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Leadership is the process by which an executive imaginatively directs, guides and influences the work of others in attaining specified goals. Probably, it is one of the most important aspects of life. Above all, Leadership has led to the progress of human civilization. Without good leadership, no organization or group can succeed. Leadership can be viewed from different corners of the world. To buttress the point that leadership can be viewed from different corners means that not all people that are in the position today has the attribute to lead people or group of people. Some have the attributes and the characteristics to rule a country or state but due to lack of initiative to assign duties to people who are experts in that field is what is making a bad leadership. Also, there are good leadership and bad leadership with different leadership skills.

First of all, taking a look at the leaders of our country today and other developing countries, we can actually see a difference in the way the leaders are managing their administration. Since her Independence in 1960 till date, different leaders have ruled Nigeria and different things has happened during their tenures. There are limitations of leadership in which leaders will prefer to do the things of his subordinates and families than the people who voted for him. For example, in President Buhari’s administration, there has been various happenings in the country. For instance, lack of employment has led to various social vices such as robbery, prostitution among women, money ritual and so on.

The sudden changes of leadership led to ups and down in the stability of our political structure. However, Nigeria was able to turn a new leaf once again when General Abdulsalami began a transition process towards returning Nigeria to a democratic path in 1999. Nigeria has experienced sequence of leadership till the present time.

In Nigeria, high rate of unemployment is on the increase. Unemployment triggers the participation of the youths to indulge in some dangerous activities. The rule of immunity to leaders while in office has been abused by the leaders of our country today because they know nothing can happen to them while in office. Reason for this is not well known by the people because the awareness of it makes nothing to the issue. People rights are being abused.

The type of leadership being run in this country is what can be called “Poor leadership”. Our leaders only cared about what will benefit their families and themselves. Even those at the state

level are not showing their role as a leader. Various things are happening in different states. States like Kastina where there are indiscriminate killings of the people. It has been recorded that the state has the highest number of deaths resulting from the insecurity of the state. Governors elected by the people are just embezzling the public funds thereby creating issues of the non-payment of the state workers. Politics is a dirty game in the country in which some things need to be curbed to maintain proper functioning of the state and country.

Leadership is supposed to be a thing of reference to one's work while at office. The legacy you leave as a leader of a state or country should be remembered by the present and for the future generations to come. The clamor for reforms, good leadership and socio-economic development has been limitless and can be heard across nooks and crannies of the country. In the previous eras, Nigeria has observed the good, the bad and the ugly. Past regimes have been fostered by corruption, maladministration, inept leadership, misrule, arbitrary policies, subjugation of democratic institutions, highhandedness, gross abuse of power, cronyism and sundry. Indeed, it is no wonder that the late noble laureate Chinua Achebe, in his book 'The Trouble with Nigeria', attributed to poor leadership as Nigeria's core problem.

On the bright side, Nigeria can turn a new leaf by making a positive and effective turnaround in leadership. Having a good leader that ushers reform in all sectors of the country is the greatest desire of all citizens alike. We must not leave the populace broken or in a state of despair.

In conclusion, to get rid of corruption, injustice, communal clashes, political clashes, self-aggrandizement, moral decay, economic hardship, and social decadence, a strong, capable and committed leader must confront these challenges and usher in a new era of prosperity and change.