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# LIVING ON PURPOSE

DAUGHTERS OF ZION WOMEN OF PURPOSE MENTORING PROGRAM

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Workshops held on Aug. 9th at the New Carrollton Library in New Carrollton, MD.

10 am–2pm

The Road Ahead –To complete a specific set of course that will help teens succeed after high school.

Achievement Counts-To learn how to get and keep a job and progress at work.

## IS THERE A CRACK IN OUR FOUNDATION?

Here is a question that I've asked myself over and over again. Though I've come up with many answers, I have found it's not the answer to the question that is important, rather, what will I do with answer.

I too have found myself on the side of wanting to point the finger and place blame either on a failing system, the lack of parenting skills, or perhaps the messages that are being sent across the airwaves of our televisions, radios, or even the big screens. I believe there should be a level of accountability that we as adults should first have in contributing to the lives of those in and outside of our communities. I know this seems virtually impossible because we have allowed the behavior of some to misdirect our time, attention, and focus on their faults rather than seeing their needs. Here at D.O.Z Women of Purpose Mentoring Program, we understand that "It takes one to teach one; touch one and one can change a generation."

I believe that we all stand in agreement when I say there is truly a crack in our foundation

and there is need of repair. Here is where the challenge comes in. What will you and I do to contribute in making life changing decisions that will not just affect our household, but the households in our communities. We must lead by example on our jobs, at the grocery store, on the subway, in the parking lot, so forth and so on. The harvest is plenty, but the laborers are few. We must find our way out of the comfort of our homes, churches, social groups, and clicks, and labor amongst those that are crying out for our love and affection. Society is swamped with the cry of those who are searching to find some form of significance without age, race, or religion being a respecter of its cry.

How do I support this theory? Take a look at all of the reality shows that we are bombarded with, along with every type of support group that one can imagine. Our young women believe if they bare all, it will grant them access to gain time, attention, and maybe affection. I once heard a young man state that it was more to life than a big butt and a smile and that has forever been engraved in my mind and heart. Don't get me

wrong, never am I suggesting that one shouldn't watch television or even attend a support group or be fashionable, but I believe that the cry for significance goes deeper than the naked eye can see, it's the emptiness of ones soul that's crying out. It's the need to feel love, affirmation, acceptance and a sense of belonging that bridged a gap between us and them. As a pastor once said, people need to see grace with skin on it, which simply means we must learn to be the arms and legs of Christ and display the character of God. I once read that everyone makes mistakes, and all mistakes are different, but the grace, love, mercy, compassion and forgiveness is given freely to all. So here I hope to encourage you today to become an active participant, no longer wanting to maintain just being a spectator of life, but wanting to be on the playing field. So let's find our way back to the basics of living life with morals, principles, respect and the reverence of God that our families and communities were built upon.

Genesis 1:27

So God created man in his own image, so in the image of God he created him male and female. He created them.

Proverbs 30:31

Charm is deceptive and beauty is fleeting, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

### BACK TO THE BASICS

Here is what I found that will help clear any myths or opinions of the importance of having a firm foundation and following the original plan of God going back to basics.

Basics—most important  
Without extra— without or before the addition of anything extra

Foundation— support for building

- Keep something or somebody stable— to keep something or somebody upright or in place, or prevent something or somebody from failing
- Give active help and encouragement
- Be present and give encouragement
- Give assistance or comfort— to give assistance or comfort to somebody in difficulty or distress

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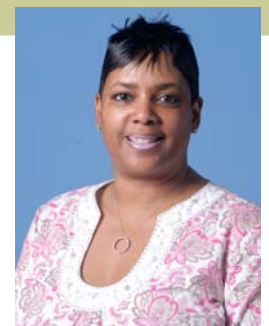
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**TO ADD HOPE, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND ENRICHMENT TO THE LIVES OF YOUNG TEENAGE WOMEN.**

Daughters of Zion Women of Purpose is an outreach mentoring program designed for young teen girls that provides a challenging, culturally enriching and wholesome mentoring experience for our young teenage women.

Our commitment is to add value to the lives of others by empowering our young teenage women and help them focus on their strengths, gain self-awareness, develop skills and strategies for their own personal development. These necessary adjustments could afford us new opportunities to continue to be a tool that will contribute to the lives of others.



Wanda Freeman, Founder

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