

Breaking a relationship with a parent after graduation!

This week marks yet another graduation for a cohort of successful students at UCU. This is one of the light moments in a life of a student as well as parents and guardians. It is indeed a celebration worth noting. This journey is walked by both parents, sponsors well wishers and of course a student as principle actor. Red carpets, eloquent speeches , music and screening voices of parents, guardians, lecturers and students characterize the awesome event.

It is a humbling moment in ones lifetime. Amidst all these jubilations some students feel they have finally made it to be free from parental and institutional control. Equally some parents sigh with relief when their students names are read by respectful deans as a gesture of completing this task once and for all. But then one wonders at what point does a parent's responsibility to guide a child cease to be relevant. Is it after graduation or probably marriage?

It is true that apparently there is too much information out there accessed by the public that makes it heard to know what is the truth. Most children apparently access social media that bearers an edited information. It takes a mere click of a phone or computer button for an inquiry to have over a billion people giving you advice! To many students, search engines like Google have become primary parents. Children access answers to questions surrounding life on the Internet. But all in all parents remain parents. Their responsibilities remain infinite. I'm always fascinated by the life of Jesus. Even at the final hour, he lamented that, " Father, into your hands I commend my spirit". This reveals the consistent nature of the trinity in communion.

Parents or guardians must remain closer to their children even after this graduation. This is because parents take physical role of God to sustain families and shape children for the common good of society. One time a student attending an ethics tutorial class wondered wheather he should at any time love his bad parent. It is an emotional experience for any parent to disown their own off springs. The cross of any ideal person is to love with joy even those against them. Recently Pope Francis while stressing in his opinion true Christianity on his journey from South America said that a true Christian is one who builds bridges and not walls. Good parenthood constitutes this virtue. Infinite relational bridges are critical for shaping ideal persons.

Let us build and strengthen unbreakable relational codes. I would highly recommend that after the graduation we should go back to our parents or guardians and thank them for their support. Most importantly get a blessing from them. Parents are parents for life no matter what. The love of a parent or guardian is infinite to an extent that one can least theoretically assume that it has ceased to exist! Lets be an inspiring generation that glorifies God.