

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH QUARTERLY JOURNAL

JANUARY – CONSECRATION MONTH, FEBRUARY-MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MONTH, MARCH – MONTH OF PRAYER

HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

This new journal will be presented quarterly. We encourage contributions from the entire congregation in helping the writing team new journal format a success. You are welcome to submit any interesting materials that will be helpful in the spiritual growth of the church and help the ministry achieve its vision for the new year.



CELEBRATING AND HONORING OUR PASTOR & SIS. WASHINGTON

On Saturday, December 17, 2016, the Shiloh Baptist Church Pastor's Aide surprised Pastor and Sister Washington with a beautiful dinner. The celebration was extremely beautiful and filled with love and appreciation for the incredible ministry that our Pastor has given to all of us at Shiloh Baptist Church for over 25 years. The celebration included a delicious dinner, Christmas gifts and highlighted with memories shared by the Pastor Aide members.



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January Monthly Focus is

Consecration

By Aretha Vaughn

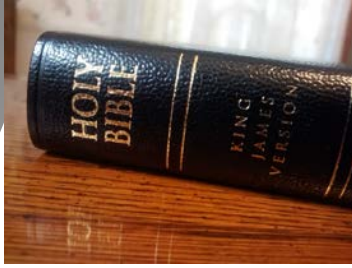
The separation of oneself from things that are unclean, especially anything that would contaminate ones relationship with a perfect God.

Transformation by renewing your mind

A Living Sacrifice

"Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will", Romans 12:1-2 KJV KJV





Every year in the month of April my gardener begins spring cleanup. He cleans the yard from all the debris and remaining leaves from the fall, turns over the dirt and seeds the yard to prepare for a new season. It's probably my favorite time of the year because I look forward to the grass getting greener and picking new flowers for the yard. The trees have grown and provide a little more shade than last year so there is some pruning that needs to be done. I love to get up early in the morning while everyone is sleep with a cup of coffee and just sit in silence in the yard and just listen. Its transformation in its purest form. The yard goes thru a metamorphosis and dramatically changes right before my eyes. I begin to see Gods hand in creation in a new and exciting way. The bible says "The earth is the Lord's, and all it contains, the world, and those who dwell in it (Psalm 24:1). It is in those moments when I reflect on

who God is and how my life has changed since I began to really study his word. I notice a change in me.

January is our time corporately each year that we set aside as our time of consecration. During the month, for one week, we spend time together fasting, praying and studying God's word. This time is critical in our relationship with God and to the world as Paul reminds us that we are called to be different than the world and transformation comes by renewing our mind. It's a time when we reflect on who God is and who He has been in our lives. I quiet myself from the everyday norm of life and hear what the spirit is speaking to me about Gods will for my life. There is nothing more powerful than a renewed mind with new thoughts and new visions.

I begin to think differently and recognize Gods hand in my life. I begin to understand that all things have worked together for my good and I begin to glorify God. I start to love differently and understand that love requires patience

and being kind to those I love has been way more beneficial to our relationship. I begin to forgive people around me and not hold a grudge because I begin to understand that I too am flawed and God still loves me and forgive me every time I do it my own way. It's a time of self-reflection. I start acting like the child of God that I was called to be. I am transformed by the renewing of my mind.

This is a time I am still and I pull away to spend with God. This is the place of renewed foundation. I begin to reflect on what my fundamental beliefs are and who God is and who I am in Christ. I reflect on what I know about God and me what I am sure of. I am sure that He is a healer because He has healed me. I am sure He is a provider because He has provided for me. I am sure He is a comforter because I have had times when I was unsure or hurting and reassured me that I am his. I am sure He is my God and I am among the called and He has a purpose for my life. He is with me in every high place and every low place. When I am up He is God,

when I am down He is God the bible says if I make my bed in hell, He's there. I begin to understand that I am nothing without him and thru him and with him all things are possible if I only believe. I begin to understand that in his will is where I want to be and I begin to seek that one thing. To be in Gods will.

This is your time with God and I encourage you don't let this time of transformation and renewal pass you by. As we begin our time of fasting and praying and seeking Gods voice during the month of consecration do something different. If you want a different result you have to do something different. Whatever it is for you, do or don't do that thing. Turn off the television and pick someone from the word and learn more about them. Become an expert on the book of Job or read about Paul's journeys to Antioch, Corinth, Ephesus and Rome. Turn off the computer and no social media for 30 days. Let's build each other up and speak life and love. No gossiping for 30 days instead pray for them when you hear someone is hurting or going thru.

We, the Shiloh Baptist Church will be a church that models the life, the teaching, and the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the best of our ability. We are a Church that is willing to be;

Convinced of who He is-
An expression of His life

Convinced to what He taught- An expression of His teaching

Consistent with what He did – An expression of His ministry

Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you. Joshua 3:5



Definition of CONSECRATE
verb, | consecrate

:to devote irrevocably to the worship of God by a solemn ceremony

:to devote to a purpose with or as if with deep solemnity or dedication

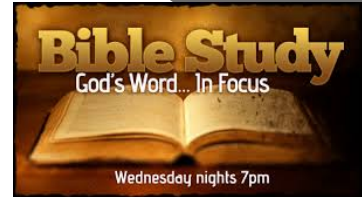
:Origin of CONSECRATE
Middle English, from Latin consecratus, past participle of consecrare, from com- + sacrare to consecrate sacred

First Known Use: 14th century

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OUR VISION STATEMENT

WE, THE SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH WILL BE A CHURCH THAT MODELS THE LIFE, THE TEACHINGS, AND THE MINISTRY OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY.

WE ARE A CHURCH THAT IS WILLING TO BE CONVINCED OF WHO HE IS, AN EXPRESSION OF HIS LIFE; COMMITTED TO WHAT HE TAUGHT, AN EXPRESSION OF HIS TEACHINGS; AND CONSISTENT WITH WHAT HE DID, AN EXPRESSION OF HIS MINISTRY.

As A Black Man, It's Just Not Going to Happen

'Be careful about that market. If you have any aspirations of being a lead 'news' anchor...., because 'as a black man, it's just not going to happen'.

Those were some of the first words that the award winning veteran news anchor Hosea Sanders heard after he moved from KARK-TV in Little Rock, Arkansas to the weekend anchor and reporter position at KDFW-TV in Dallas from 1981 to 1986, and then on to the number two market in the country, Los Angeles in 1986, where he served as the entertainment reporter at KCBS-TV, covering the entertainment beat. Hosea Sanders eventually left Los Angeles to join WLS ABC-7 in Chicago in August 1994.¹ "I was reluctant to come to Chicago," he said. "When I walked into that newsroom, I had never seen that many Black people in my life in one newsroom. Everyone from producers to reporters. When I joined the station, there were five Black men on the air, including myself." Sanders played a major role at ABC 7 in Chicago, both in the news and programming areas.² For ABC 7 Eyewitness News, he anchored the first primetime newscast in Chicago each weeknight and ABC 7's 7 pm newscast broadcast on WCIU. Sanders also hosted ABC 7's Emmy Award winning series, Heart & Soul, which showcased Chicago's vibrant African American community. Among those who gave Hosea Sanders advice about the scarcity of black men in the television news business were people he met at conventions of black journalists from around the country who were already working in Los Angeles. Sanders said that his time in Los Angeles was very frustrating because it was just something that you heard but didn't

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Ephesians 4:14 KJV.

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WLS ABC-7 News Anchorman Hosea Sanders, 1986



want to believe. Unfortunately, in 1991 the statistics seem to bear out the warning that Sanders heard from his colleagues. Of 49 TV journalists in 1991 that were already working regularly as anchors at the seven major commercial stations in Los Angeles with some of the largest minority communities in the country, only 20 were minorities. And of those, only six were men. While it was known that women working in the media frequently encountered a "glass ceiling", the people who still have the longest way to go are the Black men. While attending a college scholarship presentation for my daughter, a woman told me that she knew for a fact that it was much easier for a Black woman at her office to get a job than a Black man. And while Sanders and two other Black men held anchor positions in Los Angeles, Larry McCormick at KTLA Channel 5 and Larry Carroll at KCAL Channel 9, none of them regularly headed up weeknight television news shows, as did KCAL's Pat Harvey, the only Black woman working as an anchor in the Los Angeles news broadcasting market. Where are the Black anchormen, and why aren't they getting ahead?



MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THE "TWOFRER" IDEA IS INHERENT TO THE LAW BECAUSE COMPANIES CAN HIRE A 'BLACK WOMAN' AND NOT HAVE TO HIRE A BLACK MAN OR ANOTHER WOMAN.

The explanations offered by people in the television news broadcasting industry range from the benign opinions that there are more women competing for jobs than men to the overtly prejudiced opinions that there is an unwillingness to pair minority men, especially Black men, with white women. The first theory is that an influx of women in broadcasting has reduced opportunities for Black men. White male decision makers always use this argument to explain away why they can't hire Black men. A white male school district superintendent used the argument that his administration "combed the universe" to find Black teachers. He added that "There's just not a lot of 'black' people around," and that "...the clear majority of people in education are white females."³ The irony with these situations is that for some reason white decision makers never seem to look in the same place where Black people know where other Black people are. Sometimes it just makes a Black person wonder why they can't find us when all the Black people know where we are? "Clearly, more women are going into the field of television",

said Bob Henry, vice president and news director of KCAL. "If you look at some of the schools around the country, I think you'll find that the number of women enrolled in the courses leading to that career has increased dramatically." And minority women are said to have an advantage over their male counterparts because of the 'twofer' or 'double minority' syndrome.⁴ The dictionary definition of a 'twofer' is a person who belongs to two minority groups and can satisfy two quotas or appeals to two political constituencies, especially a Black woman who can be counted twice in a position she holds, as fulfilling a racial and a sexual quota.⁵ The term 'twofer' is extremely disparaging, condescending and belittling. Television stations are required by the Federal Communications Commission to detail their workforce demographics to show that they follow equal employment guidelines. Unfortunately, because the government is trying to implement fairness and justice by enacting Civil Rights and Equal Employment laws...

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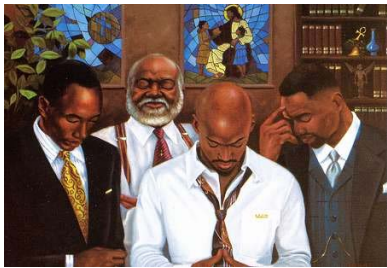
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

YET COUNT HIM NOT AS AN ENEMY, BUT ADMONISH HIM AS A BROTHER – 2 THESSALONIANS 3:15 KJV
... THE MEN OF ISRAEL ENCOURAGED EACH OTHER – JUDGES 20:23 ERV

[HTTP://WWW.SBCRCNY.ORG/MENS-FELLOWSHIP/](http://www.sbcrcny.org/mens-fellowship/)

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they have allowed racists and people with prejudices to create environments where they can satisfy the legalities imposed upon them with the price of "two for one". Many people believe that the "twofer" idea is inherent to the law because companies can hire a 'Black woman' and not have to hire a Black man or another woman. They've satisfied the legal requirement with the price of one for two. "When I was hired (at KNBC) in the early '70s, I counted for two slots--being a female and a minority," says Tritia Toyota, who now anchored the noon and 6 p.m. newscasts at KCBS. "If you're a man of color, you only count for one." KTLA's Amezcuca sounds a similar note, based on his days as a news anchor...



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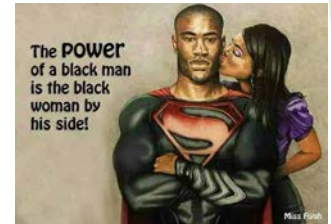
"The only temptation [or trials] that has come to you is that which everyone has (common to) human life",
1 Corinthians 10:13 EXB

"My old partner, Reynelda Muse, used to say that she could easily be looked at that way--that she was Black and female, and that looked good on the station's license renewal." Another explanation for the disparity between male and female minority anchors is more difficult to prove, but it crops up repeatedly in interviews with minorities in the field. According to some African Americans in the broadcast news industry, the white, male hiring establishment feels more comfortable seeing a white male sitting next to a minority female of KCBS, "that in his dealings, a lot of white men feel threatened by Black men. 'You're coming into my home, coming into my bedroom'--that kind of thing."

Statistics show that the 'twofer' idea exploded on the scene after the Civil Rights Act and Equal Employment Opportunity laws were passed.⁶ Organizations and companies tried to compensate by trying to find ways to implement the laws with little impact to their company norms. First it was quotas and now they could satisfy the quotas with the 'twofers'. Some say that this problem is more of a spiritual conflict that is played out on a practical level. Laws force racists and those with prejudices to operate in silence behind closed doors. The 'twofer' idea is a cunning and crafty way of the world, "by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to

deceive", **Ephesians 4:14 KJV**. The world uses cunning craftiness to give the impression of fairness while at the same time ensuring that they keep their own best interests in the forefront. People are slowly learning that these tactics have consequences. In an article written by Janis Prince Inniss, "Diary of a Mad Black Woman? Double Minority Status and (Un/Under) Employment", she exposes the false idea that black women were supposedly going to benefit from the fact that they are 'twofers', fitting a double minority advantage that allows companies and organizations to demonstrate their diversity initiatives in action by checking off two boxes, African American and female.⁷ The truth is that it causes more friction and conflict than benefit. Inniss said that a white middle-aged male acquaintance claimed that if he was the right race and right gender he would not be unemployed. It's the same argument Black men use to describe their own plight but statistics are showing that being Black and female is no guarantee of employment. The truth is that the unemployment rate among Blacks is the highest in the United States for both men and women.⁸ When King Nebuchadnezzar and King Darius changed the laws of the land because of the faithfulness and Godly obedience of Daniel and his friends, it did not eliminate the enemy. In the same way, when the Civil Rights Act of the United States was passed and made into law, it did not eliminate hate groups

As a matter of fact, the Mississippi Sovereign Commission which was created by the State of Mississippi to offset the efforts of Civil Rights organizations used Black men as spies in covert operations to keep tabs on the secret meetings and gatherings of Civil Rights organization in the 1950s and 1960s.⁹ In the same way, companies that have very little diversity can claim that they are obeying the laws when they make efforts to find the simplest, quickest and easiest ways to do that by just hiring 'twofers'. Just like the manipulation and deception of secret spies there's also continued deception and manipulation of laws to help those that are still negatively impacted the most.



Black people that get hired by white employment decision makers may initially benefit by their new jobs but eventually if Black women don't see any Black men in the business or company then it may be a wise thing to question why. If Black men don't see Black women in the business or in the company it could be a wise thing for them to ask why because it could be possible that Black men could be considered 'step-in fetch' type characters when there are no Black women around to support them. In November 1996, Texaco settled a \$176 million-dollar lawsuit, which at the time was considered the largest settlement of a racial discrimination lawsuit...

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Black folks need to keep in mind that when they leave the office many of their white office colleagues go into a different world where most Black folks don't have the same inner circles and friends. Sometimes the only thing that we know about other races of people is what we see on television or read about while surfing the web. In many cases, the doctrines and ideas that Black folks and white folks get every Sunday are totally two different messages and teachings.¹² The mindsets coming back into the office on Monday morning could be totally divergent of one other and many times Black folks have their strategies about how to survive the week while white folks have their own plans. A lot of times those folks that we spend time with over the weekends and in church and at parties and at family gatherings are not the same people we see in the office during the rest of the week. Lots of times these types of situations can lead to hostility when conflicts arise. It's hard to resolve conflicts with people that have very little interests in one another outside the job. The strongest black relationships are those relationships where Black men and Black women work together as a team supporting one another. This basic principle was first found in the church where men and women are brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, *"The elder women as mothers; the younger as sisters, with all purity"*, [1 Timothy 5:2 KJV](#). In the church, Black men would not let anyone outside the Christian family harm the Black women and Black women would not let anyone harm their Black men. One of the reasons why Satan spends overtime in trying to destroy the

What will our children's future be like?

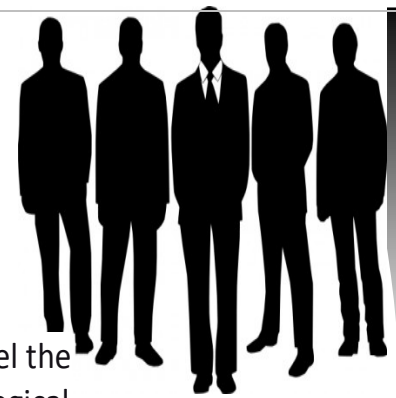
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relationships of Black men with Black women is because, ultimately, he wants to destroy the Black family. One of the primary reasons why the Civil Rights movement was successful in America was because of the strength of the Black family, Black men and Black women working together as a team, *"Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered"*, [1 Peter 3:7 KJV](#). It is important that we, as Black men, have strong relationships with the women in our lives. Not only the women in our immediate families, as Apostle Paul wrote in [1 Timothy 5:2 KJV](#) but also the women in our Christian families, just as Apostle Peter wrote in [1 Peter 3:7 KJV](#) while he was bishop of Rome (or Bishop of Antioch).¹³ The reason why these scriptures are especially important to us and our families is because the woman in man's life was the first human relationship that he encountered after his initial relationship with God in the garden of Eden,

***"THAT WE HENCEFORTH BE NO MORE CHILDREN, TOSSED TO AND FRO, AND CARRIED ABOUT WITH EVERY WIND OF DOCTRINE, BY THE SLEIGHT OF MEN, AND CUNNING CRAFTINESS, WHEREBY THEY LIE IN WAIT TO DECEIVE"*, [EPHESIANS 4:14 KJV](#).**

"And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam, and he slept: and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof; And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from man, made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. And Adam said, this is now bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh: she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man. Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh", [Genesis 2:21-24 KJV](#). The Lord said Himself that it was not good for men to be alone, *"And the LORD God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him an help meet for him"*, [Genesis 2:18 KJV](#). Unfortunately, Satan and his wicked emissaries are working overtime to destroy our closest and most intimate relationships. Especially, it seems, Black families. His ultimate weapon is lying deception which is used in the beginning and has always used. It's overt for the ignorant and covert when used against the wise and knowledgeable. Whereas God's people survive by using caution, wisdom, and open honesty, Satan, on the other hand uses hidden vices and *veiled* deceptions to manipulate and deceive the world, *"That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind*



of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive", [Ephesians 4:14 KJV](#). Black folks need to know that even though we may be able to claim Civil Right successes in the past, in modern times, Satan's deception has developed into a more sophisticated level of wickedness. It's fitting that the terms that are being used now parallel the current progress in the world's sociological and technological advances. People have heard of democracy and theocracy but very few people have heard of meritocracy. A meritocracy is an elite group of people who progress based on ability and talent rather than on class privilege or wealth. These types of system rewards and advances people based on their abilities and talents. Combine this system with privilege and wealth and these elements become potent weapons and tools for any people in power and authority. Unfortunately, for the poor and disadvantage it creates an environment where their standard of living continuously deteriorates until they become the subservient or the same as slaves. Unfortunately, for Black folks many of these societal ills show up in common and familiar forms of racism and prejudices at all levels, even today in modern America.

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When many of us thought that we had overcome and put this hatred behind us, it just seems like it has turned around and headed back in the wrong direction. What in the world are we giving to our children to look forward to? What will their future be like? Are we living in a true meritocracy along with people that also enjoy the privileges of wealth? Mark Milian from Cable News Network (CNN) asks this question in his article, "Do Black Tech Entrepreneurs Face Institutional Bias?"¹⁴ According to Milian the clear majority of top executives in leading technical companies are white men. Technical research firms have found that only about 1% of entrepreneurs who received venture capital in 2010 were black. In an interview for CNN's documentary,

"Black in America: The New Promised Land: Silicon Valley",¹⁵ influential technical blogger, Michael Arrington, said, "I don't know a single black entrepreneur." The common argument that is always used to explain away why black people are not getting good jobs in lucrative industries is that "no one knows any black people to hire". The truth is that this is "*the sleight of men with cunning craftiness, wait to deceive*" at work. The sad truth is that we are living in the computer age and a technological society and the old back-woods terms to describe the prejudices that are prevalent in today's world don't apply anymore. It's called 'pattern matching' and most people have never heard the term.¹⁶ Pattern matching comes from a computer-science exercise in which a system looks for common attributes within reams of data. Its companion is 'pattern recognition', a term that some investors use interchangeably but which describes a less precise method. In the business of investing, pattern matching defines a technique for figuring out which human traits, corporate makeup and financial projections are foundations for the next big internet success story or major company owner. The criteria can include a founder's track record, personality type and alma mater, which market the company is targeting and how its peers are performing, and how quickly the business is expected to grow and begin collecting revenue. Commonly, these successful founders are white computer-science graduates of elite schools. Much of the system of pattern matching is not far removed from the systems that black fraternities and social own "brothers in the hood".

organizations use to look out for their own members of the sisterhood and brotherhood or how street gangs protect their 'Pattern matching' is basically the same type of system as secret societies whose ultimate source or heart is found in old fashion idolatry where many of the top venture-capital firms use the same form of 'pattern matching', but no two use precisely the same data sets. Like secret organizations, the firms typically don't disclose what exactly goes into their formulas because they see their patterns as trade secrets. Their 'trade secrets' are not far removed from the ritualistic secrets of secret social organizations, sororities and fraternities. Many critics claim that 'pattern matching', which favors the status quo over change, is a *veiled* form of racism. The world's system is the antithesis of God's kingdom. The world system is built on ambition. J. Oswald Sanders says in his 1967 book about "Spiritual Leadership", that the desire to excel is the motivation that determines ambition's character. Sanders further says that ambition means campaigning for promotion. The leaders of the world's system are the personifications of these sinful characteristics and they exercise their dominion over the people of their nations who become their subjects or citizens. This is customary among all the nations on earth. The leaders of nations on the earth raise their favorite people to high ranking posts of trust, power and authority that they give over others, "*You've observed how godless rulers throw their weight around, how quickly a little power goes to their heads. It's not going to be that way with you. Whoever wants to be great must become*

a servant. Whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave. That is what the Son of Man has done: He came to serve, not be served—and then to give away his life in exchange for the many who are held hostage", **St. Matthew 20:25 The Message.**



One of the greatest American sociologist, Dr. Charles Wright Mills (August 28, 1916 – March 20, 1962) wrote often in the 1930's through 1950's about the power of the world's elite.¹⁷ In 1964, The Society for the Study of Social Problems established the C. Wright Mills Award for the book that "best exemplifies outstanding social science research and a great understanding of the individual and society in the tradition of the distinguished sociologist, C. Wright Mills." In 1995, Melvin L. Oliver and Thomas M. Shapiro won the C. Wright Mills Award for their work on, "Black Wealth/White Wealth: A New Perspective on Racial Inequality".¹⁸ Dr. Mills says in one of his most famous writings, 'The Politics of Truth', written in 1948, that the centralization of decision *making* and the related growth of dependence are not confined to armies, although that is where they may be seen in their most immediate form. Organized irresponsibility is a leading feature of modern industrial societies everywhere. On every hand, the individual is confronted with seemingly remote organizations and he feels dwarfed and helpless. If the small business man escapes being turned into an employee of a chain or a corporation, one has only to listen to his pleas for help before small business committees to realize his dependence.

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Black men need to be in Bible Study!!!

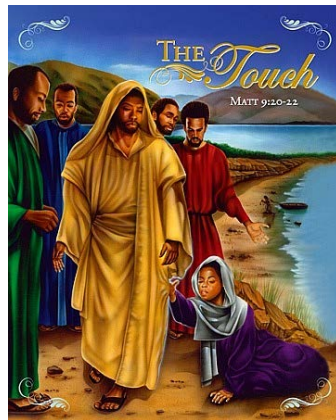
Join the brothers every Monday at 7 PM for men's fellowship

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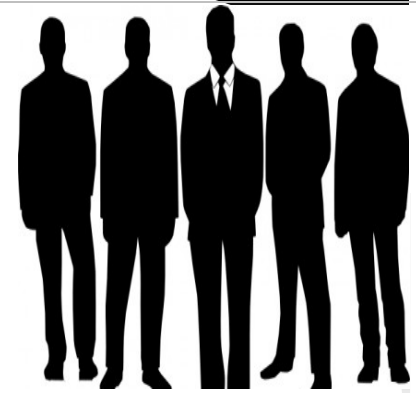
Organized irresponsibility is a leading feature of modern industrial societies everywhere. On every hand, the individual is confronted with seemingly remote organizations and he feels dwarfed and helpless. If the small business man escapes being turned into an employee of a chain or a corporation, one has only to listen to his pleas for help before small business committees to realize his dependence. More and more people are becoming dependent salaried workers who spend the most alert hours of their lives being told what to do. In climactic times like the present, dominated by the need for swift action, the individual feels dangerously lost. As the London Economist recently remarked, "The British citizen should be an ardent participant in his public affairs; he is little more than a consenting spectator who draws a distinction between 'we' who sit and watch and 'they' who run the state." Such are the general frustrations of contemporary life. For the intellectual who seeks a public for his thinking—and he must support himself somehow—these general frustrations are made acute by the fact that in a world of organized irresponsibility the difficulty of speaking one's mind has increased for those who do not speak popular pieces. If the writer is the hired man of an "information industry," his general aims are, of course, set by the decisions of others and not by his own integrity. But the freedom of the so-called free-lance is also minimized when he goes to the market; if he does not go, his freedom is without public value. Between the intellectual and his potential public stand technical, economic, and social structures which are owned and operated

God's kingdom is established in a different manner than the world's system.

"On every hand, the individual is confronted with seemingly remote organizations and he feels dwarfed and helpless",
 Dr. Charles Wright Mills, The Politics of Truth, 1948



by others. God's kingdom is established in a different manner than the world system. God places everyone on the same level. The rich, the poor, the learned, the unlearned, the bond and the free are all equal in God's kingdom. Jesus Christ is the most distinguished in God's kingdom because Jesus shows the most humility, has the deepest sense of his unworthiness, and he has the most earnest desire to promote the welfare of his brethren. We have access to the Father, God, by going through His Son, Jesus. Black folks must realize that it is impossible to withstand the forces of the enemy, especially in the world's system, without God on our side. All the stories of victory in the Holy Bible were accomplished by God's people by His power. We will not be able to overcome the scourge of hatred, racism, the cunning and craftiness of manipulative techniques and ideologies that have been mentioned this writing like "pattern matching" and "twofer" without God's power through His Holy Spirit. We can cry racism all we want and blame the societal problems in our communities



"SON OF MAN, SPEAK TO THE CHILDREN OF THY PEOPLE, AND SAY UNTO THEM, WHEN I BRING THE SWORD UPON A LAND, IF THE PEOPLE OF THE LAND TAKE A MAN OF THEIR COASTS, AND SET HIM FOR THEIR WATCHMAN: IF WHEN HE SEETH THE SWORD COME UPON THE LAND, HE BLOW THE TRUMPET, AND WARN THE PEOPLE; THEN WHOSOEVER HEARETH THE SOUND OF THE TRUMPET, AND TAKETH NOT WARNING; IF THE SWORD COME, AND TAKE HIM AWAY, HIS BLOOD SHALL BE UPON HIS OWN HEAD.", **EZEKIEL 33:2-4 KJV.**

as much as we want on prejudice but if we obey God's Word the we will have the power to claim victory over these evil conflicts. If we love and encourage one another then we will have the strength to endure these wicked challenges. If we love our children and our women including our wives, daughters, sisters and those in our Christian family then we will have stronger communities.¹⁹ But if we continue to disobey the warnings that we hear every Sunday morning during worship services from the pulpit then we will be destroyed by the enemy which sometimes, like in the Book of Job, was sent by the Lord Himself, "Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman: If when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; Then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning; if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head.", **Ezekiel 33:2-4 KJV.**

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²⁰ <https://www.bls.gov/news.release/empst.t02.htm>
²¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mississippi_State_Sovereignty_Commission
²² http://articles.latimes.com/1996-11-16/news/mn-65290_1_texas-settles-race-bias-suit
²³ [US District Court Summons in a Civil Action No. 11 5964 dated December 7, 2011](https://www.courts.mn.gov/US-District-Court-Summons-in-a-Civil-Action-No.-11-5964-dated-December-7,-2011)
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²⁶ <https://www.cnn.com/2011/11/11/tech/innovation/black-tech-entrepreneurs/index.html>
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²⁸ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pattern_matching
²⁹ Charles Wright Mills, The Politics of Truth: Selected Writings of C. Wright Mills, page 19, Oxford University Press.
³⁰ <https://www.amazon.com/Black-Wealth-White-Perspective-Inequality/dp/0415951674>
³¹ <http://atlantablackstar.com/2014/11/10/10-reasons-why-black-women-are-insanely-in-love-with-black-men/>
³² <http://amandatokin.com>
³³ <http://blogspot.com/2011/05/everyone-needs-hand-to-hold-on-to.html>

S. Ridley, December 22, 2016



Everyone needs a hand to hold on to
 Amanda Tonkin-Hill²⁰

"...after the face, hands are the most expressive part of the human body...I was walking with my daughter holding hands and she made a remarkable comment to me that we were holding hands wrong. This prompted me to paint some...oil paintings of the different manner in which people hold hands. We all hold hands differently in the way which we reach out to touch one another...Most about the series seemed to have little to do with the quality of the individual painting and far more to do with how people responded to the manner in which hands were touching one another. We are all so very different in what appeals to us and how we relate to each other, but I still think that in the end, everyone needs a hand to hold on to."

22nd May 2011 by [Amanda Tonkin-Hill](http://AmandaTonkinHill.com)

FOOTNOTES:

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² <http://abc7chicago.com/about/newsteam/hoseo-sanders/>
³ <http://www.liherald.com/stories/Maiverne-School-District-Cleared-in-teacher-discrimination-suit.74684?>
⁴ <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Two-fer>
⁵ <http://www.dictionary.com/browse/twofer>
⁶ <https://www.google.com/#q=twofer&start=0>



FEBRUARY IS MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MONTH

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH, ROCKVILLE CENTRE, N.Y.

A MESSAGE TO THE BROTHERS – "IT STARTS WITH US"



If we want strong relationships, strong marriages, and strong communities then we need men like Gideon, "And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him, and said unto him, The LORD is with thee, thou mighty man of valour", **Judges 6:11-13 KJV** or Jeroboam, "And the man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valour: and Solomon seeing the young man that he was industrious, he made him ruler over all the charge of the house of Joseph", **1 Kings 11:28 KJV**. The dictionary defines valour as boldness or determination in facing great danger. God calls these heroic men in the Holy Bible 'mighty men of valour' because they have the characteristics of courage and bravery. Our women and children need these type

of men in families, in homes, in schools, in churches and in our communities. How do our women and children get these types of men in their lives? It starts with us. And where do we need to start? We need to start with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Jesus is the personification of courage and bravery. What was it about Jesus that made him such a 'man of valour'? He was obedient even to the death and he encourages us to be also obedient until death. 'Men of valour' don't destroy one another with their words or actions but they do like Jesus and encourage one another, "He appointed the priests to their offices and encouraged them in the service of the house of the LORD", **2 Chronicles 35:2 ESV**. Criticism, disputes, divisions and gossip destroy but encouragement strengthens, "But charge Joshua, and encourage him, and strengthen him...", **Deuteronomy 3:28 KJV**. This encouragement is displayed during our time together at Men's Fellowship every Monday at 7 P.M. There's no better time to build one another and strengthen each other to take on the challenges of the world than during the times that we come together at Men's Fellowship.

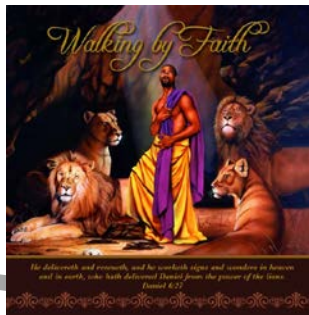
The month of February has been designated as Men's Fellowship month. This month the men of Shiloh Baptist Church in Rockville Centre, New York and other brothers from visiting churches and men in the local community will come together to encourage one another and strengthen each other, "And the people the men of Israel **encouraged** themselves, and set their battle again in array in the place where they put themselves in array the first day", **Judges 20:22 KJV**. With Jesus Christ on our side and the encouragement of the brothers there's no problem, conflict or challenge that we can't claim victory over. "It starts with us."

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MARCH 2017

FOCUS ON PRAYER

THE LANGUAGE OF PRAYER



“Think about this: Has there ever been a church that exemplified God’s love? If not, His standard is too high. Is there historical evidence that a church has done what Jesus said? Is it possible for any Church to do it? If there has been any Church that has done it, then we are without excuse, because He commanded it. If a Church has done it, then our excuse is just that— an excuse.”

Pastor Washington
Revival, May 16, 2011

It is continually through our walk through the Book of Psalms that Pastor has taught us so eloquently, and preached, that prayer is talking to God. And when we approach Him we ought to talk to Him based on who he is. He is EL; Jehovah; I Am. His covenant name is Jehovah. He is self-sustaining. He is self-maintaining. He needs nothing outside of Himself to exist. The literal meaning of His name is, “I Be!” He is, because He is. He is the “IS-NESS” of God. The fact that He “IS” causes Him to be active, and He specializes in taking nothing and making something out of it, and that is His creative power on display. How then do we, who have been made something by the One with creative Power, talk to Him. What language do we use? What do we say? In the Book of

Psalms, David has been our example of how to talk to God, and not so much by instruction, but more by relationship. Have you ever been in a prayer setting, and wanted to pray but did not. Why not? Did you think that what you had to say was not important? Or that your speaking was not eloquent enough; that your prayer would sound elementary? I have had all those fears and concerns, and I have sat in many prayer meetings where I lacked the boldness to pray. In those times, while prompted to say something to God (To Pray) what I had to say seemed inadequate, beyond a simple “Thank You!” But the language of prayer is just that; the prompting of the Spirit of God in your heart to compel you to speak to Him out of the abundance of your heart; to burst out in praise, song,

word or worship, in your own unique way. Knowing the Word of God is important when talking to Him, because it reminds you & Him of His promises. It’s not that He forgets, but rather that you be reminded that He has not forgotten you. Over the years we have had lectures on prayer; numerous prayer breakfasts, and sat in many prayer seminars. We have read & studied many books, and prayer methods, and still, what God requires most of us (time spent in fellowship with Him) we find difficult to do. But we’re learning from David in the Psalms, that talking to God ought to be as simple as talking to an old friend, based on relationship. And in those times when we don’t know what to pray, we have an advocate; an intercessor who speaks on our behalf. Perfect loves casts out all fear, and God wants our focus to be on the One who blesses, and not what people think about how we pray.

THE LANGUAGE OF PRAYER

If I don’t know you, I may consider time spent with you as unimportant. Our conversation, indeed our prayer with God is the same. It’s built on relationship, and it works the same way. How do we build relationships? How do we get to know one another; or to a place where we’re not just passing one another by? By stopping to look at self;

Seeing who I really am. Knowing my own strengths, and weaknesses. By recognizing my own needs. When I am confident of who I am, and when I can confess my own faults, I have no need to fear you. Our prayer life with Jesus is the same way— seeing ourselves in light of who He is, helps us in our prayers, and in our communication with Him.

We can come boldly to His throne. We can come casting all of our cares upon Him. We can enter into His gates with Thanksgiving and into His courts with praise— and we can leave it all on the altar as a sweet savor and sacrifice to Him. We ought to do it often, and with courage and the confidence of knowing that God Hears Us. He cares for us. And even if delayed, He will Answer!

MARCH 2017 MONTHLY FOCUS IS PRAYER

SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH

**"Be still and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen,
I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10 KJV**

THE LACK OF PRAYER

If I am intimidated by the prayers of others (corporately or privately) and fail to enter into relationship with Christ, first by receiving His free gift of salvation, and then failing to forsake the assembling of myself with other believers, there is a tendency to miss out on so much because we only pray by ourselves. Yet when Jesus gave us the model for prayer, He emphasized praying together.. "Our Father...give us this day...Lead us not into temptation (Matt.6:9-13 KJV) There is power in group prayer. Likewise, if we are failing to grow in His Word, we might live a life of hopelessness- like an eagle in a hen house- not knowing that if I just start flapping my wings- I can fly above all that would keep me down.

When we pray we should be persistent in our Prayers. God is not a vending machine, waiting to spit out answers instantly. So we are to keep praying even when we have no answer. It's important to remember that when you make a request to God, He always wants to answer in a bigger, better way than you've prayed. If you're asking too small He may delay, because He wants to give you something bigger and better, but He has to prepare you first for it. A delayed response gives you time to clarify exactly what you want, and refines your prayers. It separates deep longings from mere whims. We can be confident in our prayers, when we realize that insemination is where life begins. Birth is where life

evolves; and Eternal life in Christ is guaranteed New Life with Him, forever. Prayer is the way we talk to Him now- but in Eternity, we will be face to face... with Him. What will you say to Him, then?

~Gardon



"The greatest gift ever given to man is Jesus Christ. The greatest gift a parent could ever give their children is to introduce them to Jesus!" Christ!"

~Bro. Beau Gardon~



COME, LET US PRAY!

NEVER STOP
PRAYING

ALWAYS
BELIEVE

Prayer, with its manifold and many-sided forces, helps the mouth to utter the truth in its fullness and freedom. A holy mouth is made by praying, by much praying; a brave mouth is made by praying, by much praying. Praying gives sense, brings wisdom, broadens and strengthens the mind. The

best, the greatest offering is an offering of prayer. Prayer has no magic, potent charm in itself, but is only all potent because it gets the Omnipotent God to grant its request. In the Christian system unction is the anointing of the Holy Spirit, separating unto God's work and qualifying for it. Preachers need the prayers of the people, and the people need the prayers of the preacher. Our Wednesday night prayer meeting and Bible study are under attended in comparison to our Sunday Morn-

ing Worship, and somehow the practice of corporate praying by the church has fallen into disuse or become discounted. Prayer, to the preacher, and to the congregation at large, is not done simply out of duty, or privilege but it is a necessity. It is an absolute necessity that the people pray for the preacher, and that the preacher pray for the people. God's call on us is to pray for the Man of God, that he may be able to meet his responsibilities that God has set him apart to do. This is our call to pray. Come Let us Pray!

JANUARY 2017

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1 <small>NEW YEAR'S DAY</small>	2	3	4	5	6	7
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5 <small>WORLD BIRTH DAY</small>	6	7	8	9	<small>DECEMBER</small>	<small>FEBRUARY</small>

FEBRUARY 2017

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19 <small>PAY PERIOD'S</small>	20 <small>WASHINGTON BIRTHDAY</small>	21	22	23	24	25
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MARCH 2017

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January – March 2017

“And the Lord said to me, ‘Write my answer on a billboard, large and clear, so that anyone can read it at a glance and rush to tell others.’”, Habakkuk 2:2 TLB

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IMPORTANT DATES

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Bible Study & Weekly Prayer Time-Wednesday, 7 PM Men's
Fellowship-Monday, 7:00 PM

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