

“O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee...Psalms 63:1



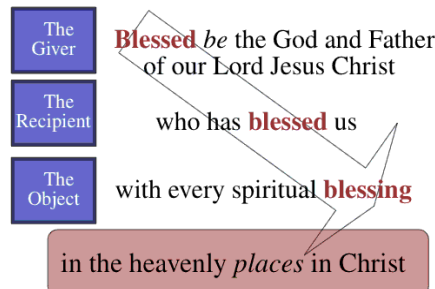
The Early Riser

Isaiah 26:9 “With my soul have I desired you in the night; yes, with my spirit within me will I seek you early....

Our desires are expressed by prayer, with our spirit within us will we seek Him Early. When we are determined to continually seek the Lord night and day, with the greatest intenseness of spirit, and eagerness of soul, until we obtained and enjoyed what we are seeking for; namely, the presence of God and Christ, communion with him, the discoveries of his love, and larger measures of his **Grace, Light, and Knowledge;**

We must desire His **Grace** which

is sufficient for us, in all trials and sufferings, that the Father would give unto us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the **Knowledge** of Him and that His **Enlightenment** opens our understanding so we can know the hope of his calling and what is the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints. **Hallelujah, Hallelujah !!**



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Vision:

To transform and enhance the lives of men through daily conference prayer sessions and study of the word; while touching the heart of God.

Mission:

1. To help men build an intimate relationship with God, not neglecting one another, but coming together in prayer and fellowship.
2. To be a ministry that is a haven of rest for weary souls by offering the free gift of salvation which was provided to us through the shed blood of Jesus Christ.
3. To bring the whole man (spirit, soul and body) into an alliance with the father God so that he may live in dominion and be the conqueror that God has ordained him to be before the foundation of the world.

Richard Allen

By: Minister Robert Parker

If you live in the city of Philadelphia you may be familiar with the name **Richard Allen**. Unfortunately, when people think of the name Richard Allen there is a negative connotation, since the most notorious housing project in Philadelphia once bore his name. Richard Allen did so many things for the city of Philadelphia religious community and African-Americans throughout the United States during the Antebellum Period (Before the Civil War) there should be much more grandeur given to his name.



Richard Allen born in 1760, sixteen years before the American Revolution, was born into slavery. While enslaved, Allen had an encounter with God and began evangelizing at the age of 17 while still a slave. When an itinerant preacher preached the message of Christ and how slavery was not pleasing to God; it pierced the heart of Allen's slave owner and he decided to allow his slaves to buy their freedom. Allen worked out an agreement with his owner to purchase his freedom.

He worked over 5 years to purchase his freedom and when he did, he went on the road as an itinerant preacher, preaching to black and, white audiences as well.

Richard Allen moved back to Philadelphia in 1786, where he became a member of the predominately white St. Georges Methodist Church.

While in Philadelphia Richard Allen and another African-American minister, **Absalom Jones** founded the Free African Society. (FAS was the first black mutual aid society in Philadelphia, providing social and economic guidance, and medical care. It also helped new citizens establish their new sense of self-determination. While teaching thriftiness and how to save to build wealth; it became the model for banks in the African-American community. It sought to improve the morals of its members by regulating marriages, condemning drunkenness, and condemning adultery During the Yellow Fever Epidemic in 1793 (FAS) provided charitable assistance to many white Philadelphians.

Richard Allen continued to play a major role in St. Georges Church, preaching evening services to an all-black congregation, which led to many black members joining the ministry. Discrimination was still present in St. Georges Church

despite all the work African-Americans were doing in the church and community. One morning while praying Allen Jones and a host of other black members were ask to move from an area that was considered the white section, Allen ask if they could finish praying first, but he was meant with force by other white leaders. This led Allen and the members to walk out. "We all went out the church in a body", recalled Allen, "and they were no more plagued with us in the church" Allen and Jones decided to start their own church, but would soon part ways when a majority decided the new church should be Episcopalian rather than Methodist.

Richard Allen founded the **African Methodist Episcopal Church** (AME). While an independent congregation, it was still affiliated with the regional and national Methodist Church. Allen was ordained as a Methodist minister.

To achieve full independence from white supervision, in 1816 Allen brought several regional AME congregations together and founded the first black fully independent denomination, of the AME church. They elected him as the first bishop of the AME Church. Today there are over 2.5 million people who are members of the AME Church.

Testimony

Beautifying Neighborhoods One House At a Time

by Minister Steve Glover

Success is not something given to you, but it is earned through diligence and determination. To be successful means you stepping out of the process of receiving a pay check weekly or biweekly faithfully into the uncertainty.

I remember when I first began my journey on the road to becoming a successful entrepreneur but didn't know at that time that was what I was doing. Every day while the bricklayers would take a lunch break I would use that time to build little walls then tear them down before lunch was over and clean the tools and put them back faithfully.

Throughout that process I learned to lay bricks. I then begin to get on the wall with others bricklayers, but my boss would run me away because I was a laborer. However, I would continue to get on the wall and my boss would continually run me off the wall.

One day I got on the wall and my boss pulled me to the side and told me that if I wanted to get on the wall I'd have to make sure the others bricklayers have everything they need first and that was what I did for months. Once I was on the wall laying bricks and one of the bricklayers ask for cement and I went to get off the wall to give

him cement but my boss put his hand on my shoulder and said to me you don't have to do that anymore because you're a bricklayer now.

When I started my business the first year I lost so much money because I believe that I paid out more than the customers paid to get their work done. This was due to my lack of experience on how to bid on jobs. After three years of no success I begin to question myself. I questioned if I had made the right decision.

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I began to meditate on how determine I was and how hard I had to work to get to this point, so I moved forward. My pride told me to give up because I failed on my journey of becoming a successful business man but my faith in God would not allow me to quit and I went from building walls to building houses.

Success is a process that comes over a margin of time not overnight; so prepare your mind for this journey. I learned many things from people who are successful. What I am saying is that I didn't know everything but none of us do; so it is important to ask questions.

On your journey to becoming successful you will meet many challenges.

Some you will overcome and some will overcome you, but don't quit you can make it because they will only make you stronger.

During my journey to success I found God and He began to open doors that I never dreamed of walking through. I want to leave you with this.... “you will only have success as far as you can imagine and God will do the rest”.



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Brother Ernest Daniels

Brothers on Call Profile Part 2

by Pastor Terrance D. Moore

Brother Ernest Daniels Sr. has had a vision to bring men together from all walks of life for prayer. The reality of his vision came to pass in the year 2010 when he started Brothers on Call Prayer Ministry, a telephone conference line in which men saved and unsaved have a platform to connect with each other to study the Bible and pray.

Ernest has been married to his loving and caring wife Donna for 35 years. They have raised three children, all of whom are born-again and serving the Lord. Over 25 years ago he began his Christian journey in Philadelphia at West Park Church of Deliverance under the leadership of the late Pastor Marcellus Martin Sr. Within the past year Ernest and his wife have joined the Better Way Bible Church, under the leadership of Pastor Clifton T. Martin. They believe that Pastor Clifton Martin will be their covering for an anointed worldwide prophetic ministry.

Since the launch of Brothers on Call Prayer Ministry, Ernest has experienced a tremendous increase in his prayer life. Praying is a joy and he consistently prays for men and the challenges that they face every day.

His ultimate goal in life is to

please God wholeheartedly and to allow God to help him be a blessing in the lives of men.

Brother Daniels has a gift and an anointing to minister to men concerning their day to day issues. He encourages them to commit their whole being to God and to stay prayerful. He believes that men should have a consistent prayer life and should study the Bible daily.

There are two favorite scriptures in which Ernest builds his life upon. They are Galatians 5:1 and St. John 15:16. Galatians talks about walking in liberty. Ernest takes this to heart because he once was in bondage to drugs and alcohol but Christ has delivered him and gave him a newfound joy in life. His heart goes out to men who are going through that very same thing.

On Thursdays he teaches a class at the VA hospital in Philadelphia and encourages men to stop using drugs and alcohol because it is destroying their lives. He gives them sound Godly principles concerning how they can stop and become productive citizens. His life is an open book to many men who are going through struggles.

The bible talks about laughter as being a good medicine for our lives.

Well one person who enjoys laughter and having a good time is Ernest! He has a sense of humor that is genuine. He is always telling stories which have a funny ending.

Jokes are a part of his God given skills and Whenever you meet him, he has a story or joke already lined up for your situation. He can get you to feel better with an introduction to one of his many jokes and it's a pleasure to hear him laugh.

You don't need to call the doctor when Ernest is around because he always carries his medicine along with his Bible. In his spare time he enjoys playing chess and reading. Otherwise, Brother Ernest will be found praying for a brother and organizing ways for men to have fellowship with one another.

Only God can turn
a MESS into a
message, a TEST into a
testimony, a TRIAL into
a triumph, a VICTIM
into a victory.

Bible Puzzle

Men in the Bible

S	A	P	M	Y	L	O	H	A	M	A	A	R	O	N
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S	E	T	H	O	M	A	S	S	A	M	U	E	L	S
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AARON	BALAAM	ESHCOL	JONAH	NATHAN
ABDI	BEDAN	EZRI	JUDAS	NOAH
ABEL	BELA	FELIX	JUNIA	NOZA
ABNER	CUSH	HAM	LAZARUS	OLYMPAS
ABRAM	DANIEL	HELI	LEVI	OMAR
ADAM	DATHAN	IDDO	LOT	ONAN
ADDAR	DAVID	ISAAC	LUKE	OREN
ADINA	DEMAS	ISAIAH	MAHOL	PAUL
ADNAH	DOEG	IVAH	MAMRE	RAAMAH
AHAB	EBED	JAMES	MAOCH	SAMUEL
AHAZ	EDOM	JESUS	MARCUS	SETH
AMOS	ELAM	JETHRO	MARK	SHEM
ANAN	ELIJAH	JOB	MASSA	SIMON
ARAM	ELISHA	JOEL	MOAB	SUSI
ASAH	ENOS	JOHN	MORDECAI	THOMAS
BAANA			MOSES	ZIA

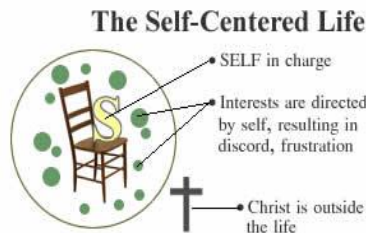
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Have You Made the Wonderful Discovery of the Spirit-Filled Life?

Every day can be an exciting adventure for the Christian who knows the reality of being filled with the Holy Spirit and who lives constantly, moment by moment, under His gracious direction. The Bible tells us that there are three kinds of people.

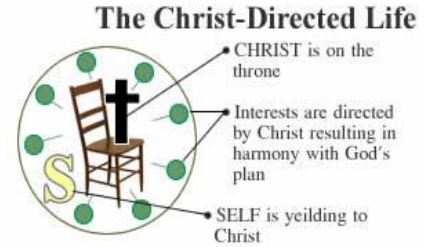
1. Natural Man

(one who has not received Christ)



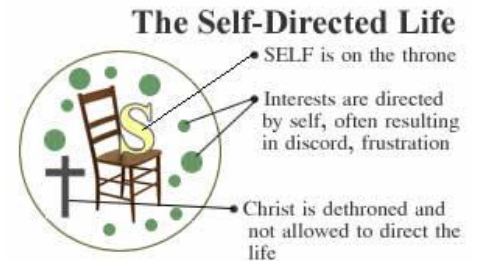
"A natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised" (1 Corinthians 2:14).

2. Spiritual Man (One who is directed and empowered by the Holy Spirit)



"He who is spiritual appraises all things... We have the mind of Christ" (1 Corinthians 2:15)

3. Carnal Man (One who has received Christ, but who lives in defeat because he is trying to live the Christian life in his own strength)



"And I brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to carnal men, as to babes in Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, for you are still carnal. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?" (1 Corinthians 3:1-3).