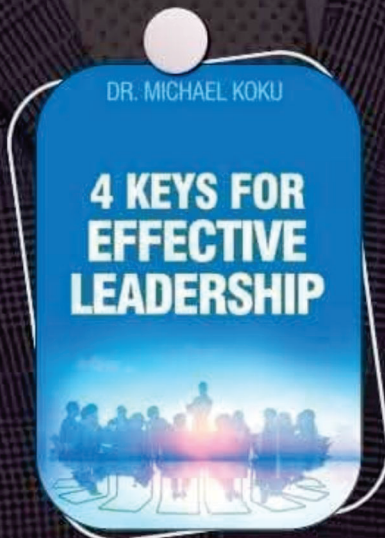
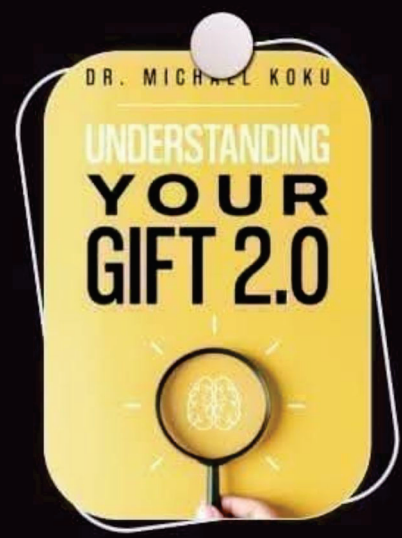
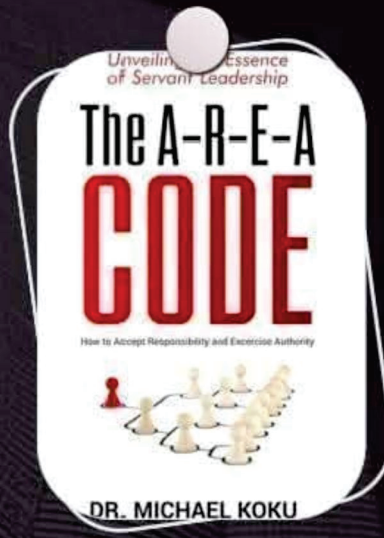
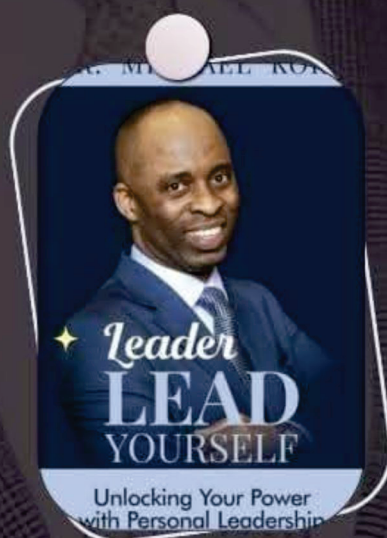
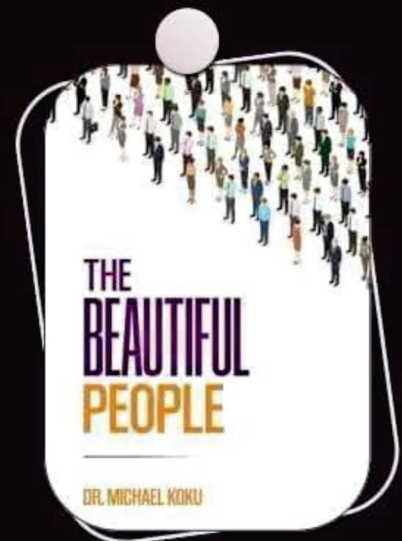
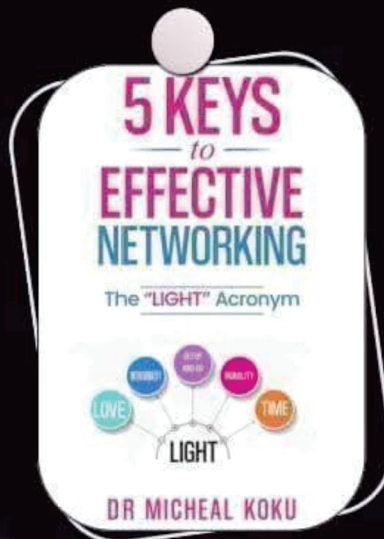
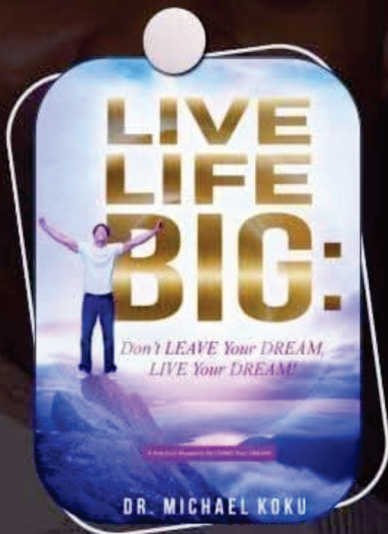
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