

RELIGION

Scripture Of The Week

"... If He calls you, you shall say, speak Lord, your servant hears you." *1 Samuel 3:9*

Ten Easy Principles To Debt Reduction

[excerpts from a sermon given by Rev. Kirkland, Minister of Finances-Ass't. Pastor of Bethel COGOC in Jacksonville, North Carolina]

"God wants a transformation to happen our life of finances--Rev. Kirkland

God has left us in charge as the stewards. Everything that we do is going to be tested and tried. To become debt-free, we must change our mind-set when it comes to our finances.

Catch The revelation Of tithes & Offering! Every week, we see people, all excited, skipping down to the light company and the water company to pay their bills with money that God has given to them. But--do you see anyone skipping down the isle to the offering trays or baskets? All God asks us for is ten percent (10%) of our gross earnings. At the beginning, not after you have spent all the money down to the bare-necessities.

When God sent His son, Jesus Christ, He did not send the scraps. He sent the best.

On Sunday mornings, you see people walking down to the offering table with wrinkled-up faces, fumbling through their purses and wallets, grumbling under their breath or to

their neighbor... All this because God loved them so much that He Gave his only begotten Son. So--why is it so hard for us to give unto the Lord a portion of what he has given to us?

When you give, you must give of the first-fruit. Let your offering, to the Lord, be the first thing to be deducted from your earnings. Not just the milk-but, the cream off the top.

Every Christian Believer can be debt-free by binding the strong man in his/her life. His name is "Debt". Satan has taken that ball and has scored-many a touchdown. We just nickel and dime God to

death. Like He doesn't know any better. We have freely received without paying a thing. Let us also--freely give. Give back to the Lord what is rightfully His anyway. [Matthew 10:8]

However, I caution you. It is better for you to keep your offering--if you have grumbling hearts. Read Deuteronomy 28:47-48. "The Lord blessed you in every way, but you would not serve him with glad and joyful hearts. So then, you will serve the enemies that the Lord is going to send against you. You will be hungry, thirsty, and naked--in need of everything. The Lord will oppress you harshly until you are destroyed."

Ten Steps How To Become Debt Free

1. Commit to God--Now!
2. Stop increasing your debt--by paying off one and opening up another charge account.
3. Commit to tithing 10% of ALL income that you receive.
4. Tithe the first-fruit of your increase.
5. Plant seeds for your harvest by giving regularly & without forethought.
6. Itemize your current debts. By adding the interest cost to your scheduled payment amount, you can pay your bill off faster.
7. Consolidate your bills to the lowest credit card or creditor. Begin rapid pay-off by beginning with the smallest bill.
8. Sell all unused items around the house to help reduce debt.
9. After paying off all our small debts, add that payment to the next lowest debt until it is paid-in-full.
10. Once the smaller bills have been paid, roll-over payments to larger debts, like: house notes, cars, siding, and etc.

Give unto the Lord as the poor widow had "Cast in all the living that she had." [St. Luke 21:1-4]

Praise God with what he has given unto you. Just remember--Much given--Much received, Little given--Little received, Nothing given--Nothing received. Praise ye the Lord!

Elder T.N. Noffa, Jr.

Rev. Tommie Noffa, Jr. was born August 6, 1924 to the late Tommie N. Noffa, Sr. and Nelle Belle Davis in Tulsa, Oklahoma. God loved him best and relieved him from the suffering of this world. Rev. Noffa completed his final chapter in the book of this life on April 6, 1993.

He was ordained in the ministry with the Church of the Living God (C.W.F.F.) in September, 1964, under Bishop P.H. Coleman in Los Angeles, California. He worked diligently throughout the Church of The Living God brotherhood with the late Chief F.C. Scott, Bishop Spurlock and his long time friend and district Bishop, Bishop Jeff Ruffin. He also served in the Church of The Living God (P.G.T.) for a number of years before coming to the Church of The Living God

(C.W.F.F.)

He was pastor of temple #12 in Fresno, California for over 5 years. He constructed and spearheaded the building of the church in Fresno. He was given the charge to pastor here in Portland, temple #102, where he served over 15 years as pastor. He was involved in various organizations throughout the city including the Albina Ministerial Alliance.

He received his formal education in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He received his formal christian education and ministerial training at Life Bible College under the teaching of the late Dr. Vernon McGee and Dale Carnegie University. He attended and completed tradeschool as a carpenter. He furthered his training and became a licensed general contractor. He also

served in the U.S. Army during world War II.

Rev. Noffa was a devoted and faithful servant of God. His has left his loving wife Berverly J. Noffa, sons: Lee Carter, Herman Johnson and Jamal Patton; daughters: Christine Carter and Arsema Patton; brothers: Alfonso, Truman and Sonny; brothers-in-laws: Del Campbell, Wesley Riley, Lee Rance Riley and Steven Riley; sister-in-laws: Vera Noffa, Mary Taylor, Janis Wright, Carolyn Martin and Debra Riley; a daughter-in-law: Linda Carter; fifteen grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends who include Evang. Emma Baxter grandmother and his Church of The Living God family who were richly blessed through his administration, teaching and fellowship.

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REFLECTIONS

We Are Listening Lord

Let's remember Samuel, the child who lived with the old priest Eli, serving God in the Tabernacle. How puzzled the child must have felt one night when he was sleeping and he heard a voice calling him as he went to Eli, and have the old priest tell him, "Go back to sleep, I have not called you." After several calls, and Eli each time saying, "No I did not call you", the child must have begin to think something was wrong with himself or the old priest. When Eli finally realized that God was speaking, he instructed the child to answer, "Speak, Lord, for I am listening." God did speak to Samuel. He not only spoke to him that night, but for the remainder of his life.

Just like God spoke to Samuel, could it be conceivable that he speaks to us too? But maybe his voice is drowned out by our T.V.s, our own conversations, our children, our jobs, our busy schedules or our own unending thoughts? We have probably heard His voice and never even

realized or recognized it.

Maybe it was God who spoke to us in that slight tremor in the voice of that normally self-assured always on the ball friend, trying to alert us to a hurt within them. Could it have the voice of God that led our friend to call us the other day when we were feeling a little under the weather? Could it have been His voice that sometimes leads us to say, "You know something told me not to go that way"? "You know, I felt like something was wrong, I just felt strange". How about the sunrises, the sunsets, the rainstorms, the rainbows, the thunder, the snowfalls, the tornados, the hurricanes, yes even the earthquakes?

Every morning when we awaken and arise--could it be? Yes our God still speaks.

Where and when did we hear Him last? Will we hear Him today?

Let's listen for the gentle sound of his beckoning. It's a matter of, "Speak, Lord, we are listening."

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Pastor, Rev. James C.E. Faulkner
Theme: Whatever you going to do for the Lord, **do it now.**
I Peter iv. 11