



D.O.Z ~ W.O.P.

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# LIVING ON PURPOSE

DAUGHTERS OF ZION WOMEN OF PURPOSE MENTORING PROGRAM

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- D.O.Z~W.O.P Workshop  
Saturday, July 12th from  
10 a.m.—2 p.m. at the New  
Carrollton Library, in New  
Carrollton, MD. We will be  
viewing and discussing the  
documentary "Souls of  
Black Girls"

## DISCOVERING WHO YOU ARE

Living in a world today where our young teenage women are being defined by what they have, wear, live, or have experienced, keeps them in search of trying to make sense out of this thing called life.

Many have lost hope, self-worth and respect for themselves as well as others. Our young people have found themselves torn between two worlds; that of what they should be living, and that which they live. Some have skipped right over adolescence and have been thrust right into womanhood without the experience or proper guidance that would prepare them for such a great task.

Faced with so many challenges,

not to mention the power of influence that is being sent across the airwaves; be it radio, television, video games, movies or otherwise. There is a heartfelt cry that can be heard from around the world. 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.

Am I suggesting that these things alone are a direct cause of our young people having difficulty in discovering who they really are? By all means, No! Rather, I would suggest that we, parents, guardians, caregivers, mentors, teachers, etc., step up to the plate and become more involved in assisting our young women so that they may live life on purpose.



## IS BEAUTY REALLY SKIN DEEP?

Ever since I can remember, I have always lived with the threat of being overlooked. Why? Because I didn't feel pretty or smart enough. Not to mention that looking at me from behind, one surely would not have known that I was a sista. I lacked the "junk in the trunk" so to speak. Though voted "Most Likely to Succeed",

(what a bummer), who wanted to be successful? I wanted to be popular! I wanted to be accepted, affirmed and approved. So I lived life trying to erase any signs of ever fulfilling such a statement. So what did I do? I'm glad you asked; I rejected anything that I thought would work for me. I learned to perform, seek

attention and acceptance by way of dressing up the outside, while ignoring what was happening on the inside. In other words, I paid close attention to the things that had no value at all, while ignoring that which would govern my life and my spirit; the thing that defined the true essence of who I really was. I was truly a

IS BEAUTY REALLY SKIN DEEP CONT'D

Woman filled with purpose and meaning. I was created in the image of God and endowed with intelligence. So to all my young ladies who may be reading this , whether you are 9 or 99, your beauty starts from within. So the answer is YES beauty really is skin deep. Don't ever compare yourself to another, because you are a DESIGNER'S ORIGINAL and don't you forget it!



You Go Beautiful!

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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.

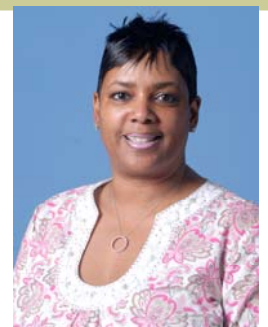


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TO ADD HOPE, ENCOURAGEMENT, AND ENRICHMENT TO THE LIVES OF YOUNG TEENAGE WOMEN.

Daughters of Zion Women of Purpose is an outreach mentoring program designed with 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