

TO WHOM MUCH IS GIVEN, MUCH IS EXPECTED



**BEING THE SPEECH OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR- PROF. W. O. EGBEWOLE,
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**ON OATH TAKING AND SWEARING IN CEREMONY OF THE NEWLY
ELECTED STUDENTS' UNION EXECUTIVES**

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Courtesies,

It has become my lots again by divine privilege to welcome new set of leaders for our students' union. This is the third since my assumption of duty as the 11th Vice-Chancellor of our great University. First was Mr. Joseph Ologundudu and second, being the outgoing 37th President, Mr. Victor Agezeh. These two individuals and by extension, their executive committees played critical roles and were so supportive in further stabilizing our gains and the narrative that goes with our mantra, better by far! I want to publicly acknowledge and appreciate you all. It's being a great experience working with you, all. I have shared in your pains and concerns; I have also shared in your worries, understandings, very profound positive contributions and commitment to the system. I wish you all the very best in your endeavours in life. I confirm that the Agezeh leadership has commendably and admirably discharged his mandate and your team deserves all the accolades.

To the incoming executives and members of the Senate Council, as I welcome you today, let me borrow from the title of the 161st inaugural lecture of this university entitled "Heaven is far – only the fit can make it". I am aware that you have put into this lot of efforts and to navigate your way to secure these positions apparently not as easy as it looks at this moment. You are possibly not the very best on our campus but the chosen. The expectations from your colleagues and of course, this university are huge. Hence, I chose to address you specifically on this title today **"TO WHOM MUCH IS GIVEN, MUCH IS EXPECTED"**. When I assumed duty, I did promise the university community and the world as a witness that the sun shall rise again for this university, it is not a cliché but we were deliberate and decisive about it. We have remained committed to the vision and ideals of a 21st century university.

We have looked around, looked inward and looking forward to ensure that vision 1: 10: 500 is a reality. We have raised the bar in ranking, creating enabling environment for teaching and learning, attracting investors and leveraging on our goodwill. Certainly, we are a brand to beat! We have improved on the security architecture, invested in rebranding the students accommodation, efforts ongoing to own our transportation space, provided illumination and birthed a robust portal system. We are not resting on our oasis. As you aware, just two days ago, this auditorium was literally on global focus as we celebrate in different categories alumni of this university who

have distinguished themselves in various spheres as worthy ambassadors with landmarks of achievements. A number of them were also student leaders while on campus and contributed meaningfully in their days and till now. The trajectory of their journey to greatness and recognition started as you are seated today except for the fact that they may not even have the luxuries of all that you are currently enjoying notwithstanding what you might have described or considered as difficult moments. It is therefore up to you to be part of the positive trajectory and as student leaders, you have to galvanise the students population for the positive goals of our University.

As I admonished the outgoing executives to team up and join hands with us to build the system we will all be proud of, my charge to you today is to consider this opportunity as a rare one and judiciously make use of it. This year is dedicated to our 50th Anniversary, you are so lucky but can be luckier if you allow history to smile on you with your contributions and responsible representation of your colleagues and this institution. You may never have such benefit in your life time again! You should be involved in positive projection of our institution in all ramifications. Shun every form of wrong and negative social media report or falsehood about this institution. We have uploaded details of all our students to enable all have access to NELFUND because in response to your demands, we now have consolidated charges and there will be no hidden or extra charges under any disguise going forward. We have automated practically all our students ' processes as part of the much we are giving to you to make life easy.

This position placed on you greater demands and responsibilities to lead, be example to others and be diligent. You must inspire your colleagues to believe in the system. In the words of wisdom of Uncle Ben to Peter Parker in Spider-man: "with great power comes great responsibility. Dear Students, you need exceptional abilities in areas of focus, sacrifices beyond the comfort of office/title, team work with a strong moral obligation to have positive impact. You had wanted to do good and contribute to the well-being of your colleagues, here comes the opportunity. Lead with love and empathy, be an informed leader and serve others with genuine intention. I need you to know that you are regulated with time and guided by policies, therefore, stay focused, avoid distractions and be clear about your goals.

Again, I congratulate you and wish you successful tenure.

Long live Unilorin Students' Union

Long live University of Ilorin

Long live Federal Republic of Nigeria.