

Samuel Odotei: Patience is a virtue

Since the digital age there have been more situations where people have become overnight successes. I mean all you have to do is look at the rise of companies such as Uber who in a few years has become insanely popular, Individuals such as Kylie Jenner who earned the title of 'the youngest self-made billionaire' last year at the age of 21, and streaming services like Netflix, the most popular app to watch all your favorite shows. You're probably wondering why I started with these random success stories. Believe it or not they all contribute to one main problem with this society: Impatience.

Without realizing it, your subconscious is tailored to the idea of wanting things immediately. Uber and its accessibility, entrepreneurs starting successful businesses from ages as young as 10 and Amazon Prime next day delivery. This is also why chicken shops and fast-food restaurants have the level of popularity they do. People want food, but don't necessarily want to cook themselves, so they go and get McDonalds, why? Because its quick, its easy, it's convenient, you don't even have to wash the dishes.

In today's society, convenience equals happiness. No one's ever in a bad mood when the food they order arrives quickly or when their WI-FI network they're is fast are they? On the other hand, have you ever noticed how quickly people's mood change when the slightest inconvenience occurs? When there's been an accident and there's heavy traffic on the road, no one cares about the people in the accident, They're just angry at the traffic. "I've got places to be! I've got things to do! I'm going to be late!" That's what they say. Or even on a smaller scale, when your trying to look something up online or watch something on you tube and that buffering sign comes up. It causes so much frustration, even if we only have to wait an extra 5 seconds. It's this mindset that causes people to get annoyed and feeling uptight.

Even if you don't voice the things that annoy you, these thoughts probably run through your mind daily. I'll give you a few examples of scenarios where I get annoyed which are purely down to my own impatience. Imagine you're walking down the road and the person in front of you is walking slowly, so you try to speed up and go around them and they somehow move in the same direction as you. Or when you go to Sainsburys just to get a drink and at the self-checkout the person in front of you has a whole trolley. What about when you're at McDonalds and you've been in the que for like 10 mins and the person in front of you gets to the till and still doesn't know what they want to order. Or how about (and I know this is everyone's pet hate) when you're sitting in the cinema ready to watch the latest Marvel film only to have the person in the row behind you talk through the whole thing.

Now some of you may be thinking that I'm petty, but these are things that genuinely get on my nerves and if none of these made you think 'oh, yeah that is quite annoying' then your way more patient than I am. Thank you for listening to my speech.