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FIND YOUR ADDRESS

“Live to fulfill your purpose”

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*We are gifted in a unique and important way, it is our privilege and
our adventure to discover our own special light.*

- Evelyn Dunbar

Dedication

To every youth around the world and every one dreaming to make a mark on this planet earth before he or she leaves it. Chances and gaps to make great miracles still exist.

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The idea of this book originated from the church, when Rev. Dr. Eliona Kimaro from KKKT Kijotonyama church (Kush Turbanacle) evening glory session was preaching about finding yourself and at the end he assigned everyone to go and FIND HIS ADDRESS to make an impact in whatever the field he has been called. Since there, I have been hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit whispering in my heart that “*FIND YOUR ADDRESS*” From time to time I could see a book in my visions written Find Your Address and by that time I was writing another book called “*There is Still a Chance*”. I promised myself to write that book titled Find Your Address when am done with the first one, and today I have fulfilled my promise. I hope this book will help you discover yourself.

“From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.”

ACTS 17:26

Introduction

On my bachelor's degree final year, I had a plan in my mind to apply for an internship programme at Tanzania Bureau Standards (TBS). I was curious to understand how standards are being prepared and how testing process is done in mechanical equipment and all other stuffs related to mechanical engineering. I wrote a letter and sent it to one of my friends in Dar es Salaam so as she could help me deliver the letter to the headquarters located in Dar es Salaam at Ubungu. I believed, if my letter could be handed direct to the office by hand it will be easy to be considered than if I sent it via postal office.

My friend Jack received that letter together with my CV attached to it, she printed it and packed it in an envelope and on top of the envelop; she wrote the address. Due to un expected events she didn't have enough time to take that letter directly to TBS offices, so she decided to send the envelope via EMS.

She believed that system to be simple and easy rather than going there to the office. Soon she gave me feedback of what she had done and I was thankful because she had helped me even though it wasn't how I planned.

After two days I received a call from TANESCO a soft voice telling me, “*We have received your envelope titled Tanzania Bureau of Standards (TBS) but having an address of TANESCO*”. I explained, what happened was a mistake of writing an incorrect address of the place where the envelop should have gone. Finishing up with TANESCO, I was surprised by how Jack had confused the address and wrote the wrong address but the correct name of the company. Although the name written on top of the envelop was correct but the address was wrong which made the envelop to go where I did not intend it to go to.

We came to the world with a very specific and unique address. Be reminded your name is not your address because names are shared by different people, you have something more than your name. Something that introduces you and that is your address. No one shares his or her address with another person.

This address is what makes us special and do what others cannot do. We can share the same name, we can share the same date of birth but different life addresses, we can be fraternal or identical twins but with different address. Finding your address is finding yourself, identifying the real you. Recognising yourself will place you in a right position to make an impact to this world. If you Understand who you are, you automatically understand whom you are not.

Failure to discover your address will place you in a wrong position and you will live a miserable life creating trouble to the world or you becoming a trouble to the world. Just like a letter addressed to TBS but unexpectedly it went to TANESCO, the letter had no any impact to TANESCO but it only created junks there.

But if the address could have been correct, that letter could have gone to the right place and made a great impact which I intended from the beginning, that I could have been offered an internship. I

didn't get that internship because the letter went to the wrong destination.

This is how majority of us live an entire life in wrong professions, wrong careers, wrong marriages, and so many things that lead us to wrong destinations. The environment we live in has a great influence to change our address that's why when you understand the importance of finding your uniqueness will give you a reason to fight against what the nature is trying to tell you.

Just like a lion which once lived like a sheep, the story I read in one of Dr. Myles' book titled "*THE SPIRIT OF LEADERSHIP*"

"There was once a farmer who lived in this village and also was a herder of sheep.

One day, he took his sheep out of pasture, and while they were grazing, he suddenly heard a strange noise coming from a patch of grass, which first sounded like a kitten. Led by his curiosity, the old shepherd went to see what was the source of this insistent sound, and to his surprise, he found a one shivering lion cub, obviously separated from his family.

His first thought was the danger he would be in if he stayed too close to the cub and his parents returned. So the old man quickly left the area and watched from a distance to see if the mother lion or the pack would return.

However, after the sun began to set, and there was still no activity to secure the lion cub, the shepherd decided that, in his best judgement, and for the safety and survival of the lion cub, he would take him to the farmhouse and care for him.

Over the next eight months the shepherd hand-fed this cub with fresh milk and kept him warm, safe and secure in the protective

confines of the farmhouse. After the cub had grown into a playful, energetic ball of shiny muscles, he would take him out daily with the sheep to graze. The lion cub grew with the sheep and became a part of the herd.

They accepted him as one of their own, and he acted like one of them. After fifteen months had passed, the little cub had become an adolescent lion, but he acted, sounded, responded and behaved just like one of the sheep. In essence, the lion had become a sheep by association. He had lost himself and turn out to be one of them.

One hot day, four years later the shepherd sat on a rock, taking refuge in the slight shade of a leafless tree. He watched over his flock as they waded into the quite, flowing water of river to drink. The lion who thought he was a sheep followed them into water to drink.

Suddenly just across the river, there appeared out of the thick jungle bush a large beast that the lion cub has never seen before. The sheep panicked and, as if under the spell of some survival instinct, leaped out of the water and dashed towards the direction of the farm. They never stopped until they were all safety huddled behind the fence of the pen. Strangely, the lion cub, who was now a grown lion, was also huddled with them, stricken with fear.

While the flock scrambled for the safety of the farm, the beast made a sound that seemed to shake the forest. When he lifted his head above the tall grass, the shepherd could see that he held in his blood drenched mouth the lifeless body of lamb from the flock. The man knew that danger had returned to his part of the forest.

Seven days passed without further incident, and then while the flock grazed, the young lion went down to river to drink. As he bent over the water, he suddenly panicked and ran wildly toward

the farmhouse for safety. The sheep did not run and wondered why he had, while the lion wondered why the sheep had not run since he had seen the beast again. After a while, the young lion went slowly back to the flock and then to the water to drink again. Once more he saw the beast and froze in panic. It was his own reflection in the water.

While he tried to understand what he was seeing, suddenly, the beast appeared out of the jungle again.

The flock dashed with breakneck speed toward the farmhouse, but before the young lion could move, the beast stepped in the water towards him and made that a deafening sound that filled the forest. For a moment, the young lion felt that his life was about to end. He realized that he saw not just one beast, but two one in the water and one before him.

His head was spinning with confusion as the beast came within ten feet of him and growled at him face to face with frightening power in a way that seemed to stay to him, "Try it, come and follow me."

As fear gripped the young lion, he decided to try to appease the beast and make the same sound.

However, the only noise that came from his gaping jaws was the sound of a sheep. The beast responded with an even louder burst that seemed to say, "Try it again." After seven or eight attempts, the young lion suddenly heard himself make the same sound as the beast. He also felt stirrings in his body and feelings, that he had never known before. It was as if he was experiencing a total transformation in mind, body, and spirit.

Suddenly, there stood in the river of life two beasts growling at each other. Then the shepherd saw something he would never forget. As

the beastly sounds filled the forest for miles around the big beast stopped, turned his back on the young lion, and started towards the forest. Then he paused and looked at the young lion, one more time and growled, as if to say, "Are you coming?"

The young lion knew what the gesture meant and suddenly realized that his day of decision had arrived-the day he would have to choose whether to continue to live life as a sheep or to be the self he had just discovered.

He knew that, to become his true self, he would have to give up the safe, secure, predictable, and simple life of the farm and enter the frightening, wild, untamed, unpredictable, dangerous life of the jungle. It was a day to become true to himself and leave the false image of another life behind.

It was an invitation to as a "sheep to become the king of the jungle. Most importantly, it was an invitation for the body of a lion to possess the spirit of a lion.

After looking back and forth at the farm and the jungle a few times, the young lion turned his back on the farm and the sheep with whom he had lived for years, and he followed the beast into the forest to become who he has always been a lion king.

Finding your address, is a book prepared to create a wakeup call in your mind, to get you excited and start doing what it takes to find the real address of yourself, to find where you belong and what you are cable of doing and concentrate to it till something is born out of it.

To create a burning desire of discovering yourself and make use of your real potential is now and not later, being you is what you must do for the rest of the time you have left with.

One wise man once said there are two important days to every human being on Earth, the day he was born and the day he discovers why he was born. Read the book till the end and you will enjoy the content.



Chapter one



1

YOU ARE ADDRESSED TO SOMETHING

“You came to this earth because there is something the earth needed And God hid that thing in you.” - Dr. Myles Munroe

There are a lot of gaps in our world that has to be filled by people with their talents, gifts and uniqueness so as to make this world a better place for humanity and all other living creatures. Without understanding your real address (*your position*) you will just go anywhere or do anything and fail to fill the gap you must fill, and finally you will be creating problems instead of solving problems. Thinking of this scenario am reminded to one of my favorite movie called the Ghost in the Dark. This movie is based on the true story of what happened in the colonial times in 1896 when British decide to construct the railroad in their East African colony, running from the costal port city Mombasa in modern day Kenya, all the way to lake Victoria then to Uganda.

The British colonialists hoped that the railroad would encourage people to move into the interior of Africa, and would provide a method of transporting trade products between Africa and Europe.

Thousands of laborers (called "coolies") were imported from India to build the railroad, which would cover about 580 miles, cross several rivers and valleys, and take over 30 years to complete, reaching Nairobi in 1899, Kismu on the shore of Lake Victoria in 1901, and Kampala, Uganda in 1928. It was considered a shining symbol of modern British progress in the "civilization" of what was then known as "The Dark Continent".

In February 1898, two years into its construction, the railroad line had reached the Tsavo River in Kenya, 130 miles northwest of Mombasa. A temporary bridge was built to allow the track to cross the river and continue being built on the other side. In March, British Army Colonel John Henry Patterson was brought in from India to oversee the construction of a permanent railroad bridge across the river. The river valley was about 100 yards wide. Patterson began by locating a source of suitable stone about three miles away and building a small tram line to the bridge site. These stones would be used to form foundation piers in the river bed, upon which the bridge pillars would be constructed. Meanwhile, construction of the actual railway continued. Because of this, several thousand workers were scattered in a string of camps along the railroad over a distance of some 20 miles. Patterson was responsible for all of them.

Within just a few days of Patterson's arrival, people began to disappear

At first, Patterson didn't believe the natives who told him that there was a lion attacking the workers. Quickly, however, reports of lion sightings began coming in, and the remains of dead workers began to be found. It became clear that there were at least two lions involved. Every few days, one of the lions would strike at one of the scattered campsites, then another, attacking horses, donkeys, goats,

cattle, and people. The Indian workers constructed protective fences around their camps, known as a boma, made from the thorny branches of Acacia trees, and kept campfires burning all night, but still the lions found their way through. In one incident, one of the lions clawed its way into a tent and attacked a sleeping worker, but in the confusion dragged away the worker's mattress instead--when it realized its mistake, the lion dropped the mattress and ran off.

Making the story short, this problem of workers, cattle, goats and sheep being hunted and killed by lions continued for several days and the construction became more difficult to endure because of the low working drive of the workers. Colonel John Henry Patterson had great challenge to accomplish the task he had been entrusted by the British government.

Giving up wasn't a best solution he could come up with but he decided to be optimistic with different strategies on how he could win the lion. He developed strategies in which one by one failed and more attacks increased as days proceeded and some of the workers lost their hope and decided to quit the job, and went back to their homes. Due to Patterson's persistent and courage of hunting lions, he spent the night inside a boxcar to lure one of the lions in. His unfailing spirit of trying different strategies came to bring positive results as he managed to kill all lions which were hunting them.

This story of John Henry Patterson resembles every one of us in this world; we are sent to this earth, being trusted by our heavenly Father (*our creator*) to come to earth, solve problems existing in the areas we are in. These problems range from chronic diseases to poverty, unemployment, war, terrorism, pollution, climate change or global warming and so many others you see around. These are signs that some people somewhere have solutions to these problems. The reason you see these problems still present is because majority

of us are not taking the responsibility to use our potential to solve them. There is always an excuse of not taking up a responsibility to use our hidden potential to benefit the society we are in.

Take a moment, think, what if everybody would have been like you, giving out excuses of not bringing up answers to the world, how would the world look like? May be this world would have been the worst place to live in. But, you and I are enjoying the goodness of everything around simply because some people dared to think and come up with what the society needed.

The world is hungry and will never get satisfied. Every time the world needs new ideas to be manipulated, new dreams to be worked on. Still there are gaps that need to be filled by our God's given ability and skills. Find where you fit, that is your address, that is your position. If you will discover that address then the world will write your story and generations to generations will read your story, you will be remembered.

Majority of us are busy working and struggling with lots of things in life, but we are not even taking time to think why we are here and why we are alive till now. It's not by chance that you are still breathing today, it's because you have something you should work on and deliver to the world. There is a purpose you should serve before you are out of the system of time.

Look at what the bible says about David the King, *"For David, after he had served the purpose of God in his own generation, fell asleep and he was laid with his fathers and saw corruption"*(Acts 13:36) David was a king, he was a politician if it was to speak in today's language. He was not a preacher nor a priest either, but he was a leader of people in political world but he served God's purpose. This means you can stand and serve God's purpose at any position in your generation, you only need to find where God needs you to be.

John Henry Patterson the British Army Colonel sent from India to oversee the construction of a permanent railway road bridge understood clearly what he was after to this part of Africa. He did stick to his address regardless of the big challenges he faced, he kept the struggle to the end. Africa was a beautiful place which attracted every person from Europe and far East to come and invest in either agriculture or any other business opportunities which were around by then. This British Army Colonel did not depart from his mission to start working on the opportunities which were around, as many could have done today. He concentrated all his energy and time to one mission, that is, the bridge has to be constructed.

He did not sleep day and night finding a way to win the lions which were getting more serious with the attack. John could have given up his mission to join the business of ivory which in those days was very profitable, but he didn't do that. Knowing your call and to work for it is what I call finding your address, it is a great tragedy to know who you are and not knowing where you fit in. If it is to remind you today, let me remind you right now that you need to make your life valuable by finding your address. Stop living anyhow, life won't force you to find your address but you'll have to develop your inner passion and drive to start working on yourself.

The Address of John the Baptist

When you read the book of John, you will find this great man called John the Baptist, when asked who he was, he simply said, "am that voice crying in the wilderness preparing the way for the coming of Messiah". John was his name, but he didn't introduce himself as John but he introduced himself in reference to the specific mission he was sent to accomplish. John was sent to pave a way for the coming of Jesus. His address was his mission, he was addressed to make a way for Jesus and his central message was "*Repent, for the*

kingdom of heaven is near". They called him the Baptist because he baptized those who responded to the message he proclaimed and sincerely repented their sins. John's lifestyle was reflecting his message, he lived in the wilderness and clothed in camel fur also fed on locust and honey.

The time for what was prophesied to the coming of the Messiah was at the end, but there was a need to send someone who will prepare the way for the coming of Messiah. The creator therefore designed and created a person called John who had the specifications and qualities of the way maker, to prepare the coming of Jesus. Then take a little time to think outside the box over this scenario, think if John had been busy with the coming and going of the world that he forgot to work on his purpose. This scenario could have brought harm than good because there could have been a delay in the mission set up for the coming of Jesus. John's address was the Voice crying in the wilderness and not in town, suppose you were to locate John you could have found a lot of people called John, but if you sought John the Baptist you were supposed to make clear of his address then you would get him with no doubt. John the voice crying in the wilderness and not in town but unfortunately he came to town and saw evils that Herod had done and now John condemned that act which led Herod to throw him in prison and his wife clamoured for John to be executed.

This story of John teaches us to know our real life address, where do we fit. It is not true that we fit everywhere, but we have a specific position where we must stick and use all of our God's given talents. Some people started their missions well, went on step by step succeeding but just because they didn't know the boundaries of their mission they have got themselves in a point of where life has turned against them.

You are addressed to do something not just live anyhow, find it and become it. If God wants to meet with you today, where will He find you? Yeah, it's possible that God can bless you anywhere either but there are blessings addressed directly to you and you can't find them anywhere rather than at a specific address. Where is your position on earth?

Your position is not that house you have built near a town, or that apartment you rent, but it is what you are doing to make sure you are contributing in making the earth a better place. You are addressed for something on earth, stop wasting your life by living anyhow. John's message to his generation was *"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near"*.

Then what is your message to the world dear friend? Your life gives a message to the world, what you do daily is the message to the world. If you spend much of your time on nonsensical things, then you are trying to message the world that you don't know what you are here for. Start living a life of purpose start working on your mission because your time is limited. I surely tell you, the joy and peace we spend much of our time looking for, is hidden in the finding of your life address, and that is the area of your dominion. The creator intended you to rule and dominate the earth, but you can't dominate and rule everything on earth. There is a specific position that if you discover it and combine you talents, skills and abilities to that specific position trust me you will not need a prophet to tell you that you will make an impact to the earth. Nature itself will unfold for you and introduce you to the world. You wont struggle people to know but people will struggle to know you. You will automatically become famous because you have become what God intended you to become. We are called human being because day to day we are becoming something. So choose to evolve and become yourself.