



RELIGION

SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK:
II Thessalonians: Chapters 1, 2 & 3

Something Is Wrong

There is a certain heaviness that I feel. It's a feeling that seems to weigh me down in thought. And at the times, when I should—maybe feel in joy, this heaviness dampens my spirits.

It's almost as if I'm right at the door to happiness, but an incredible wind is blowing, preventing me from stepping through that door.

SOMETHING IS WRONG—I recognize that it may be impossible to be completely happy. There are always situations in our lives, whether past or present, that may come to mind; which could in our happiest moment bring tears to our eyes.

But the heaviness I feel is more than a sad thought that comes to mind—but, a constant burden that grieves my heart.

SOMETHING IS WRONG because the magnitude of this burden is increased when I wake up to the morning news and see my brothers and sisters faced down on the concrete, handcuffed, during a bust of a crack-house and notice the house on T.V. as the house directly across the street.

SOMETHING IS WRONG when I see our college graduates, former role models of our community, news making athletes, and those who have great potential in playing a vital part in the economic growth of our community, fall short and yield to the temptation of the drug that has changed the lives of many and in turn, has made our community one that is almost undesirable to live in.

SOMETHING IS WRONG ... **SOMETHING IS WRONG** when the name of a street and a color are the major factors in the division which will not allow us to express Brotherly Love and Mend a Love between Brothers. At this point, mentality is questioned because the logistics of unity seems incomprehensible to many.

SOMETHING IS WRONG when we as a community cannot define the word "UNITY" and lack recognizing the importance of stressing it among ourselves and our kids.



Todd Irving

I see some of the greatest entrepreneurs that America has ever produced in our community, but their business is one that provides products that brings out the extreme negative in our people.

These great businessmen provide the product that serves as a deterrent to prevent us from reaching our true potential in life.

They provide the product that plays an active part in forming Gangs and making Gang activity in our community one of great concern around the nation.

SOMETHING IS WRONG because at the cost of valuable lives, these great businessmen are attaining hundreds of thousands of dollars which to them is what they consider success.

This success is reality, is creating negative surroundings for the youth of tomorrow in which many will become products of their environment, at an even higher scale.

SUCCESS is not in the dollar bill. **SUCCESS** is the seeking of the way for a harmonious community, which will make for longevity of life and lessen the amount of untimely deaths among our youth.

SUCCESS is recognizing that something is wrong and recognizing the mess we've made. More importantly!

SUCCESS is coming to the realization that God can make what we now see as something wrong, something right.

Of course we've sought and pro-

vided alternatives and solutions, but we must first seek God and acquire in our hearts, his **mercy and unconditional love.**

THE SAME LOVE that his son, Jesus Christ had, even for those who crucified him.

THIS UNCONDITIONAL LOVE is one that is able to soften the hearts and open the eyes of gang members to help them realize that without the colors of clothing, and the names of streets, our skin tone identifies us as brothers. I believe **this love** is able to show gang members the significance of mending a **love between brothers** and the need for our community to produce more **quality young Black men** which will in turn, build for our community a better tomorrow.

GOD IS LOVE!

Todd Irving

My Goal

I do not live to reach the height
That many would call fame,
But pray that I may glorify
My Blessed Saviour's name;
Each day to share the love He gives,
To be a beacon bright
Upon the path where others grope
Their way in troubled night.
Oh how I pray for vision and
A song, when deep distress
Would overcome a troubled soul
Lost in the wilderness.
I pray to love, to reach, relieve
The ones who hunger for
The Bread of Life, the Fountain Pure,
As He waits to restore.
I pray that I can be that one
My Master would call "Friend,"
Who serves his fellowman in love,
God's Kingdom to extend.
Anna Lee Edwards McAlpin

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Psalm 34:3



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NOTED GOSPEL SINGER SHIRLEY CAESAR brings her spirit to the Durham, N.C. government as an elected member of its City Council.

Bringing her commitment to serve humanity to politics, renowned evangelist and gospel singer Shirley Caesar adds new life to the Durham, North Carolina city government, reports the December *EBONY*.

Ms. Caesar, who captured 65 percent of the vote in her run for a seat in the Durham City Council, assures supporters and fans however that she simply views her position as an opportunity to extend her ministry. "My main objective," she says, is to make sure we focus on the needy and not the greedy. I don't see it as politics, I just see it as being a concerned citizen," she adds.

Counting her dual careers as a blessing, Ms. Caesar has been mar-

ried for five years to Bishop Harold I. Williams, pastor of Mt. Calvary Holy Church in Winston-Salem, where she is co-pastor. She is also a five-time Grammy winner, whose current album topped Billboard's gospel music chart for nine weeks this summer.

In addition to an already full schedule, she also founded the Shirley Caesar Outreach Ministries, Inc., where she puts in 25 hours per week to provide food, clothing and monetary assistance to needy families in the area. "I felt that I'd been dealing with a lot of problems over the years from just the surface," she states. "I think now I can begin to work from the root."

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all men & holiness
without which no
man shall see the
Lord

HEBREWS 12:14

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Bible Band
Thursday: 7:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal
Sunday: 9:15 a.m. Sundry School
11:15 a.m. Morning Worship
6:30 p.m. Y.P.W.W.
8:00 p.m. Evangelistic Worship
Tuesday - Friday
Noon Day Prayer
Friday
7:30 p.m. "The Pastor Speaks"
Saturday
9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

