



UNITED CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Women's Day motivation

"READY TO DELIVER"



A woman is a human being and women should keep in mind that they have been created in the image of God. In every person you come across you have to see the image of God.

Women are by nature tender but they are not fools. Women have to be soft spoken especially when they talk to children just like a potter is careful when he moulds a pot. This tenderness should be exhibited at all times even at the work places.

Women are by nature experts in what they do. Each woman should know that she is second to none as God's creature.

It is in the nature of women to increase whatever there is. This we notice in how they increase our families with the children they bear. Similarly they should strive to increase wealth. Women should not be consumers only; they should be investors as well.

Women are natural shepherds. They should look after children and ensure that they grow and develop in the best possible way. They should also look after the welfare of their husbands and that of their families. Women should rid themselves of the PHD (pull her down) syndrome. They should support and encourage one another.

Women should not be scared of recession as they always have ways and means to see their families through.

Despite the hardships that befell us as women in the past, we should rise from the fall. We are alive and have brains to start. Let us join hands and united to improve our quality of live.

Let us motivate ourselves with the lyrics in Sankomota's song which go as follows: "*O phuthile matsogo, o shebile banna ba sebetsa*" or better still the words that say "*Uzayi thola kanjani uhlele khoneni*". All these challenge us as women to work and earn a living.

Women, old and young, slender and fat, tall and short, white and black should cooperate. All women from the east to the west, or from the north to the south should work together as did those stalwarts of 1956 who on 09

August of that year had a common purpose namely, to resist the carrying of passes by women.

It is right and proper to remember and keep aloft the names of women who made and left indelible marks in their efforts to leave behind a better Africa. There are these names we should draw encouragement from as women:

- Queen Nandi of the Amazulu
- Queen Khetoane Modjadji 111 of Balobedu
- Queen Manthatise of Batlokwa
- Queen Seingwaeng of bakgatla, Botswana
- Queen Gaumakwe of Bakwena, Botswana
- Queen Moseitlha, of Ga-Moseitlha, Makapanstad
- Kgosigadi Leah Tsholofelo Mangope
- Mme Alina Lekgetha
- Mme Mosaka
- Mme Kerileng Molwantwa
- Mme Rhoda Moloto
- And many others

These women raised the dignity of all women very high. They stood their ground against oppression and discrimination based on gender.

Gone are the days when women, be they girls, mothers or our own daughters had to be confined to the kitchen or relegated to be *skokian queens* or even to be prostitutes. It is unfortunate that the present government is even considering legalising prostitution.

This is the time for women to stand up against this envisaged legislation. If our forebears stood up against the might of the apartheid regime why should we not stand up and talk to our government to stop in their tracks about this abominable envisaged legislation?

As women we should find comfort in ensuring that what we do is right and proper. We should never cease to sing: “Brighten the corner where you are”

I thank you

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