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NATIONAL CONGRESS OF BLACK WOMEN TOOK TRUTH TO THE U.S. CAPITOL

About twelve years ago, the National Congress of Black Women, Inc., under the leadership of Dr. C. DeLores Tucker, the organization organized a campaign to place the bust of Sojourner Truth on the *Portrait Monument* of white women who had worked for women's suffrage along side Sojourner Truth. The Portrait Monument had been donated to the Congress years before it was finally placed in Statuary Hall of the United States Congress, but Sojourner's bust was missing from the Portrait.

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The Mission has a 107-year history of providing services to the homeless and low income, and since 2003, has operated as a one-stop

community development center designed to support workforce development. The program targets unemployed homeless / low-income, prioritizing veterans and provides up to twenty-four months of housing and supportive services, while building marketable job skills tailored to identify needs of community employers through on-site vocational training and job placement services.

Correlated homeless assistance program provided by Clara White include a Drop-in Day Center for street homeless individuals, also established in 2003, and the Mission’s century-old Daily Feeding Service for the homeless and economically disadvantaged. The drop-in center and feeding components currently provide outreach services to more than 10,000 unduplicated homeless each year, and act as recruitment mechanisms for the Mission’s housing and employment training programs. More than 80% of persons enrolled in housing and/or training services at the Clara White Mission initially learned of the services through their participation in feeding or drop-in activities. “Food for Today - Skills for Life”. Recently, the mission’s program was recognized by Al Roker, Anchor, NBC “Today Show” for our success, innovation and cost effective approach.

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Ju'Coby Pittman-Peele

is the CEO/President of the Clara White Mission. For the past 18 years, Ju'Coby has dedicated her life as an advocate for equality in developing and implementing programs for the homeless, veterans, youth and low-income in our community. With the support of community stakeholders, staff, the Board of Directors and volunteers, under her leadership the Mission has developed and implemented a one-stop community development facility that includes a 24-hour operation of transitional housing, job training in Culinary Arts/Janitorial Services, Drop-In Day Center, a daily feeding program and prevention program of golf, tennis and academic programs for inner city youth and an organic garden. In addition she has developed a separate 501© (3) organization for the Eartha M. M. White Historical Museum, which provides educational and historical resources to the community; and developed annual fundraisers called “Miracle On Ashley Street” and the “Pearls and Cufflink” Gala, venues that brings business/political leaders and the disadvantaged together in a social setting to raise contributions to support the mission’s efforts.



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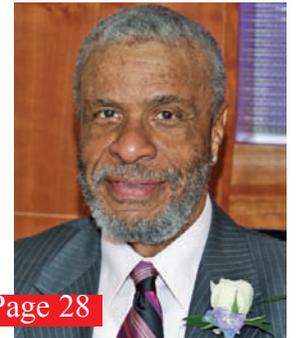
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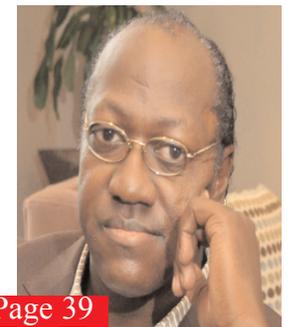
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SOJOURNER TRUTH

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It is true that Susan B. Anthony, Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton had worked for women's right to vote, but so had Sojourner. As Sojourner worked on abolishing slavery, she also worked on gaining the right to vote for women. To Dr. Tucker, it did not seem fair to leave her off the monument. Not being one to sit back and watch this oversight, Dr. Tucker asked Congress to pass a bill to place Sojourner on the *Monument*, but the bill did not pass because some Members of Congress expressed concern about whether they could change an artist's work of art. In the end, she lost that argument, but through the years, several other bills were presented to gain recognition for Sojourner with various other Members of Congress submitting amended bills.

Dr. Tucker passed away in 2005, and the person she selected to run the organization once she became ill and could no longer do the work for the National Congress of Black Women, at the request Dr. Tucker, Dr. E. Faye Williams became the National Chair. Congresswomen Sheila Jackson-Lee in the House and then Senators Arlen Specter and Hillary Rodham Clinton took over the sponsorship of a stand alone bill to give Sojourner a place of honor in the U.S. Capitol separate and apart from the original Portrait Monument. Dr. Williams and Dr. Michelle Battle led the effort for the National Congress of Black Women, pushing for passage of the bill and raising the funds to pay for the bust of Sojourner. The bill finally passed on December 6, 2006. In February of 2007, Senator Clinton held a reception honoring the passage of the bill.

Artis Lane, a prominent artist from Los Angeles, was chosen to do the sculpture. Finally, on April 28, 2009, the unveiling took place, making Sojourner the first African American woman to have a memorial in the U.S. Capitol. At the request of Dr. Williams, First Lady of the United States, Michelle Obama honored the National Congress of Black Women by agreeing to do the formal unveiling. When she spoke to an overflowing crowd, and enthusiastic audience, the First Lady said, "I hope that Sojourner Truth would be proud to see me, a descendant of slaves, serving as First Lady of the United States," Obama told the crowd of more than 1,000 in Emancipation Hall at the Capitol Visitors' Center. She added that she was glad that African American children touring the Capitol — "boys and girls like my own

daughters" — could now "come to Emancipation Hall and see the face of a woman who looks like them."

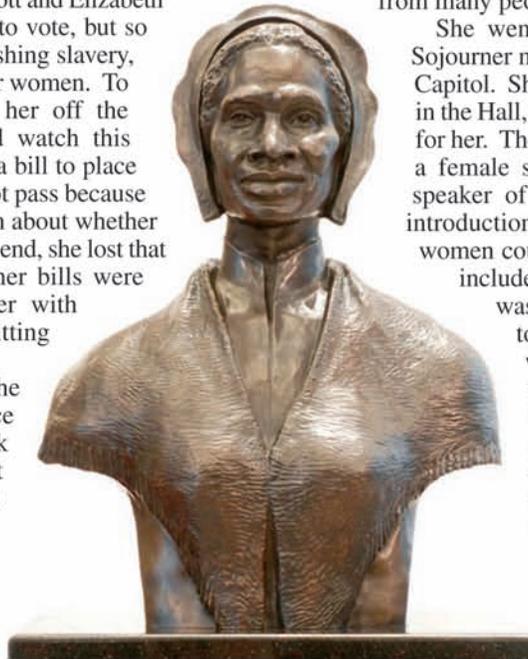
She said further, "All the visitors in the U.S. Capitol will hear the story of brave women who endured the greatest of humanity's indignities. They'll hear the story of Sojourner Truth, who didn't allow those indignities to destroy her spirit, who fought for her own freedom and then used her powers ... to help others".

It was truly a day for Black women to be proud. More than 30 members of Sojourner's family from Michigan attended the ceremony.

Actress Cicely Tyson performed the "Ain't I A Woman" speech. Lomax Spaulding, Yolanda Adams and Dorinda Clarke teamed up to do a special musical tribute for the occasion composed by Mr. Spaulding and his son to do "Sojourner". Students from the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta, Georgia performed, too. The ceremony was followed by a formal luncheon at the Willard Hotel in downtown Washington, DC.

Dr. Williams said, "The road to putting Truth in the Capitol was a long and winding one, often frustrating trying to deal with all the formalities of presenting a gift to Congress, raising the funds and helping some to understand the significance of putting Truth in the Capitol, but in the end, all of our effort was worth making it happen. Among our key donors were then Senator Barack and now First Lady Michelle Obama, former Senator Ed Brooke, Ford Motor Foundation, Shell Oil, Wal-Mart, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the Capital City Links and hundreds of others. Our campaign began with 'Dollars for Truth' long before we were able to attract larger donors and we could not have done it without the first donors who actually collected \$1.00 dollar from many people".

She went on to say, "We are proud of the fact that Sojourner now presides over Emancipation Hall in the U.S. Capitol. She was the first person to have a formal unveiling in the Hall, and it is such a beautiful and fitting resting place for her. The ceremony to unveil the likeness was headed by a female secretary of state (Hillary Clinton), a female speaker of the House (Nancy Pelosi) and, needing no introduction, Michelle Obama. When Sojourner lived, no women could vote, but the ceremony honoring her efforts included a lot of women! The bill to honor Sojourner was for her efforts to make it possible for all women to vote was paid a grand tribute by a Congresswoman (Sheila Jackson-Lee of Texas, a female Secretary of State (Hillary Rodham Clinton), a female speaker of the House (Nancy Pelosi) and a Black female First Lady—a first (Michelle Obama). Along the way, we were tested many times, and we learned that it is through our struggles that we gain our victories. I believe Sojourner would also be proud of the effort the members of the National Congress of Black Women put forth to make the memorial to Sojourner possible."



Michelle Obama and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi watch students from the Ron Clark Academy in Atlanta perform during the Sojourner Truth event at the Capitol. (Photo By Lois Raimondo — The Washington Post)

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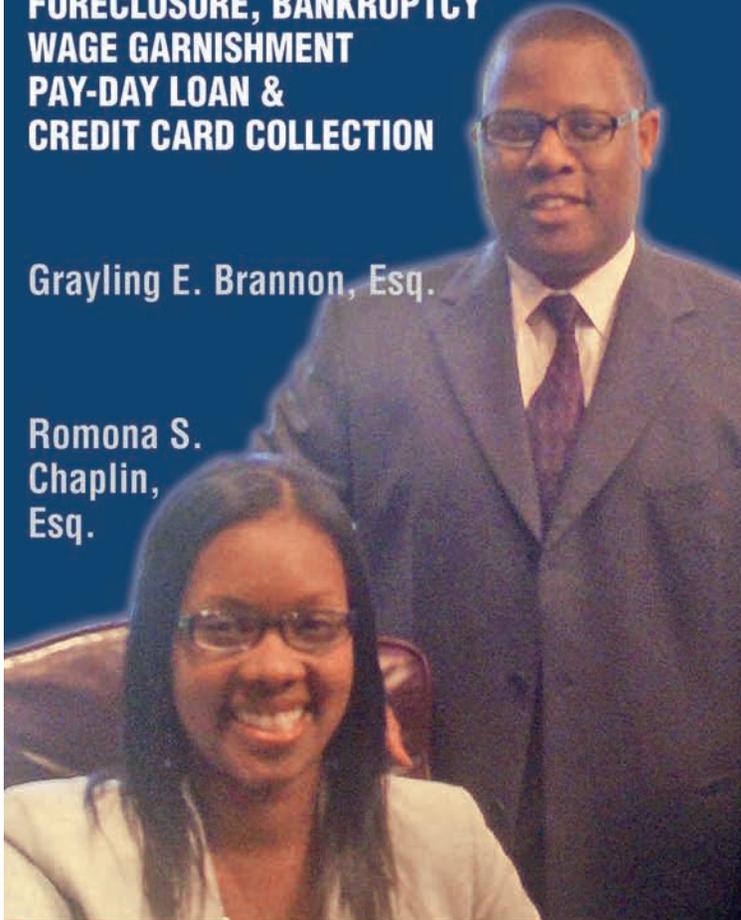
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Gore said that Brown had lived the American dream, working his way through college, earning his bachelor's degree and MBA from Jacksonville University and then going on to work as an advisor and business leader. Gore said Brown has the knowledge, skill set and passion to take Jacksonville to the next level of great American cities.

Brown said he was "humbled and thrilled" that Gore had traveled here to campaign on his behalf, just as he was last October, when former President Bill Clinton attended a Jacksonville fundraiser for his campaign.

Alvin Brown served as a senior member of the Clinton-Gore Administration beginning in 1993. As Vice President Gore's Senior Advisor for Urban Policy and



Vice Chair of the White House Community Empowerment Board, Brown advised both Vice President Gore and President Clinton on a wide range of domestic issues, including community revitalization, job creation, new business development and expansion of the supply of affordable housing.

Brown led the Clinton-Gore Administration's \$4 billion overall Community Empowerment Initiatives, with a special emphasis on the Empowerment Zone/Enterprise Community Program which included the New Market Tax Credit Initiatives. The highly successful programs helped revitalize economically impoverished urban and rural communities and generated unprecedented levels of public-private partnerships resulting in more than \$10 billion in private investments to the designated communities.

Brown was also Co-Chair of the White House Task Force on Livable Communities focusing on urban sprawl and smart growth prior to his work at the White House. He held a number of key positions within the administration, including Senior Advisor to the late Commerce Secretary Ron Brown and Senior Advisor to Former U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Andrew Cuomo. While at HUD, Brown was responsible for overseeing the Department's \$100 million Disaster Recovery Initiatives, which included leading an overhaul of the Department's Disaster Response Effort. Brown served in the Clinton-Gore transition team. Brown first came to Washington, D.C. to work as an intern for U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson (D-FL) while Nelson was serving in the U.S. House of Representatives.

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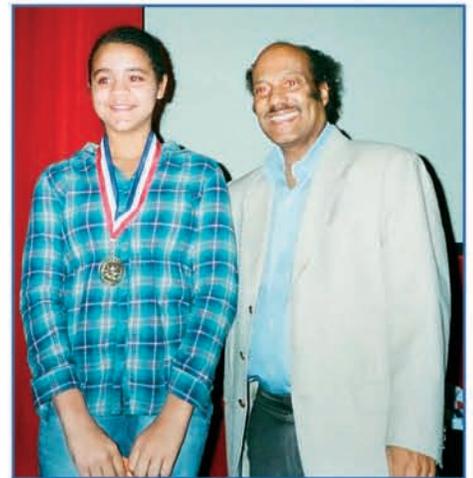
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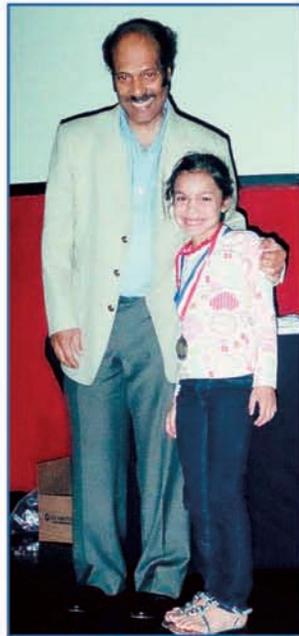
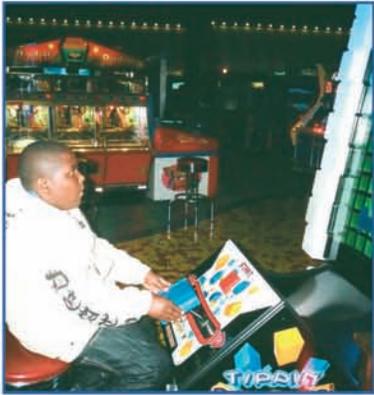


Simmons Pediatrics 2011 A/B Honor Roll Awards



The Eighth Annual A-B Honor Roll Party given by Dr. Charles Simmons for his pediatric patients was held at Dave & Busters on January 8th. The children were treated to an All-You-Can-Eat buffet and each was given a \$15.00 power card to play the games along with a medallion to wear around their neck saying A-B Honor Roll. Every child, along with their parents, had an exceptional good time.

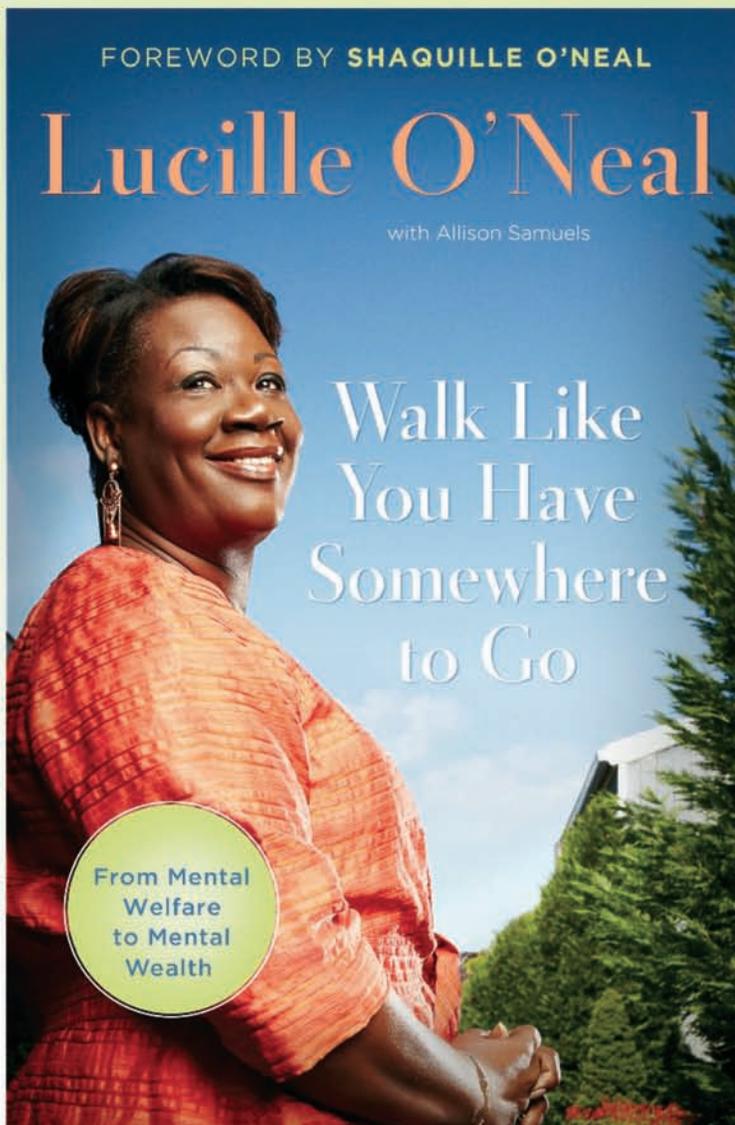




Walk Like You Have Somewhere To Go

Lucille O'Neal

meets challenges head on and changed her life for the better in her new book as she describes going *From Mental Welfare to Mental Wealth* and gives tips on Happiness, Motherhood, and Relationships.



Lucille O'Neal Tells Her Own Story in her new book "Walk Like You Have Somewhere To Go." In this must read book, Lucille shares the intimate details of her life, from her struggles with alcoholism and teen pregnancy to the joy of being able to get a college degree as an adult, funded by her son. She also shared some of the wisdom that she imparts as a motivational speaker. "The most important? I want people to know that all things are possible. When you have a dream, dream big and hold on to that dream."

In the end, Lucille O'Neal was able to meet her challenges head on and changed her life for the better.

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FROM GOD'S CORNER



“JESUS GAVE ME WATER AND IT WAS NOT FROM THE WELL”

By Aundra Bryant
Tallahassee, Florida

In Mark Twain's famous novel the Adventures of Huckleberry Finn there is an account in the book where Aunt Sally asked Huckleberry Finn was anyone hurt in the

steamboat explosion? He replied, “No, killed a nigger”. She then responded, “Well, it lucky because sometimes people do get hurt”. As I thought about this account in one of the most familiar piece of American literature my mind fell on our President Barack Obama. Isn't it strange that we can be athletes and entertainers but when it comes to the highest office in our nation we are not respected.

There have been many attacks on President Obama in recent weeks where he has been called a socialist, a communist, a racist and even a downright liar by one of the members of Congress. Someone even went as far as saying the other day that “They should have buried him with Senator Ted Kennedy”. No time during the eight years that Former President George Bush was in control did I see such hatred and disrespect given to the President in the oval office. However, I am always encouraged and excited because there is always assurance and motivation in the Word of God.

Today our lesson comes by way of the Gospel according to St. John Chapter Four verses 1-15. Jesus is on his way from Judea back to Galilee and had to go through Samaria and he goes and sits down by the well in the meantime his disciples are gone to town to buy food. There are three points that Jesus gives us today that we can use to meet the changes and challenges of the future. Firstly, in order for Jesus and the disciples to get to Galilee they had to go through Samaria. We know that biblical history tells us that when the Jews would conquer a nation they would take the women captive and they called them the spoils of their victory. The men would in many cases have children from these women and they were labeled as half breed and the Jews despised them

and considered them as second class and inferior to their culture and history.

Just as Jesus had to go through Samaria, we as blacks must realize that there are situations where we are going to have to face the evil words and actions of people who say that they have been washed in the blood of the Lamb just as we are but who constantly wave the flag of hatred and prejudice. I think now that our President realizes that since we have got to go that way, we might as well address the problem and make the trip worthwhile.

Secondly, a Samaritan woman came to draw some water from the well and Jesus asked her to



give him a drink of water. However, she replied, “How is it that you ask me for a drink of water? It is said that the human body can go without food for forty days, water for twelve days, and oxygen for four minutes but we cannot go one second without hope. Jesus uses water as a symbol to show the Samaritan woman and us today that we all need water no matter what race, color or creed or national origin. Likewise, we need Christ in our lives because we all have sinned and come

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Jack Johnson

Boxer, Jack Johnson Won His First Title On February 3, 1903, Beating “Denver” Ed Martin Over 20 Rounds For The World Colored Heavyweight Championship.

His Efforts To Win The Full Title Were Blocked, As Then World Heavyweight Champion James J. Jeffries, Refused To Face Him.



Johnson Eventually Won The Heavyweight Title After Defeating Tommy Burns In Sydney, Australia On December 26, 1908, In Front Of 20,000 Spectator.. The Bout Went 14 Rounds. The Referee Stopped The Fight After 14 Rounds And Awarded Johnson A TKO Decision.

On July 4, 1910, A Boxing Match Billed As “The Fight Of The Century,” Took Place Heavyweight Champion, Jack Johnson And White Challenger, James J. Jeffries, In Reno, Nevada. Jeffries Came Out Of Retirement As “The Great White Hope,” To Take Down The World’s First Black Heavyweight Boxing Champion. Whites Generally Believed That A World Boxing Championship Was Too Prestigious A Prize For A Black Man To Hold.

Johnson Knocked Jeffries Out In The 15th Round Of The Fight And Retained His Championship. White America Was Outraged While Black America Celebrated The Victory. This Led To A Backlash Of White-On-Black Rioting, In Which 11 African Americans Were Killed.

“In Order For Black History To Live, We Must Continue To Breathe Life Into It.”

- Hubert Gaddy, Jr.

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short of the glory of God, Democrats, Republicans and those of other political parties as well.

We want be able to see the fruit of the Spirit in our lives such as love, peace, joy, gentleness and patience until we meet Jesus at the well. Jesus uses reverse psychology on the woman because he did not wait until she asked him for anything but he offered her something that was not in the physical well or Jacob’s well. God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on him should not perish but have everlasting life. This is Jesus way of asking us for a drink from our well and in exchange he will give us his everlasting water as the songwriter says “It reaches to the highest mountains and it flows to lowest valley, the blood that gives me strength from day to day, it will never lose its power”.

Finally, the Samaritan woman told Jesus that he had nothing to draw the water with and the well is deep. We live in a capitalistic society and we know that people are constantly relying on stocks, bonds and investments to ensure that they are able to continue to keep this nation in a business perspective. However, the greatest resource that we have is each other. We know that the well of problems and issues are deep but if we would just learn to work together as President Obama is trying to get everyone to do and pool our talents and gifts together everyone would benefit from this collective effort. It does not matter whether it is healthcare, education, economy, international issues or political issues, we are going to have to come to the Lord and ask him to fill us with his grace, his mercy and his love.

In conclusion, a young man took his son to New York City for the first time and as the young man saw all of the hustle and bustle associated with that lifestyle he told his father, “Daddy I hate New York. It is so crowded here you can’t even walk”. The father became somewhat discouraged and told his son that there was one more place that he wanted to take him and they then would go back to the hotel. As they rode the elevator to the top of the Empire State Building, the son was astounded and amazed to how beautiful New York City looked. The son said “Daddy this place is beautiful, why didn’t it look like this when I was on the ground?” His father replied “This is the same place but you just raised your level of thinking”.

Why Do Pastors Hurt?

By Pastor Leon R. Bing
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As we celebrate Black History Month, I want to spotlight a group from the Black community that has been the cornerstone for many of years. This group is the Pastors of our community churches. But for the purpose of this article, the word Pastors represent the five-fold ministry gift offices. That is the Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, and Teacher.

Why do pastors hurt? Well, we must understand what is happening in the world today. The church is in the age of apostasy. **The Apostle Paul warns in 2 Thessalonians 2:3 “Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;” KJV.** Along with a falling away of people from the truth, we see the world going through a bad economy, civil unrest, natural disasters, and illnesses widespread among people. This is a bad mix for pastors. What many people fail to understand is that in spite of the world’s situation, pastors must still preach and teach the Word. Pastors are to feed the flock of God no matter the situation. So while pastors give their all, people continue to fall away for whatever the reason.

Now there is something else we must consider, there are some pastors who are not what Christ has called to shepherd His people. And because of these bad pastors, good pastors have had to feel the sting of the distrust of people. **The New Living Translation tells us in Titus 1:11 “They must be silenced. By their wrong teaching, they have already turned whole families away from the truth. Such teachers only want your money.”** There are some who are only in ministry for money or fame, and this is hard for some true pastors who are lumped into the same conversation as these bad pastors.

Another thing that often gets over looked is that pastors have to make sacrifices. They sacrifice time away from family, and while some work secular jobs, it is in the hearts of most pastors to serve full time in their ministry roles. But people don’t think about that, they just demand the pastor’s attention without thought of his or his family needs.



Pastor Leon R. Bing

There have been a large number of pastors who have had illnesses, and even surgeries, this lets us know that pastors get ill also. We must not think that pastor are super human and don’t have to deal with the same issues as you do, so it can be lonely when you don’t think that they do. I know of some pastors that are hurting, and you may know of others that are hurting, they need encouragement!

As we celebrate Black History this month, let’s lift up and encourage the true cornerstones of the community, the pastors! They need you in this day as you need them. There will be rewards for all of us who make it to the judgment seat of Christ, and to the pastors will be the Crown of Righteousness, for the work and sacrifices made.

Why did I write this article? Because I have too many co-laborers in the ministry who are hurting to the point of walking away from their churches, their calling, and sad to say, their families. What can we do about this? Let’s change the way we look at our pastors and ministries and lift both up and pray for them. In this time of 24 hours of bad news, let us exalt the Good-News that is Christ and His saving grace, along with the pastors who are charged with proclaiming the Word. Blessings to all of you, and remember I love you all!



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“Every Black Woman Should Wear a Red Dress”

Central Florida International Black Women’s Congress, Inc (CFIBWC) hosts its 18th Annual Women’s Health Conference, “Every Black Woman Should Wear a Red Dress” - Heart Disease Affecting our Everyday Life Style: The Mental Link.

Spreading the Word about Women and Heart Disease, the Central Florida International Black Women’s Congress continue to raise awareness amongst local women that heart disease is their #1 health threat, particularly in African American Women. Recent studies are “looking beyond the accepted risk of heart disease, such as high blood pressure and high cholesterol, and taking a closer look at the link between *MENTAL HEALTH* by exploring factors such as personality and depression that may raise the risk of heart attack.

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BREAK THE CHAINS OF FINANCIAL SLAVERY

By Darlene Robinson,
President/The Steeple HOME Team

In the state of today's economy, with millions losing their homes to foreclosure and their jobs due to downsizing, many people turn to prayer to relieve themselves of their stress and burdens of life. Most people don't know that the bible contains almost 500 verses on prayer and a little less than 500 verses on faith, yet over 2,300 verses that address in very practical, specific ways how to earn, save, spend, invest and give money. Two-thirds of the parables deal with money. The Bible has more to say about money than heaven and hell combined, even more to say about money than salvation. The Bible has more to say about money than any other subject except love. So isn't it time we take charge of our own finances and break the chains of financial slavery and eliminate our debt?

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1) Proverbs 22:7 "The rich rules over the poor, and the borrower is slave of the lender."

2) Proverbs 13:22 "A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children,

3) Romans 13:8 (NIV) Don't run up debts, except for the huge debt of love you owe each other.

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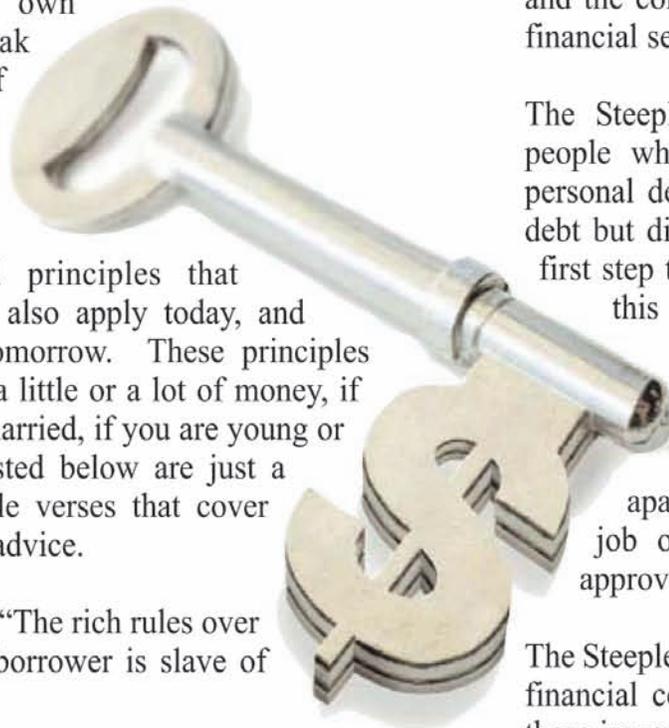
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next logical extension of services for the homeowners and the community is financial planning that leads to financial security.

The Steeple H.O.M.E. Team consulted with many people who said they were overwhelmed by their personal debt situation. Or they wanted to get out of debt but didn't know how to get started to make that first step to take charge of their financial destiny. In this economy, it's more important than ever to take steps toward getting out of debt. A good credit score can impact the cost of homeowner and auto insurance. Whether you are approved to rent a house or apartment and in some cases, whether you get a job offer or even the type of job or license approval.

The Steeple H.O.M.E. Team has partnered with a global financial company to guide people through resolving these issues and to create a personal plan to show them how to take charge of their finances. When you have a financial plan you can visualize your success, whether it's getting out of credit card debt, paying off other bills/debt quickly, debt consolidation or paying off mortgages in one-half to one-third the time.

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JACKSONVILLE, Fla.— They'll be dancing in the aisles, doing the peanut butter bop, and singing their hearts out to a big-band rendition of the "A-B-C Blues" when "The Auntie Roz Peanut Show" comes to town with its high-voltage, Broadway-style revue that makes learning fun for everyone.

"I'm so excited about bringing the show to my hometown once again," says Roslyn ("Auntie Roz") Burrough, a renowned performing artist and former schoolteacher with the Duval County school system who grew up in Jacksonville's north side. "I'm especially pleased that the show is back by popular demand."

The "Auntie Roz Peanut Show" will be in town for one week only, March 7-11, at the Coleman Auditorium of Shiloh Metropolitan Baptist Church, located at 1118 Beaver St. Performances are at 10 a.m., and admission is \$5.

Fourteen students from local schools have feature roles in the show, which uses music, story-telling and other cultural forms to encourage schoolchildren to strive for academic excellence and develop strong core values. Tutelage by Auntie Roz, while purposeful, "is always good fun," and is for "children of all ages, including teachers and parents," says Burrough with a smile. "We're all in this soup together, and our children are our best hope for the future, so we must encourage them," she adds.



The great scientist, explorer, botanist, educator and inventor George Washington Carver, who was born into slavery, is both model and metaphor for "The Auntie Roz Peanut Show," says Burrough, who crams a truckload of life lessons and learning into a dazzling, hour-long show. "He is a shining example of perseverance and personal commitment to achievement, and his remarkable work centered on the humble peanut. The lesson here is, one's circumstances in life don't determine one's destiny. And, like the peanut, there is so much to be discovered, including about ourselves, if only we take the time to look."



To learn more about
"The Auntie Roz Peanut Show"
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The Real Reasons 70% Of Black Women Are Single: It's Not What They're Telling You!



By J.J. Smith

We've all heard on Oprah, CNN, ABC News, and the Washington Post that 70% of black women are single, and 42% are unmarried. We've even recently

heard a young black woman (Helena Andrews) say that she is successful, black and lonely and that "Bitch is the New Black". Helena's story is probably the most heartfelt as I can relate to her, when I was in my 20s that is... but now at 40, I can say that there are many things that I have learned about Black men and 2 that stand out the most are that:

1) "Being a bitch" was never going to get me the love I desired from black men. (Note: Being a bitch as in being mean, argumentative, hard to get along with, bitter, etc.)

2) Our "credentials" don't attract men! Just because WE feel that we are successful, independent, professional and educated doesn't mean that we're attractive to men, or even datable for that matter. I have learned that it is our EXTERIOR that gets a man's attention (smile, look, personality, non-bitchy attitude, confidence and overall attractiveness) and our INTERIOR (our love for God, family, friends, being honest, supportive, respectful, emotionally stable, goal-oriented) that keeps a man coming back for more.

Even though many news organizations have provided the statistics I mentioned above, I've rarely seen these media outlets offer any real solutions. In fact, I've yet to hear anyone really explain the REAL reasons so many black women are single, as it's much more complicated than the "numbers". I personally don't believe in allowing the media to exploit this issue and give an appearance that Black people have issues and challenges that we cannot solve on our own. As a single, successful black woman, I refuse to allow the media to make me feel bad or desperate about the plight of the single black female, especially given the personal and professional success sistas have made in a male-dominated world. So, Black men and women, WE can facilitate our own discussion on this challenge and identify real solutions that work for us. I'll begin by offering a 2-part article to address this challenge. In Part 1, I will discuss the real reasons why so many Black women are single... because you know the media isn't

telling the whole story and in Part 2: I will offer 10 practical solutions for women who are looking to find a "good man". Please feel free to share other suggestions!

The Real Reasons So Many Black Women are Single:

**Note: Some of the reasons could apply to women that are not black, but the focus of this article is on Black women because that's all we keep hearing about in the media these days.*

There are many factors that have led to why so many Black women are single, but I believe the most significant factors are listed below:

1) The Black Man Shortage (as I read on Essence.com):

42% of Black women are unmarried, 70% of professional Black women are single. The numbers don't lie and there is a real gap between "datable" Black women and men. Even if there is some degree of inaccuracy in the numbers, if you just talk to Black women, many will agree that there are some challenges finding a "good black man," that is ... one that is not behind bars, gay, or with other races. I'm also fully aware of this challenge due to the number of Black women who write me about it every week. So, the statistics do play a role in this challenge, but it does not tell the whole story. Please read on!

2) Too Many Black Women Have Bought Into the Stereotypes On Who They Are:

The perception that Black women are hard to get along with, mean, bitchy, argumentative, bitter, etc. has become a reality for too many black women. I know, because I used to be that way (and still have relapses on occasion but irrational behavior and constantly "going off" on people, especially your man, is not an attractive quality to have when trying to maintain a relationship with a man. I had to LEARN that just because I was running things at work, didn't mean I was going to run things with my man. So, I had to "check my attitude" at the door when dealing with my black man. Maybe a man really needs to be the head of the household, and if you don't trust that he can be, then leave him alone and move on. A wise man once told me that anything with two heads is a monster, so only I can be head of the household, and for me, I prefer it to be my man. Sistias, we

know we have carried too much of the financial and emotional burden of raising our families alone, but we should use that to draw strength from and not allow that to make us emotionally weaker. I remember being in my 20s at a management consulting firm I worked for and this brother told me that I would definitely make Partner but no one would ever like me because I was so damn mean, and I actually was naive enough to take that as a compliment; not realizing that my “meanness and bitchiness” had spilled over into my personal life and keeping me from attracting and keeping good men in my life.

3) Many Black Women Have Made a Conscious Decision To Be Single:

I know you're saying yea right. But this is actually true. I know personally for me, I have been married before, but I prefer to be single, especially since I don't want to have children. Personally, I am not looking to get married again, but I'm not opposed to the idea either. If I meet someone who makes me feel that being married to them is better than my freedom and the luxuries of my single life, then I would consider getting married again. The most important thing to me is to have quality, meaningful relationships with men with similar dreams, goals and interests in life. People fall in love and marry because it's the tradition. Men and women have been getting married since before recorded history. Until recently, America was the most “married” nation in the world. But now many ask, “Do I have to be married to live happily ever after?” In today's society, people have a strong desire to simply be happy, whether that means being married or unmarried. Being single is not synonymous with being “alone”. Many single people do have a meaningful love relationship in their life. Society makes people think that end goal of two people who love each other is a “traditional monogamous marriage” but I don't believe everyone fits that model. Whoever said dating has to end in marriage? If marriages were so great, why do more than half of them end in divorce? So, there are really some women who are happy being single... Seriously!



4) Black Men Don't See Many of the Qualities That They So Much Admire in Their Mothers and Grandmothers:

To say it's just a shortage of black men is only a small part of the problem, but as Black women we have to re-evaluate who we are and who we've become today. Black men don't see the strong, quiet strength of their mothers and grandmothers; neither the homemaking/cooking skills either. In my book *Why I Love Men*, I have a section called “Never Underestimate the Relationship Between a

Man and His Mother” that discusses this further. A wise woman understands the precious bond between a man and his mother. You're not going to change it nor would you want to. A mother is very proud of her son, especially if he's a good man. His mother values him. His mom and grandmother has loved him unconditionally all his life, and well, you, not so long. If you want a smooth relationship with a Black man, be sure you understand WHY he loves his mom so much and it will help you build a stronger relationship with him. And, if you don't know why he admires and loves his mom so much, ask him. In fact, a huge red flag for me is when a guy doesn't have any relationship with his mother, and she is still living. Or if he speaks to his mother in a disrespectful or harsh manner, he will likely treat you the same way.

5) Black Women Have Spent Their Best Years Pursuing Their Education and Career Goals not Realizing that Their Strongest Assets (e.g., Looks, Fertility) Decrease With Age:

I know this may be unpopular, but it is the truth. A woman who wants to have a family should capitalize on her looks, age, and fertility while she is young instead of only focusing on chasing the high-powered career. I believe (and of course I could be wrong) that a man would more likely be with a young, fine woman that is less educated and makes him feel good (in terms of stroking his ego) then an average looking woman with a great career and education.) If marriage and having children is important to you, you may want to NOT focus as much time on pursuing your career goals, but spend more time pursuing and developing meaningful love relationships while you're young, perky and fertile. If you want a husband and family, you have to pursue it with the same focus and attention you did to achieve your career goals, and by all means, don't let your looks, fashion sense, and overall attractiveness go downhill. Note: In my book, *Why I Love Men: The Joys of Dating*, I share insider secrets, practical advice and techniques that any woman can use to

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maximize her physical beauty without cosmetic surgery, because as shallow as it may sound, how physically attractive you are is very important to men, and should also be to you if you are seriously looking to attract and keep a man.

6) Black Men Struggle More Than Any Other Group of People in Society and in the Workplace:

You have to ask why are there so many black men in prison and under-educated? Why is the unemployment rate so high for black males? Why is the suicide rate so high for black males? Why are so many black men absent in their child's life? Why are black males struggling more than other group of people? We have to better understand the struggles of Black men to really increase the number of datable black men...and I'm no expert on the answers to these questions and I know when I'm out of my lane, but there are others who have studied Black males and written on this topic and could surely provide some answers to these questions.

7) Black Women Haven't Adjusted to the New Hypercompetitive Dating Environment That Exists Today:

Many of the traditional rules of courtship don't exist, for better or for worse, Black women have to do things differently to attract and maintain a long-term relationship with a man. And, if you think about it, most of us have never been taught how to date to find a compatible partner. There was no college course for it. Yes, many women have received advice from family or friends. We may have taken advice from other single women. But most of us are winging it as we go. There are some women who are obviously better at it than others. In *Why I Love Men: The Joys of Dating*, I've consolidated the best strategies that I have learned from friends, relatives and my own experiences and frankly some of the best practical advice that I have ever received and successfully applied to attract the type of men I wanted in my life and they did show up. These strategies have worked for others and they can work for you. You can't continue doing the same thing and expect different results. It is time to change your approach to dating!

So, those are my thoughts, I'd love to hear why you think so many Black women are single and please be sure to read Part 2: 10 Things Single Black Women Should Do to Find a Good Man.

Also, check out Real Talk with JJ and The Fellas see www.jjsmithonline.com, as we will dedicate our radio shows the entire month of January (1/13 and 1/27) we to discuss this topic so that Black men and women can have real dialogue and discuss real solutions. You can check out the show nationally, so please join in the discussion!

J.J. Smith is a Dating and Relationship Expert, Author, Radio Host, Life Coach and Corporate Executive. J.J. is also the host of "Real Talk with JJ and The Fellas," a radio show that provides advice to single women looking for real answers on love, dating, sex and relationships. J.J. has appeared on NBC, FOX, NewsChannel8, Glamour Magazine, Ladies Home Journal, the Jamie Foxx Show, Montel Williams Show, Michael Baisden Show, HOT97, KISS 98.7 and many others. J.J. is also the Dating and Relationship Columnist for Black Star News. J.J.'s engaging personality, and no-holds barred dating books offer sometimes controversial guidance that has been grabbing readers and listeners, both men and women alike, and keeping them coming back for more!

J.J. Smith is available to discuss this topic on print/radio/TV. Feel free to contact her at info@jjsmithonline.com at 202-230-7195 or visit her at www.jjsmithonline.com to view her demo reel and media clips.



“Cancer Does Not Have Me”

Approximately four and a half years ago Tamari Walter Walker was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer called Rhabdomyosarcoma. A native of Daytona Beach, Florida, he is a sixteen year old 10th grader who formerly attended Mainland High School however, because of his health he is currently being home schooled.

Tamari’s oncologist explained that the type of cancer he has is a soft muscle tissue tumor located in the neck area. Since there aren’t any pediatric oncologists in Daytona Beach, he has to travel forty-five minutes to Arnold Palmer Hospital in Orlando for treatment. Tamari has been in remission twice. The last surgery left him paralyzed. Through his physical therapy, he is now able to walk short distances with the assistance of a walker. Since he’s unable to participate in physically demanding activities, his hobbies now consist of watching basketball, especially the Orlando Magic games, playing on his electronic gadgets, reading magazines, and attending a cancer organization called B.A.S.E. Camp.

The Orlando Magic Organization hosted Tamari and his family recently at one of their home game against the Cleveland Cavaliers. Tamari met his sports superstar Dwight Howard and was treat to a good-time at pre-game and throughout the game.

Due to Tamari’s condition, his mother has been unable to work for approximately (18) months. Tamari is a member of New Life Church Ministries and on Sunday, January 23, 2011, 11:00 A.M., the church family dedicated the morning service in his honor and a special financial presentation was made to the family.

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“CANCER DOES NOT HAVE ME”

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*LIKE A BLIND MAN WHO ONE DAY HOPES TO SEE,
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*LIKE A SOLDIER WHO WANTS TO BE ALL THAT HE CAN BE,
 I HAVE CANCER, “CANCER DOES NOT HAVE ME.”*

*LIKE THE FISH THAT SWIM IN THE DEEP RED SEA,
 I HAVE CANCER, “CANCER DOES NOT HAVE ME.”*

*I KNOW DOWN IN MY HEART ONE DAY I WILL BE FREE,
 BECAUSE I HAVE CANCER, “CANCER DOES NOT HAVE ME.”*

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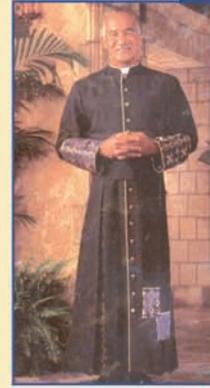
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City of Orlando to Host the First African-American Business Expo in Honor of Black History Month

WHAT: Orlando Mayor Buddy Dyer, the Orlando City Council, the Orlando Magic and the City of Orlando's Celebrate Black History Committee will host the City's first **African-American Business Expo**.

The free Expo will provide an opportunity for business owners to network with one another and learn from industry experts and various economic development organizations about how to start and/or grow their business. Topics include state and local business incentive programs, available space for lease in Downtown Orlando and other small business assistance programs.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Aspiring and existing business owners interested in learning about how to start and grow their business
- Businesses interested in promoting their services during the Expo are invited to reserve a booth (information below)

WHERE: Amway Center
400 West Church Street
Orlando, FL 32801

WHEN: Thursday, February 17, 2011
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

REGISTER: Attendance at the African-American Business Expo is free for business owners but space is limited. Please RSVP to Desnee Young (desnee.young@cityoforlando.net or 407.246.3306) or Ana Diaz-Coffey (ana.coffey@cityoforlando.net or 407.246.3396).

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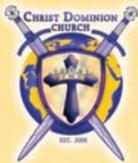
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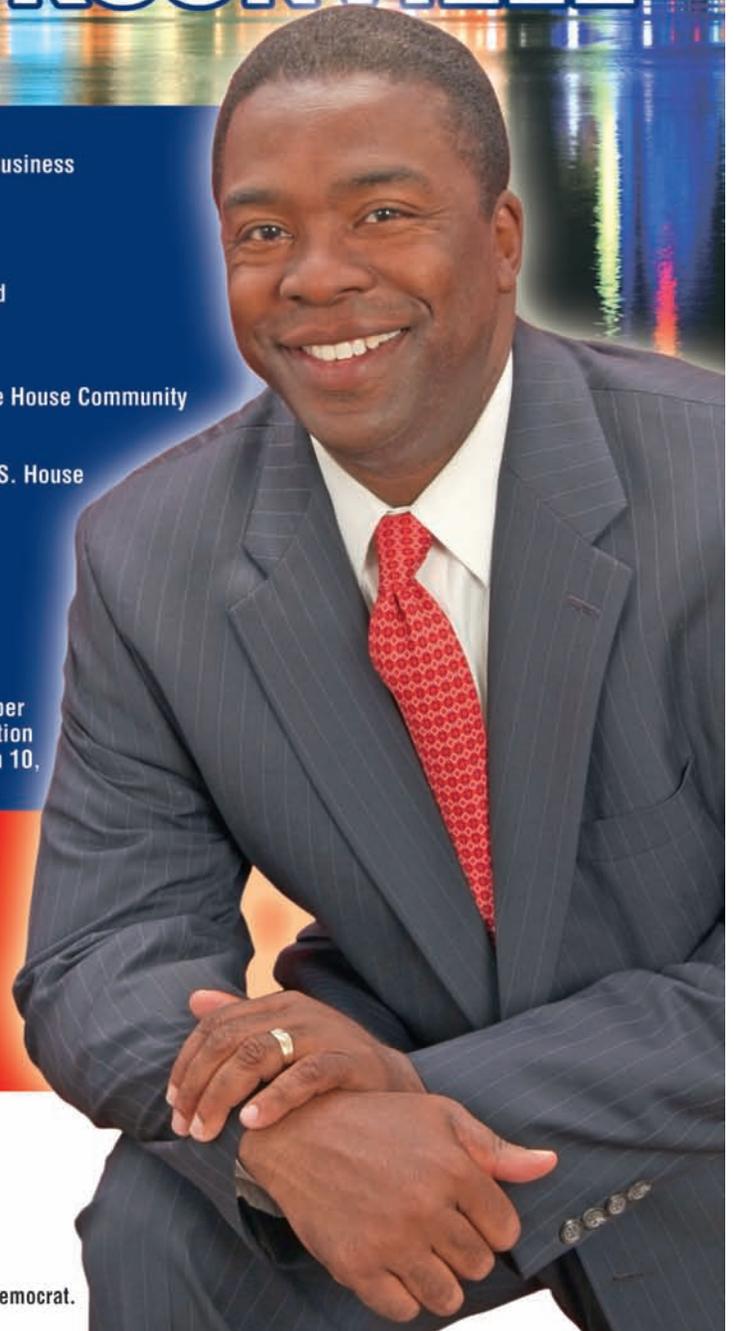
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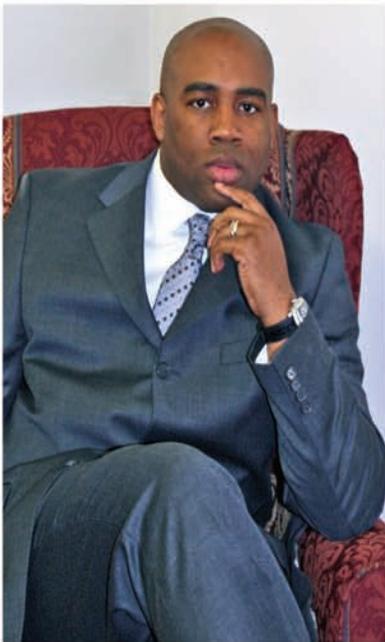
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The Search for a New Pastor

One Church's Guide to How They Discovered the Will of God in Selecting a Pastor

By Deacon Eddie Bell
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Pastor Harold R. Jolley

If there ever is an opportunity to work directly with God, it is serving on a Pastoral Search Committee. The year that our committee spent seeking the right Shepherd for our church was filled with excitement, disappointment and exceeding reward. But through it all, the most meaningful lesson that I learned is that God, our Father in Heaven, will truly send the pastor.

The job of the Pastoral Search Committee (often referred to as the Pulpit Committee) is both spiritual and secular

in nature. The spiritual responsibility is to be led to discernment by the Holy Spirit through much prayer and fasting. The secular responsibility is to develop a process that is efficient, fair, confidential, and seeks to incorporate the collective will of the church.

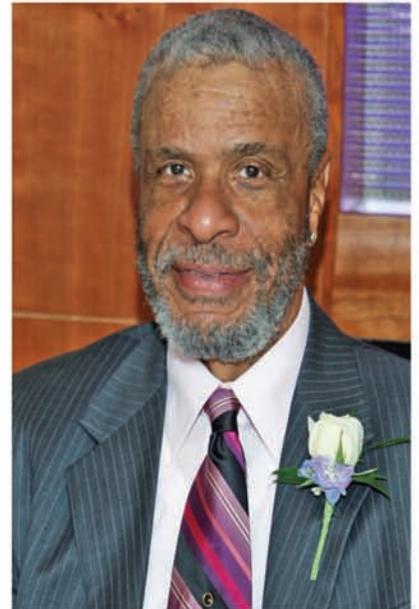
Riverview Missionary Baptist Church, located in Kingston in upstate New York, was without a pastor for four years when our search began. We were under the covering of an interim pastor, Reverend John H. Gilmore, who guided us through the demanding process. Only one of the committee members had ever undertaken a pastoral search. As the lead servant (chair), I did have search experience in higher education and that proved beneficial from a training and organizational point of view.

We fortunately did a number of things right before the actual search began and it helped us avoid procedural pitfalls and disharmony among the committee members and reduce uncertainty in the church body. The four I consider the most important are (1) having a clear understanding of our constitutional respon-

sibility and authority (an up-to-date church constitution is a must); (2) surveying the membership to ascertain their individual desires for the type of pastor they would like to have; (3) outlining a procedure that the committee would follow to screen candidates; and (4) providing training for members. The latter was important because some of the committee members were not familiar with reading college and seminary transcripts; and some had not been involved with the interview process.

The Deacon Ministry and Interim Pastor recommended a slate of names to the church membership that would eventually make up the search committee. Careful attention was given to such personal attributes as: age, church loyalty and church experience, open-mindedness, ability to be a team player, and very important, not having a personal agenda. Balanced representation was the goal and with the exception of a school-age member, which we lacked, we achieved that goal fairly well.

Before the formal search began, the committee determined the major qualifications that we were seeking in candidates. This kept us on one accord and kept us focused as we later examined credentials and interviewed applicants. Because we engaged in a national search and



Deacon Eddie Bell



Pastor and several church leaders in prayer before service.

received a large response, having an established set of criteria made our task easier.

The make up of our congregation suggested that we needed a pastor with youth experience; teaching ability and experience; formal academic training from an accredited college and seminary; organizational skills; grounded in his/her faith; possess a loving spirit and, of course, be an engaging preacher.

We were asking a lot of applicants and in the end we were blessed with a pastor that possessed all of these qualities. It wasn't easy and God had to step in along the way to insure the person that *we* called was the one that *He* was sending. In a way, the pastoral search is much like Samuel seeking out a King from among Jesse's sons. The candidate that you are searching for may not be the first to be offered.

The lead servant of the pastoral search committee has a special responsibility. He or she must help the committee maintain its integrity and



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guide the members through the process as efficiently as possible. The second most important member is the secretary, who must work very closely with the lead servant in order to keep the search process flowing. The primary responsibilities of the secretary are record keeping, file maintenance, and communication. It is important for this individual to have the necessary computer skills required for these tasks. Our secretary also arranged dinners with potential candidates and handled travel accommodations and reimbursements.

It is important to note that God will communicate with the lead servant directly and indirectly. He or she must be in constant prayer throughout the search process and should be aware that God will send messages through other spiritual people. In my case, these messages came from outside Pastors and a Deacon and Trustee from Riverview. One pastor told me at a prayer breakfast that I attended with a group of area pastors, "That 'God may reveal things to you [as lead servant] that He may not reveal to the members of the search committee.'" This to a degree proved true also.

Eventually, the pastoral search committee will narrow the search down to the candidate that it intends to present to the church body for a formal vote. Prior to reaching this pivotal point in the search process, several fundamentally things need to have taken place in

order to reduce the chance of failure. First and foremost the committee has to be aware that all that glitters is not gold. An applicant can create a resume that makes them seem more qualified than they actually are. It is incumbent upon the committee to verify the candidate's academic credentials and to conduct a thorough check of his/her references and personal background.

The financial board of the church must prepare a basic salary and benefits package for the intended new pastor. In today's world, this amounts to a business contract between the church and the pastor. Our package included basic salary and housing allowance, retirement, travel and educational allowance, moving expenses and a personal contingency account. It is also vitally important that the salary and benefit package be presented to the church prior to salary and benefit negotiations with the candidate. Since it is church members who will bear this financial burden, they must understand and approve this substantial budgetary obligation.

I mention contract negotiations with the candidate *prior* to the vote of the membership in order to avoid the unfortunate scenario of formally 'calling' the candidate only to have he or she refuse the 'call' because the financial package is unacceptable. A sense of fairness with the candidate is essential. The honest approach is to be open with the candidate about church's current financial position and the true active membership numbers. These are factors that any candidate has a right to know so



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that they can make an informed decision about whether or not to accept the pastorate if the call is extended.

We provided our candidate with a current financial report during the interview process and supplied him with information about Bible Study, Sunday School and Worship Service average attendance.

Last, but certainly not less important, the membership must have multiple exposures to the selected candidate before the formal vote. This exposure should consist of several preaching experiences at regular Sunday morning worship services and

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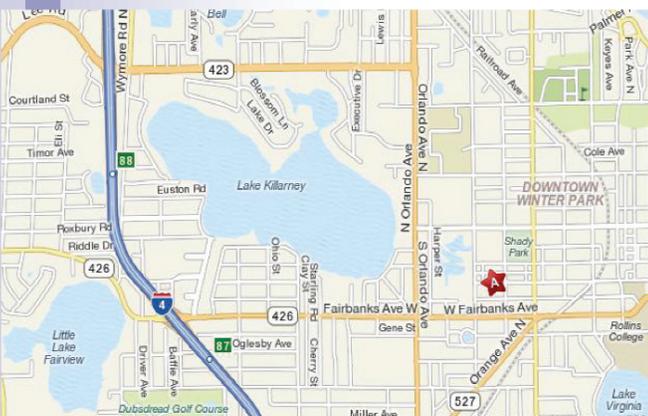


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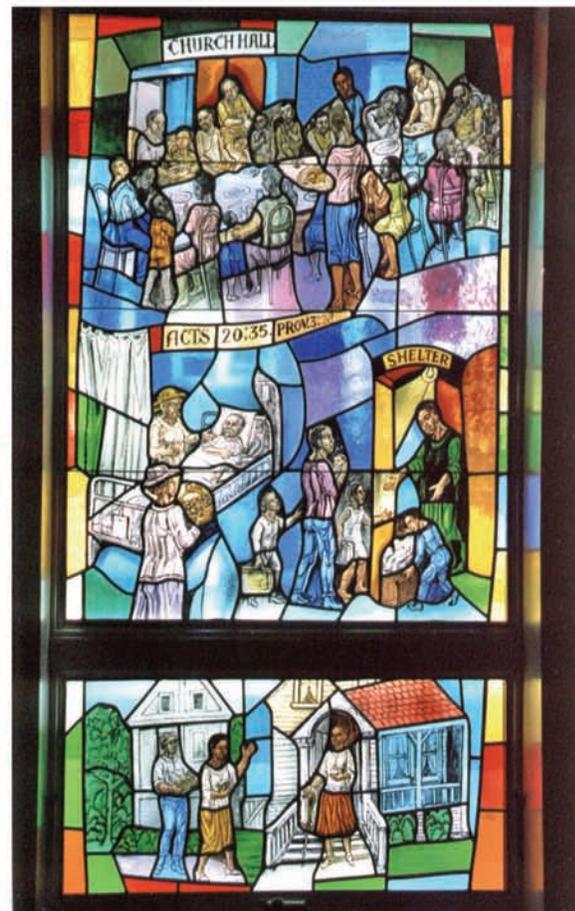
from Page 29 interviews with the various ministries and members at-large. If teaching ability is important to the membership then an opportunity(s) for the candidate to teach should be made available.

It almost goes without saying that the search committee should try to achieve unanimity in all of their decisions. If this is impossible, then formal votes need to be taken and recorded with the decision given to the majority. The result of any such votes should remain confidential within the committee so as not to convey a divided message to the church at-large.

I have this final word to share about the pastoral search committee. Love and respect for each other is essential. Each member has a responsibility to put aside their personal desires as much as possible and think about what's best for the church. Meetings of the committee should occur in an atmosphere that encourages full and honest discussion. Just as importantly, each member's assessment of applicants is essential and should be thoughtfully considered. God doesn't only speak to the lead servant.

And finally be mindful that the Pastoral Search Committee is in it for the long haul. The Lord's grace sometimes requires steadfast patience. If the committee is patient with God, and is open to His direction, He will send the Pastor.

Calling the sent pastor is already paying big dividends for Riverview. Our membership has steadily increased. Our financial position has greatly improved and our congregation has regained the vigor that it had lost during our transition. Reverend Harold R. Jolley is opening new vistas to the congregation and is providing the training and inspiration needed to move us to next higher level of ministry to ourselves and to the community. Our pastoral search was a complete success!



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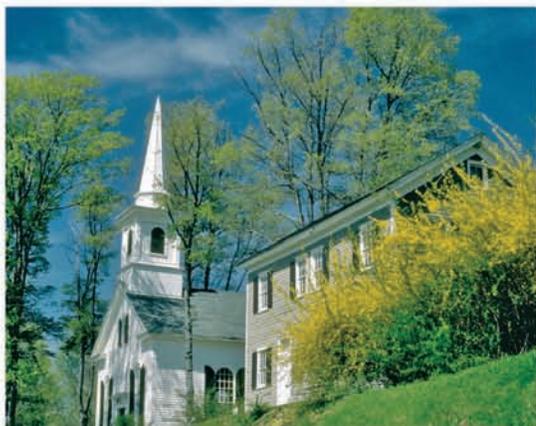
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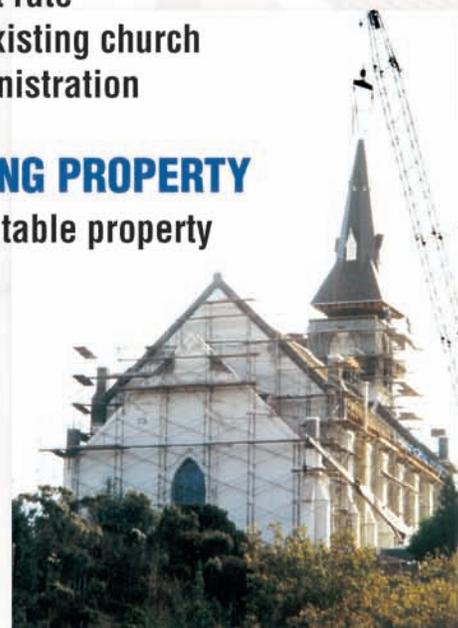
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Britain's Smartest Kids

By Terry Shropshire
Guest Columnist

Peter and Paula Imafidon, 9-year-old twins from Waltham Forest in northeast London, are a part of the highest-achieving clan in the history of Great Britain education. The two youngest siblings are about to make British history as the youngest students to ever enter high school. They astounded veteran experts of academia when they became the youngest to ever pass the University of Cambridge's advanced mathematics exam. That's on top of the fact they have set world records when they passed the A/AS-level math papers.

Chris Imafidon, their father, said he's not concerned about his youngest children's ability to adapt to secondary school despite their tender age. "We're delighted with the progress they have made," he said. "Because they are twins they are always able to help and support each other."

To Peter and Paula's parents, this is nothing new. Chris Imafidon said he and his wife have been through this before: they have other super-gifted, overachieving children.

Peter and Paula's sister, Anne-Marie, now 20, holds the world record as the youngest girl to pass the A-level computing, when she was just 13. She is now studying at arguably the most renowned medical school in the United States, Johns Hopkins University, in Baltimore.

Another sister, Christina, 17, is the youngest student to ever get accepted and study at an undergraduate institution at any British university at the tender age of 11.

And Samantha, now age 12, had passed two rigorous high school-level mathematics and statistics exams at the age of 6, something that her twin siblings, Peter and Paula, also did.

Chris Imafidon migrated to London from Nigeria in West Africa over 30 years ago. And despite his children's jaw-dropping, history-making academic achievements, he denies there is some "genius gene" in his family. Instead, he credits



Peter and Paula Imafidon break their sister's world record by passing the University of Cambridge's Foundation of Advanced Mathematics, Official Government Figures Confirm the Imafidon Twins as new world record holders.

his children's success to the Excellence in Education program for disadvantaged inner-city children.

"Every child is a genius," he told British reporters. "Once you identify the talent of a child and put them in the environment that will nurture that talent, then the sky is the limit. Look at Tiger Woods or the Williams sisters [Venus and Serena] — they were nurtured. You can never rule anything out with them. The competition between the two of them makes them excel in anything they do."



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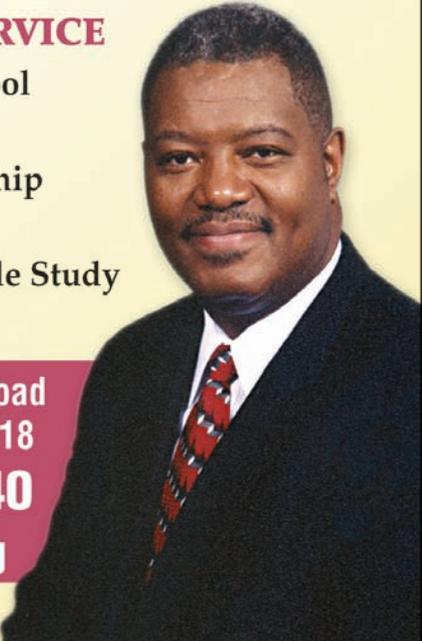
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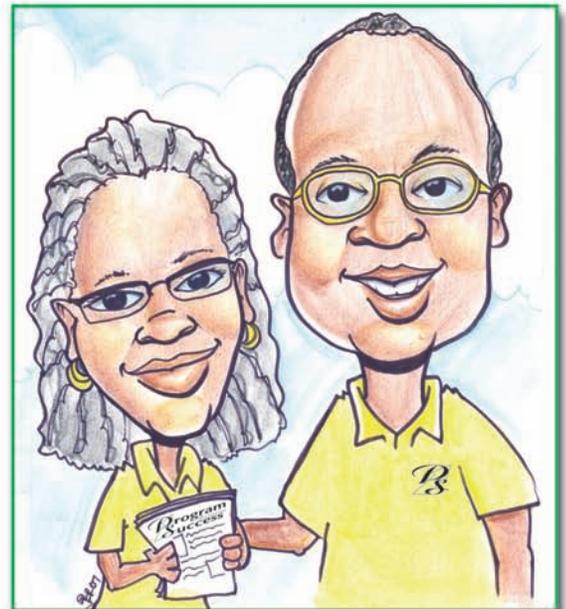
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UMW TO CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF FREEDOM RIDES, CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER

Fredericksburg, VA — The University of Mary Washington will launch a semester-long celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Freedom Rides, and civil rights pioneer James Farmer and Monday, Feb. 7, with a special kickoff event followed by a Freedom Rides scholar's remarks.

The 1961 Freedom Rides challenged the segregation of bus transportation throughout the Deep South. Freedom Riders were beaten and jailed, and their buses were attacked during the rides organized by James L. Farmer Jr., then head of CORE, the Congress of Racial Equality.

Farmer taught the history of the civil rights movement to Mary Washington students for about a dozen years before his retirement in 1998. That year, President Bill Clinton awarded Farmer the Presidential Medal of Freedom. In 2010, the university teamed with Rep. Lewis, who rode with Farmer on the Freedom Rides, to campaign for a U.S. postage stamp honoring the late Farmer.

The three-month tribute will feature appearances by Freedom Riders and academic scholars of race, civil rights and student activism. The March 30 limited-release showing of the critically acclaimed PBS documentary "Freedom Riders" will be among the highlights. The celebration will culminate May 7-8 with events that include a commencement address by U.S. Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.), a Freedom Rider and civil rights leader.

UMW President Rick Hurley encourages the public to get involved in the university's celebration of Farmer and the rides by participating in the scheduled activities. "I invite the entire UMW community to come together to pay tribute to the legacy of the Freedom Riders, to recognize the role of our beloved professor as one of our greatest civil rights champions, and to reflect on the lessons that they have for us today," Hurley said.

The public is invited to the following events in a schedule that begins during Black History Month:

- * Freedom Riders celebration kickoff at noon Monday, Feb. 7, on Ball Circle and Campus Walk. Author Eric Etheridge will speak at the kickoff and he will be accompanied by two former Freedom Riders, the Rev. Reginald Green and Joan Trumpauer Mulholland.
- * Lecture by Eric Etheridge, author of *Breach of Peace: Portraits of the 1961 Freedom Riders*, at 7 p.m. Feb. 7, in the Great Hall, Woodard Campus Center. A journalist and photographer, Etheridge recently interviewed and photographed many of the

original Freedom Riders for the book.

- * An address, "Lessons of the Civil Rights Generation for Today's Students," by Andy Lewis, author of *The Shadows of Youth: The Remarkable Journey of the Civil Rights Generation*, from 3 to 5 p.m., Wednesday, March 30, in Lee Hall, room 411.

- * Limited-release showing of the film "Freedom Riders" at 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, in Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall. PBS and UMW have collaborated on this special showing of the widely hailed documentary directed by Stanley Nelson. PBS will broadcast the film in May on "American Experience."

- * Freedom Riders panel discussion and Great Lives lecture at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, March 31, in Dodd Auditorium, featuring a talk by Raymond Arsenault, author of *Freedom Riders: 1961 and the Struggle for Racial Justice*, followed by a discussion with a panel of Freedom Riders.

- * UMW commencement address by Rep. Lewis, part of the ceremony at 9 a.m., Saturday, May 7 on Ball Circle. Lewis, a civil rights colleague of James Farmer and organizer of sit-ins to protest segregation, co-founded and chaired the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, a leading organization for student activism.

- * Students aboard the PBS "American Experience" bus retracing the route of the first Freedom Ride will stop Sunday, May 8 at UMW in Fredericksburg, part of the original route, for a commemoration at the James Farmer memorial on Campus Walk.

The public is encouraged to check periodically for event updates at <http://freedomrides.umw.edu>. Learn about the university's Farmer stamp campaign <http://jamesfarmer.umw.edu>.

The original 13 Freedom Riders, including Farmer, boarded a bus in Washington, D.C., on May 4, 1961. The racially mixed group of men and women, ranging in age from 18 to 61, traveled through Virginia and into the Deep South, where segregation was decreed by local and state laws. The Freedom Riders risked their lives as they faced police brutality, vigilantes and even bombs.

Attorney General Robert Kennedy sent federal marshals to Alabama to restore order after mob violence erupted, and at one point, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. flew to Alabama to support the riders. When news of the brutality against the first rides reached the nation and the world, buses from all over the U.S. joined the effort. In all, more than 400 Freedom Riders - a majority of whom were jailed in Jackson, Miss. - traveled through the South to demand just treatment of all interstate travelers.





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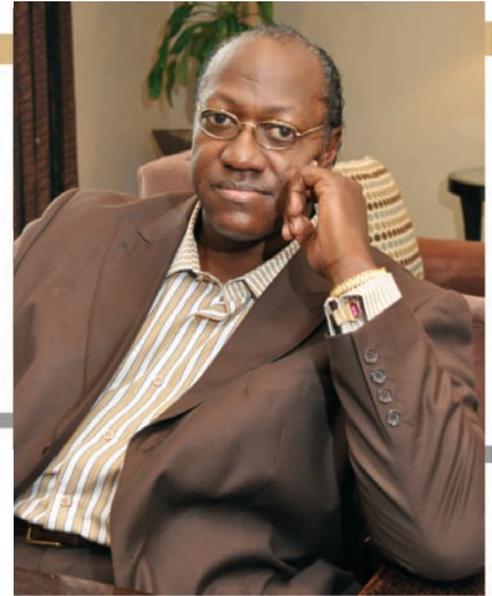
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Your Faith May Hinder Your Success

All of us want to be successful in life. We have goals and we have dreams. We have bench marks set in our minds at strategic points of our life anticipating the level of success we plan to have achieved at certain times. Our plan is that our accomplishments will be exhibited in our houses and cars, gold and diamonds, fine clothes and far-away trips. These are the types of goals we set for our life and the plans we make.

To fulfill these lofty expectations we set out to business professionals and business owners making in excess of hundreds of thousands of dollars. This is what we want, these are our plans, we have prayed about it and God said there is nothing we can't accomplish.

There is nothing wrong with having great expectations in life. I am a believer in being all you can be. I believe that God has given each us the ability to create and complete. I believe that "if your mind can conceive it and your heart can believe it then you can achieve it." However, I have found that the greater your faith is in God, the lesser are your chances of success.

As I researched this theory, I discovered that those who have a strong faith in God are committed to prayer and reading the Bible which teaches "Ask and you shall be given..." and "I can do all things through Christ..." In so many circumstances in life these principles apply and are true, however, in business – your faith may hinder your success.

When it comes to business, the mentality is more like "seek and destroy" and "the survival of the fittest". You may have your life's goals which may be honorable, but so do others whose goals may align with yours, and in most cases everybody will not be successful, only a few – those who are willing to do what it takes. I learned early in business that "every dollar you make is a dollar someone else did not make doing the same thing you are doing." Therefore everybody won't be happy with your success.

Believe in yourself and have faith in God. I further instruct you to "pray as though everything depends on God and work as if everything depends on you." This is where I feel we go wrong with our faith. Too often we pray and believe, pray and believe, and sit back and wait for God to move mountains of success to our doorway. Then we wonder why it has been so many years and you still haven't been able to leave that job, make the big money, and live in your dream house?

Allow me to share just a few Business Success Principles I have learn over the years. I know due to this economy many people are finding themselves unemployed doing a time where there are no jobs and are considering for the first time starting their own business. You might say it has always been my dream to own a restaurant – I say... "you can dream a bigger lie than you can tell." If you have never even worked in a restaurant, you will never be successful owning a restaurant. I have seen barrels of good money thrown away and wasted on ventures where individuals did not have the knowledge or experience – only the dream. The first principle is choose a business where you have expertise or become an apprentice to someone doing what you want to do.

The second principle is "Success begins and ends with Money." You will not have success until you have money. It takes money to rent space, buy product, make sales calls, and manage an office. There are several ways to get the money you need – i.e.; a bank, a family member, or a friend. For a bank to give you money, you will have to present a business plan stated in detail your business model and income projections for the next three years. To get money from a family member or friend you will have to make a convincing presentation to them ensuring them you know what you are doing. Either way, if you can't convince someone to give you the money, chances are you won't be successful in business. The second principle is getting the money you need.

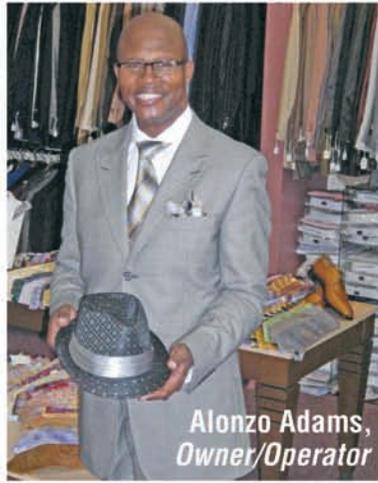
The third principle is Failure. You cannot be successful without failure. As a matter of fact, you need a lot of failure to be successful. People of faith believe in the blessings of God, and to believe that God blesses, you must also believe that God curses. In business when one meets failure, failure is sometimes interpreted as a sign of God to stop and quit. It is a long journey to the mountain top that is filled with twists, turns, rough terrains, in-climate weather, and stress and strain. Failure is feedback, and feedback is the breakfast of champions. The third principle is to expect Failure.

The forth and final principle I want to share is "Plan your work and Work your plan." You must have a specific definition of work. In my business I defined my work by my sales. If I went out and called on 20 businesses, explained my product and did not make a sale, did I work? ... No, I just visited. I learned to define my work by the number of sales I made not the number of visits I made. Only sales keep you in business. I noted the number of sales I needed to make each day - if I made it I had a successful day, if I did not my day was non-productive. No gray areas – only good days or bad days.

In planning your work, each day must be productive. Feeling content about stacking unproductive weeks upon unproductive weeks is an exercise of in-fertility and make-believe, you "making yourself believe" next month will be better. Remember, failure is feedback, when your plan is not working, re-invent yourself, change your sale script, or even modify your product. Monitor your success with well defined goals. The forth principle is Plan your work and Work your plan – Daily.

A dream doesn't become a reality through prayer; it takes sweat and determination. The only Secret to Success is hard work. Today is a new day we have never seen nor experienced. It is an opportunity for you to be better and do better, and allow your faith and your work to lift you above doubts, obstacles, excuses and fear, so that at the end of the day, you are closer to obtaining your success.

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