HOUSING

As one grows up, there comes a time when one might want to live separately from his family's house. At such a time, the housing topic would really make sense.

Housing is the phenomenon of being sheltered in a building or part of a building. Such building is usually then referred to as one's home. However, sheltering is not the only function of one's house. It gives you also security, privacy and the privilege to live as a bachelor or spinster.

In many cities in Nigeria, single people don't own houses instead they rent houses or rooms in a house. Some others usually rent lands and build wooden houses locally called batcher (*from bach*). A common thing about these options is that single persons can live inside.

Elements of Good Housing

There are several elements that one should consider before taking a house; they are as follows:

i. Bed area: this is the part of one's house one positions his bed and sleeps. It usually develops into one's bedroom
ii. Sitting area: this is part of one's house where seats are positioned for visitors. For a single room house, one might choose to meet with visitors outside the room.
iii. Kitchen area: this is the area where one cooks his/her food.
iv. Bathroom: this is the room where one goes to take his/her bath. In single room houses, bathrooms are usually shared.
v. Toilet: this is the room where one goes to ease him/herself. Some houses do not have toilets and people have to improvise perhaps by using special bucket or the bush. However in such cases persons are advised to wash the toilet buckets daily and their hands properly, after easing themselves. Also such buckets should be kept outside the house.
vi. Dining area: this is the part of one's house where we eat our food. It usually develops to a dining room.

vii. Dressing room: this is the part of one's house where clothes are kept and where one dresses him-/her-self.

Other elements to consider are good roof, good surroundings, store, laundry room, balcony, etc.

Types of Accommodation

1. Single Room: here, only a single room is rented. There might be bushes around or a traditional or modern public toilet and bathroom. Sometimes one might have a balcony.
2. Self-contain: this is just a single room with a modern toilet and bathroom, and also kitchen. There might also be a balcony. It is the most recommended for a single person.
3. A single room flat: this is just a flat. There are usually sitting room, dining room, kitchen, bathing and toilet. It is the most recommended form of accommodation for a young couple.
4. Wooden House: this could be made to be a single room, self-contain, or single room flat. It is usually cheaper and more vulnerable to fire.

Note: there are no government policies regulating housing especially the business of renting it.