

## MY FIRST EXPERIENCE WITH AKAD

I was the first to arrive at Quite Easily Done (QED) conference room , where the AKAD meeting was to take place. I expected it to be a meeting where numbers would show up. Honestly I just wanted to hide in the crowd and watch from afar. At the quiet conference room , my mother and I sat waiting for the others. Then Dr. Weche came in and the other high school graduates. We did introductions around the table and I was glad to realize that there were shy people like I and that AKAD was not going to let me hide in the crowd.

Dr. Weche amazes me with his passion to push people out of there comfort zone. I have to admit that this is what I need before I start my university. We went through a session with a representative of QED, Lucy, who took as through the company's vision, mission and there current objectives. QED specializes with the best software online companies that give solutions to the business economy. She took as through one of the software companies called Tender-sure. Tender-sure reduces the tiresome paper work that occurs during tendering. It is fast and efficient in that a tendering process that should occur in four months is done within a day. QED is the only company in Kenya offering such solutions. QED is an example that AKAD wants me to emulate.

Afterwards Mr. Alex Mbugwa the CEO of QED gave out a compelling brief speech on his life and success. He emphasized on keeping God first and upright moral values as key to success. He said that failing is what people fear the most but it is the best way to learn. As a CEO his company is laid on a Christian foundation and their motto is found in Proverbs 16:3; commit your plans to the Lord and everything will turn out right. Integrity is one value hard to find in the people of today. It has always been a dream for me to start a company that is Christian based and am glad to know that this dream can become a reality, thanks to AKAD exposure to QED.

We then went through a newspaper session where we were told to find articles that are of interest to us and give a brief pitch on it and why you choose it. The exercise was a self-aware test. Dr. Weche wanted us to identify problems in our society and what we can give solutions. He stressed on self-awareness as a key step to personal growth. He says that the best way to know yourself is by asking the people around you about you and asking you about you. I decided to challenge

myself to ask people about me, so that I could get to know what they know about me that I know nothing about.

What I took home from the morning session is that I need to discover myself as a person so that I can come up with solutions to the problems that burn me the most. Whatever I do should be driven by passion and an entrepreneurial mindset. I honestly do not regret going for this session, I am grateful for the hands that made it a success.