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Wise Stewardship

Consumer debt has doubled in the last ten years. That translates into about \$18,000 per household based on Federal Reserve figures. Most families live “paycheck to paycheck,” and saving has dropped to just 2%. Although there is record refinancing, consumer bankruptcy has exceeded \$1 million per year since 1996.

These facts say that the average person does not have the means to deal with family emergencies, much less retirement.

We have read in the scriptures over and over that all we have comes from God. 1 Peter 4: 10 says, “As every man hath received the gift, [even so] minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” God requires that we be wise stewards of the bountiful gifts that he has given us. We have to ask ourselves, are we wise stewards when it comes to our personal finances?

Indeed when one is burdened with debt and living paycheck to pay check, giving back to God as we are commanded can and usually does end up becoming a lower priority. Many times we say we will catch up on our church contribution, but it usually does not happen.

Surely hardship such as job layoffs occur and we have to deal with them, but we must examine the decisions we make day after day and year after year in terms of our spending habits and lack of saving. A layoff may occur at any time; are you prepared for that likelihood?

Dr. Tony Roach points out in his discussion of New Self Prosperity, that the wealth given to you or withheld from you is

the result of how you execute wise stewardship over your goods, services and wealth.

Dr. Roach states in his book, *You are God’s Love Bank* (Book 2, page 103) that, “It is a prosperous state in your soul which believes there is enough wealth for everybody, rather than a poverty mentality which believes there is a scarcity and not enough to go around.”



Brother Otis Gambrell

In Ill John 2, the Bible says, “Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.” God desires that we prosper. As some say, “that’s a good thing,” yet a scarcity mentality is created when we are not wise stewards of the wealth God has given to us.

The scarcity mentality is evident when we get our paycheck, take care of all the bills first, buy food and new clothes, pay the kids’ tuition for school, buy Christmas gifts, then give back to God what is left.

Matt. 6:21 says that “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

Matt. 16:26 says, “For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”

These verses tell us that we cannot become so possessed by our earthly

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“You Are God’s Love Bank” Curriculum Dr. Tony E. Roach, Sr.

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Week III	Nehemiah 1:1-2:20
Week IV	Acts 23:12-35

New Self-Courage Luke 4:1-22

The courage to stand for what I believe is right and not follow the crowd, based on what is written in the word of God, even when it is unpopular, inconvenient, or when I have to stand alone with the Holy Spirit; knowing that God is able to do what He promised in His word, and the Holy Spirit helps me perform it.

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Our mission is to achieve our responsibility of equipping the saints to do God's work and to build up His church, the body of Christ, until we come to such a unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature and full grown in the Lord, measuring up to the full stature of Christ (Ephesians 4:12-13).

Praise Be To God. . . Amen.

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Mark 1:14 Even though John was put in prison, Jesus boldly went out to preach	2 Matthew 4:12-17 Regardless of potential danger, Jesus preached repentance as did John
3 Mark 6:17-18 John was fearless in preaching & sharing the word of GOD! And, you?	4 Psalm 143:10 Ask the Lord to teach and to lead you	5 Isaiah 48:16-17 Jesus Christ is your example. His Spirit is now your guide	6 John 14:16-17, 26 Jesus gave His Spirit as your ever-present paraclete	7 Acts 2:38 At the moment you are baptized, the Holy Spirit becomes a part of you	8 Galatians 4:6 As God's son or daughter you now call Him 'Abba' (Daddy)	9 Romans 4:16-22 Abraham's faith, Jesus Christ's faith is the faith on which you stand
10 Romans 3:24-26 God is just and He has justified us through Jesus Christ by faith	11 Romans 5:1-2 So now you have peace with God through faith in and justification through	12 Ephesians 2:1-6 And, now through His grace you are raised to sit in heavenly places!	13 Titus 3:7 Your place in eternity is already set! Take courage!	14 Romans 8:29-30 Be strong in His will, the way is already prepared for you	15 II Peter 3:8-9 GOD's promises are true forever, and you <u>are</u> in His promise. Hallelujah!	16 Luke 4:1-23 Pay your dues to God – Love Him fully!
17 Luke 4:2-12 Do like Jesus did and confront your temptations with the word of GOD	18 John 10:34-35 With confidence and conviction, follow the Son of GOD	19 Ephesians 6:10-18 Stand firm in the Lord and in the power of His might	20 Matthew 6:31 No need to worry. Stand firm in the Holy Spirit with courage	21 Matthew 6:25-26 Aren't you considered more highly than birds? Stop worrying and trust GOD	22 Deuteronomy 8:3 Even if you have to stand alone, stand on the word of GOD in all your ways	23 Ephesians 6:10-11 The devil is dead serious about distracting you. Don't let him
24 Deuteronomy 20:3-4 As He did with Israel, GOD goes with and fights for you too	25 Joshua 1:6-7 Obedience to the word of GOD renders you strong and courageous	26 I Samuel 23:16 Share GOD's word with someone. It will strengthen them	27 I Chronicles 28:20 Tell the children that GOD is with them always. They'll hear you	28 Philippians 4:13 You surely can do everything because of CHRIST your strength and savior!	29 I Peter 5:10 May GOD perfect, establish, strengthen and settle you through CHRIST	

"YOUR PRAISE WILL MAKE YOU POWERFUL"

By Sister Kim Fuqua

Have you ever gone to Sunday morning worship in a bad mood, but by the time services were over you felt wonderful and you were ready to take on the world? That's the "power of praise" at work! We were created specifically to give God, our Creator, all glory, honor, and praise. As spiritual beings created for such a specific purpose, it is easy to understand why God delivers power to his children through the praise that they give to him. God expects "continuous" praise, not just in worship service, but in everything we say and do we should give glory to God. Hebrews 13:15 says - "Therefore by Him [Christ] let us continually offer the sacrifice of praise to God..." (NKJV).

The "power" that comes from living our purpose is not just spiritual, it is physical as well. God has designed our bodies so that when we make good choices regarding our health, we feel stronger and have more energy. However, when we don't take good care of our bodies, we are sick and tired all the time. Being sick and tired can interrupt our "continuous praise" because when we are sick, we tend to turn our focus inward and away from God. We start to want to be the center of attention or worse, we begin to feel pitiful, sorry for ourselves and powerless. This can ultimately lead to a life that separates us from God and spiritual and physical death. But, the good news is, the bad news is a lie! You don't HAVE to live your life from a perspective of powerlessness. Our God is OMNIPOTENT - ALL



Sister Kim Fuqua, Professional Fitness Trainer
Photo by Melvin Brown, SSCOC Living Word Media Ministry

POWERFUL - and when you lean on Him and strive to live with Him as the main focus of your life, he will give you (free of charge because Jesus already paid the price) the power to accomplish all the goals that you have set as long as they give glory and honor to God! Philippians 4:13 says - "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me". I recently ran my first marathon (26.2 miles) and I know that I know that I could not have achieved this goal without God's power. Not only did I complete the marathon in five hours and with the temperature at ninety degrees and high humidity, but I did it without injury or any major aches or pains in the days following - TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!

What spiritual and physical goals do you have? Are you praising God continually through your words and actions? Are you taking care of God's temple, so that you have the power and energy to give God the praise He deserves? Stop making excuses today, get off the couch, throw away the ice cream and potato chips and get your praise (and power) ON!!

(Wise Stewardship Continued from page 1)

desires and become so preoccupied by the scarcity mentality and acquisition of earthy wealth, that we misuse what God gives us to the point of eternal damnation. Is it worth it?

What we so often forget is that God will provide for his own. and we must just have faith to trust him. 2 Corinth. 9:8 says, " *And God [is] able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having*

all sufficiency in all [things], may abound to every good work." We must not forget that God will provide for us sufficiency in all things but we must have the right giving attitude and proper financial priorities and give back to God first.

Wise stewardship is essential for the Southside Church to pay its bills and continue to grow, but moreover wise stewardship is essential for our souls' salvation.

As members let us each examine our stewardship first by reviewing

our giving in 2007 in light of what God has already done for us all. 1 Corinthians 4:2 says, "*Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be **found faithful.***" Let us all be found faithful as wise stewards. When we are wise stewards of our wealth we are contributing greatly to advance the cause of Christ on this earth.

Brother Otis Gambrell, Elder
Southside Church of Christ

Where There's a Will, There's Not Always a Way submitted Brother Moses Bethea, Jr.



The New Hampshire woman didn't foresee the turmoil her daughters would face when a surgery-related stroke left her partially paralyzed and unable to communicate.

She had made out a living will, a legal document that spells out preferences for end-of-life care, when she was still healthy and declared her

desire for emergency resuscitation on the assumption it would return her to good health. Now, her daughters insisted, their mother, in critical condition, would never want resuscitation, in spite of her written preferences.

That's a quandary many families confront, experts say, and living wills alone do little to help.

Living wills are expensive and ineffective, a public policy bust, Angela Fagerlin and Carl Schneider of the University of Michigan wrote last year in the *Hastings Center Report*, a leading ethics journal. That blunt assessment, coupled with the celebrated legal battle over life support for Florida's Terri Schiavo, has reopened the question: how can a person make his or her end-of-life wishes known and be sure they're granted?

"If you're going to choose one thing to do, it should in most cases be a health-care power of attorney," says James Bernat, M.D., a neurologist and bioethics committee chair at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. This document gives a person you select as your proxy the legal right to make medical decisions for you if you become incapacitated.

"The current movement is to have both, to combine a living will expressing your wishes with a health-care power of attorney," says lawyer Sally Hurme of AARP's consumer protection division.

Living wills, held by only 18 percent of Americans, originated because medical technology was extending life but not always its quality, says Charles Sabatino of the American Bar Association's Commission on Law and Aging. They gave people facing death a way to express a desire for comfort care over a painful high-tech treatment.

But they often don't do the job. "Living-will statutes are premised on the fiction that we have a crystal ball and know what's coming and what we want," Sabatino says. "Most of us are fairly ambivalent about dying, all things considered. Dying is messy; it doesn't lend itself

to canned prescriptions like living wills."

Neurologist Bernat, former chair of the American Academy of Neurology's ethics committee, says the documents often are too vague. Or they're "obsessively specific, with page after page of scenarios" about when CPR, hydration or feeding tubes can or can't be used.

Other downsides: many people fail to give their living wills to their doctors and other caregivers. Or they don't update them. And some doctors simply ignore the documents.

Most Americans are confident their families will make the best decisions for them. Hospice expert Joanne Lynn, M.D., who heads the Washington (D.C.) Home Center for Palliative Care Studies, has argued that point, noting that family members focus less on procedures and more on the outcome for the patient.

Research has also shown that surrogates without benefit of a living will can predict their relative's preferences as accurately as those guided by a living will.

Still, a person's preferences about emergency medical treatment are important, and every state has legal guidelines for such directives. But even more important is talking with family members, so there are no surprises when the time comes.

Carla Braveman, executive director of VNA/Hospice Alliance in Northampton, Mass., says her hardest cases involve families whose members have radically different opinions about appropriate medical care. When a healthy parent is suddenly incapacitated, she says, "You've got five kids. . . with five different sets of ideas about 'what Ma wants.' "

Sometimes the person named as the decision maker doesn't even know it until a crisis occurs. "You need to be upfront with your proxy and have ongoing discussions about what your wishes are," Braveman says. "You need to tell your family members so if there is disagreement about treatment, there will be support for the proxy."

By Leah K. Glasheen - AARP

Submitted by
Brother Moses Bethea, Jr., Deacon
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"Winter Revival 2008"

Brother Ephren Taylor, II



Ephren W. Taylor II is the youngest African-American CEO of any publicly traded company ever City Capital Corporation (OTCBB:CCCN). Described as "walking history" by popular radio show host Tom Joyner, Taylor started his first business venture at age 12, when he began making video games. By age 17, he built a multi-million dollar technology company; GoFerretGo.com.

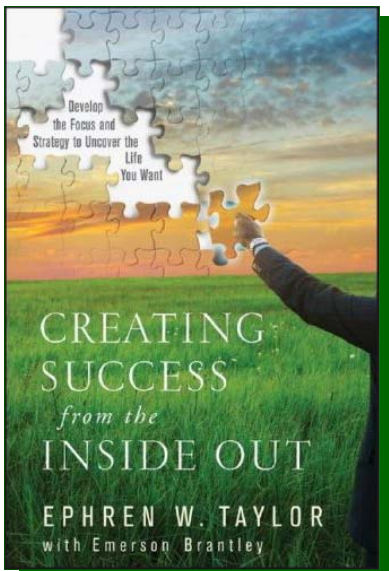
In 2007, at City Capital Corporation, Taylor started the Goshen Energy initiative; which focuses on producing alternative energy specializing in biofuels. Taylor's commitment to green energy is part of his concept of empowering local communities with both profitable and socially-conscious investing and development. Through his action on green energy and philanthropy, Taylor is leading a new wave of CEO's focusing on corporate social responsibility.

Taylor's diverse business portfolio is quickly transforming him into a household name. He appears weekly on FOX News and has been featured on network shows such as ABC's 20/20. He also has regular appearances in print and radio media including PBS, Black Enterprise, and the Miami Herald.

Beyond his unprecedented accomplishments at an early age in business, Taylor is an author, inspirational speaker, and real estate mastermind. His first book, "Creating Success from the Inside Out", is published by the world's number one business publisher, Wiley and it recently ranked as the #1 best seller at CEO Read. The book serves as an expose of the mindset of today's multi-millionaires while defining success as not only attaining wealth, but how to utilize it.

In celebration of their 170th anniversary, Taylor completed a specialized curriculum for high school-aged aspiring entrepreneurs at Cheyney University, America's oldest historically black college and university. After providing a donation to get the program started, The Ephren Taylor Entrepreneur Academy opened in July 2007.

What Warren Buffet is for baby boomers, Taylor is for today's generation X and Y a rapidly emerging premier financial expert; a true "wealth engineer".



Check out Brother Ephren Taylor's book. To purchase a copy of his book, place an order with Sister Kinetra Dixon.

"Winter Revival 2008"

Brother David Wilson



David Wilson is the Minister of the Flatlands Church of Christ in Brooklyn, NY. He has served in this position for eight years, evidencing phenomenal growth in all areas.

Brother Wilson has been the husband of Cathi Lynn Johnson for more than 13 years. From this union they have been blessed with three beautiful children: David, Dyahnah and Dominic.

David's education began at Southwestern Christian College. He later attended Oklahoma Christian University of Science and Arts where he graduated with a B.A. in Bible. His study in the Master's Program was interrupted when he followed the call to full-time ministry. Before leaving Oklahoma, David was ordained a minister of the Word at the Northeast Church of Christ in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Arnelious Crenshaw is the minister who ordained him.

David has a strong devotion for Expository Preaching. He firmly believes that the thoughts and ideas of the text must be examined, exposed and exemplified with dutiful integrity and Christ-like compassion. He has been blessed to speak in numerous lectureships, revivals, youth and Gospel meetings. At present his teaching ministry "*Expositions of Grace*," is expanding to local radio and television programs.

Through Minister Wilson's visionary leadership Flatlands has developed a plan to multi-site his ministry. By purchasing additional properties throughout Brooklyn, the church will be able to duplicate the ministry and benefit a number of communities simultaneously.

To order any of the CD's that Brother Wilson was selling while here for our Winter Revival, contact Kings Church of Christ, 718-859-8683. Visit them on the web at <http://www.kingschurchofchrist.org/>.

Visit Brother David Wilson's inspirational and informative Blogspot

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"Black History Programming"

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BROADCAST PREMIERES

PRINCE AMONG SLAVES

Monday, February 4, 2008, 10:00-11:00 p.m. ET

This special tells the forgotten true story of an African prince who was enslaved in Mississippi for 40 years before finally achieving freedom and becoming one of the most famous men in America. Mos Def narrates. In HD where available.

AFRICAN AMERICAN LIVES 2

Wednesdays, February 6-13, 2008, 9:00-11:00 p.m. ET

AFRICAN AMERICAN LIVES again journeys deep into the African-American experience to unearth the triumphs and tragedies within the family histories of an all-new group of renowned participants. Harvard professor Henry Louis Gates Jr. returns as series host. In HD where available.

INDEPENDENT LENS "Banished"

Tuesday, February 19, 2008, 10:00-11:30 p.m. ET

This is the story of three counties that forcefully banished African American families from their towns 100 years ago—and the descendants who return to learn a shocking history. Co-production of ITVS in association with NBPC. By Marco Williams. <http://www.pbs.org/independentlens>

AN EVENING WITH QUINCY JONES

February 2008 (check local listings)

A rare look into the life of music mogul Quincy Jones, this one-hour interview was taped in Washington, DC, in front of an audience. Gwen Ifill interviews and hosts the star-studded evening, which features live performances by Lesley Gore, BeBe Winans, James Ingram, Bobby McFerrin and Herbie Hancock.

LEGACY: BEING BLACK IN AMERICA

February 2008 (check local listings)

In January 2007, a special tribute dinner was held in Washington, DC, to honor the Civil Rights generation. Attended by 18 celebrated African Americans from business, politics, academia, media and the arts, the dinner proved to be an intriguing discussion of race consciousness, integration and equity in the U.S. today.

RED TAIL REBORN

February 2008 (check local listings)

RED TAIL REBORN is the story of the Tuskegee Airmen, the first African-American fighter pilots of World War II, and of those who sacrificed to tell the Airmen's forgotten tale.

ENCORE PROGRAMMING

SLAVERY AND THE MAKING OF AMERICA (Repeat)

Fridays, January 11-February 1, 2008, 10:00-11:00 p.m. ET

This groundbreaking series chronicles the institution of American slavery from its origins in 1619—when English settlers in Virginia purchased 20 Africans from Dutch traders—through the arrival of the first 11 slaves in the northern colonies (in Dutch New Amsterdam), the American Revolution, the Civil War, the adoption of the 13th Amendment and Reconstruction. Morgan Freeman narrates. <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/slavery/>

AUSTINCITY LIMITS "Etta James" (Repeat)

Saturday, February 9, 2008, 9:00-10:00 p.m. ET

The Lifetime Achievement Grammy Award winner continues to be one of the most respected R&B singers in America. Highlights include "All the Way Down" and "At Last." <http://www.pbs.org/klru/austin/>

AUSTINCITY LIMITS "Tribute to Bluesman Jimmy Reed" (Repeat)

Saturday, February 23, 2008, 9:00-10:00 p.m. ET

Joined by blues luminaries James Cotton, Delbert McClinton, Lou Ann Barton and others, guitarist Jimmie Vaughan pays tribute to Jimmy Reed, composer of blues classics "Ain't That Lovin' You Baby," "Big Boss Man" and "Baby What You Want Me to Do." In HD where available. <http://www.pbs.org/klru/austin/>

AFRICAN AMERICAN LIVES (Repeat)

February 2008 (check local listings)

Renowned scholar Dr. Henry Louis Gates Jr. takes Alex Haley's *Roots* saga to a whole new level. Using genealogy and DNA science, Dr. Gates tells the personal stories of eight accomplished African Americans.

"Black History Programming"

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AMERICAN EXPERIENCE: EYES ON THE PRIZE (Repeat)

February 2008 (check local listings)

The groundbreaking documentary series examining America's civil rights years returns to public television as part of AMERICAN EXPERIENCE. Covering the period from the murder of 14-year-old Emmett Till in Money, Mississippi, and the Montgomery, Alabama, bus boycott through school desegregation, the march from Selma to Montgomery and the Voting Rights Act, EYES ON THE PRIZE is considered the definitive history of this formative time in the nation's life. <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/eyesontheprize/>

EYES ON THE PRIZE II, A SPECIAL PRESENTATION OF AMERICAN EXPERIENCE (Repeat)

February 2008 (check local listings)

Nearly two decades after its 1990 premiere, the groundbreaking second season of EYES ON THE PRIZE returns to PBS as a special presentation of AMERICAN EXPERIENCE in February 2008 in honor of Black History Month. The series documents the journey of black Americans seeking justice, power and identity, from the mid-1960s to the mid-1980s, and shows the profound effect this movement had on all Americans. <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/amex/eyesontheprize/>

FANNIE LOU HAMER: COURAGE AND FAITH (Repeat)

February 2008 (check local listings)

Using archival footage and interviews with those who knew her well and were affected by her actions, this program chronicles the extraordinary life of Fannie Lou Hamer and introduces her to a new, younger generation. Mrs. Hamer attended the 1964 Democratic National Convention as a member of the Mississippi Democratic Freedom Party and challenged the all-white Mississippi delegation.

INDEPENDENT LENS "Hip Hop: Beyond Beats and Rhymes" (Repeat)

February 2008 (check local listings)

This film takes an in-depth look at machismo in rap music and hip-hop culture —where creative genius, poetic beauty and mad beats collide with misogyny, violence and homophobia. By Byron Hurt. <http://www.pbs.org/independentlens/hiphop/>

SHARED HISTORY(Repeat)

February 2008 (check local listings)

SHARED HISTORY is the intimate story of the relationship between two families whose connection was forged in slavery and has endured to the present. The filmmaker, the great-great-granddaughter of a slave owner, and Rhonda Kearsse, a descendant of one of the enslaved families, seek to understand and reconcile the reality of slavery with the shared lives and affections between the families.

SISTERS OF SELMA : BEARING WITNESS FOR CHANGE(Repeat)

February 2008 (check local listings)

This program is an unabashedly spiritual take on the Selma, Alabama, voting rights marches of 1965 from some of its unsung foot soldiers —Catholic nuns. Following the violence of "Bloody Sunday," sisters from around the country answered Dr. Martin Luther King's call to join the protests in Selma.

THE STORY OF OSCAR BROWN JR. (Repeat)

February 2008 (check local listings)

This documentary focuses on Chicago native Oscar Brown Jr.'s work as a writer and performer for more than half a century.

CONTINUING SERIES

TAVIS SMILEY

Monday-Friday, 11:00-11:30 p.m. ET (check local listings)

Tavis Smiley, the first African American to have his own signature talk show on NPR, hosts a late-night television talk show —a hybrid of news, issues and entertainment, featuring interviews with newsmakers, politicians, celebrities and everyday people. <http://www.pbs.org/tavissmiley>

TONY BROWN'S JOURNAL

Weekly (check local listings)

Tony Brown continues to delve into today's hottest headlines with contemporary newsmakers. In its 29th season of providing commentary, discussion and timely documentaries, the series examines issues of special interest to the African-American community.

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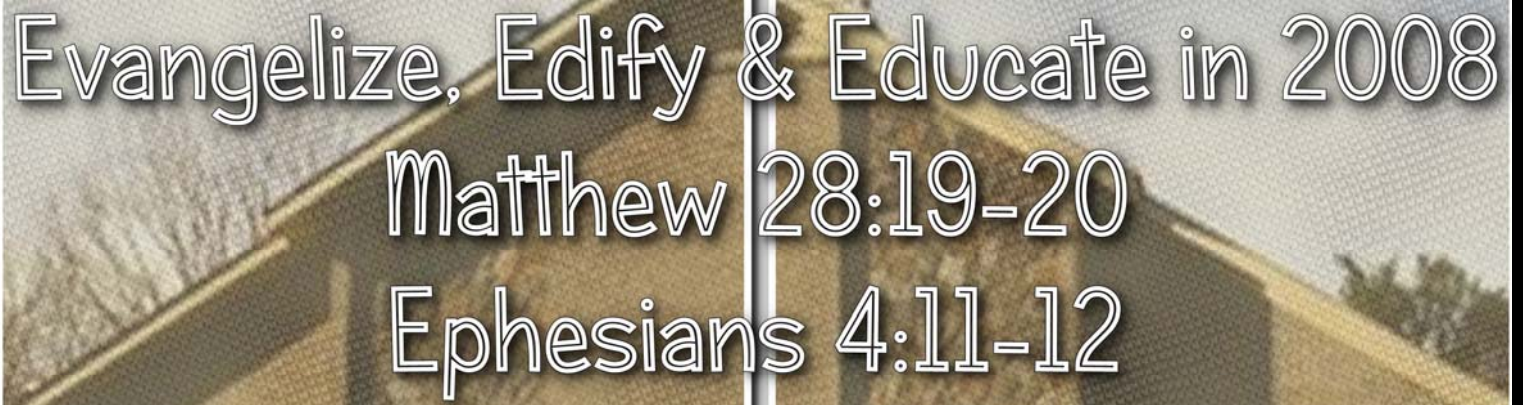
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