

WORD LIVING

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OUR PURPOSE

Our purpose is to offer help to families with budgeting and planning. We assist families in obtaining knowledge and awareness of all human resources/ services available to them. We sponsor FREE seminars that coordinate various services to meet changing needs.

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WELCOME TO WORD LIVING 2016

“Challenge the Darkness” - Financial Wellness

As I reviewed past newsletters, Ecclesiastes 1:9-10 bears the truth even today. There is nothing new under the sun. Yet we fail to learn from the failures of history and repeat the same events expecting a different outcome.

We can make a change in 2016, by seeing the darkness for what it really is and how it influences our ability to walk by faith and not be sight.

2016 does not have to be a continuation of the past. We can understand the blessing that our Lord has for us by studying his word and obeying it based on trust and faith. When we obey God's word, we experience his peace, his presence, and his love.

We must remember from our study of the word, that the road to victory is not a quick journey, but a journey that requires sacrifices, faith, and obedience.

If the darkness is the absence of light and the light of God within us has the power to eliminate the darkness, then let the challenge begin.

“Challenge the Darkness” - Financial Wellness 2016

The word Poverty is general scarcity, dearth, or the state of one who lacks a certain amount of material possessions or money. It is a multifaceted concept, which includes social, economic, and political elements. Wikipedia

Poverty may be either absolute or relative. Absolute poverty refers to the lack of means necessary to meet basic needs such as food, clothing, and shelter.

Relative poverty takes into consideration individual social and economic status compared to the rest of society.

Perhaps, you think absolute poverty only exists in foreign countries, but the reality is, in the United States, per Hunger In America: 2015 United States Hunger and Poverty Facts noted:

IN 2013

- **14.3 percent of households (17.5 million households, approximately one in seven), were food insecure.**
- **5.6 percent of the U.S. households (6.8 million households) had very low food security.**
- **3.8 million households were unable at times during the year to provide adequate, nutritious food for their children.**
- **45.3 million people were in poverty.**
- **Poverty rate for Blacks was 27.2 percent, for Hispanics 23.5 percent, for Asians 10.5 percent and for non-Hispanic whites 9.6 percent.**
- **19.9 million Americans live in extreme poverty. This means their family's cash income is less than half of the poverty line, or about \$10,000 per year for a family of four.**

So, where do we begin? We begin at the very beginning where instructions for success and failures were revealed. The consequences of choice are the same now as it was before. It is time to choose wisely.

The state of possessing few if any material resources and little social influence is associated with the words poor and poverty.

In Old Testament, the Bible provides events that support the statement that poverty implies vulnerability to oppression and exploitation by the rich. This statement supports Ecclesiastes 1:9...there is nothing new under the sun.

From the Revell Bible Dictionary - the Hebrew words:

Dal – is a social term meaning the lower class

Ani – the powerlessness of the poor and best understood as “financial distress.”

Ebyon – desperate need

Together, these words paint a picture that those who lack financial resources have a lower quality of life and are vulnerable to those who take unfair advantage of their situation. Poverty robs the poor of their rights, respect, and of any role in shaping the society.

As we look to the word for ways to remedy poverty, we realize those who have rejected God’s warnings and continue to live outside of his will and/or those who reject help fall under the heading of “Self Imposed Poverty.” The term means there are some who are lazy, do not want to work – Proverbs 10:4; those who are drunkards, gluttons and will not change – Proverbs 23:21; and those who have uncontrolled addictions, a physiologically or psychologically dependent on a habit-forming substance or activity and will not seek or accept help. (Romans 6:16). The key is to seek the Lords guidance in ministering for there is great need.

The light of God’s word will guide us as we use the remedies recorded in the word to Challenge the Darkness - Financial Wellness in 2016.

The challenge continues as we by understanding the remedies (Justice, Gleaning, Loans, Tithes, Property Rights, and Voluntary Servitude) that God outlined in his word and how they can make a difference in 2016.

Until Next time, His steward – Karen Cheathem





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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2016

Presented by: 


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MONEY DAY
MICHIGAN

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MONEY DAY**
MUSKEGON

Saturday, January 30, 2016
11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Christ Temple Apostolic Church
412 E. Sherman, Muskegon, MI 49444

Financial Resource Fair
Representatives to discuss housing,
expungement, banking options
and much more!

FREE Food & Refreshments
Prizes

**Grand Prize Drawing
for a Tablet!**

Free Workshops:

- Manage your **money**
- Better **banking**
- Own your **home**
- Get **credit** smart
- Afford college
- Avoid **identity theft**

