



Words of Wisdom:

- A pint of example is worth a gallon of advice
- Too many of us speak twice before we think
- Heaviest thing to carry—a grudge
- Friend—One who knows all about you and likes you just the same

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SING FOR JESUS AND LET THE WORLD FEEL HIS POWER!

Metro Praiz News

A Message from our Director...

First, I would like to say that I feel privileged to work with such a talented group of young people. When I became the Director of Metro Praiz, I had great hopes and many 'visions'; it has been a pleasure to see many of them realized. We still have many milestones to conquer and challenges to overcome. If we remain focused on our goals, we will achieve them. It is very easy to get caught up in the excitement of traveling and generally having a good time, but we need to remember that this is a ministry. Our first priority should be reach out and touch someone, not only with our music or with our attitude, but with our interaction with the people we minister to. Remember, God is the reason we sing.

On another note, I want to encourage you to continue analyzing professional releases—Hezekiah Walker, Kurt Carr and any other artist you enjoy—video or CD. I make this suggestion because it's a good way to learn some of the following key points—



Articulation—to be able to speak or express oneself readily and effectively; to utter distinctly.

Diction—Enunciation with regard to correctness, clearness or effectiveness.

Expression—Facial aspect or vocal intonation indicative of feeling.

Passion for and belief in what is being sung—Strong feelings for an object of affection or enthusiasm for something you are convicted about.

Attentiveness to the director—a position of readiness for further orders assumed on command.

—Miguel Davis

Thinking

"Thinking is when your mouth stays shut and your head keeps talking to itself"—Unknown

We need quiet times in order to develop peace and serenity in our lives. We spend most of our days speaking or being spoken to. It's important to set aside time to speak to ourselves. We need to speak to ourselves gently and honestly each day. We need to spend quality time with ourselves to keep in touch with who we are and where we're headed.

A diver takes time for a deep breath and a quiet moment before he goes into the water, and so it is for us before we jump from one activity to the next. In this way, we can honor ourselves and our actions by offering respect for what we've just done and for what we're about to do.

Today I will have at least one quiet time for myself, because I deserve it.

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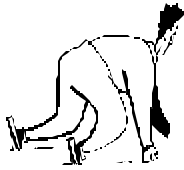
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Keep the Candle Going

I asked God for water, he gave me an ocean
 I asked God for a flower, he gave me a garden
 I asked God for a tree, he gave me a forest
 I asked God for a friend, he gave me YOU!

There is not enough darkness in the world to put out the light of one candle.

—The Candle of Love, Hope and Friendship



Whatever you start...finish
 Whatever you promise...deliver
 Whomever you love...show it
 Whatever you own...protect it
 Whenever you pray...believe it
 Whatever you earn...save some of it
 Whatever you take...return it
 Whenever you see a need...fill it
 Whenever you fall...get up
 Whatever you do...do it with excellence
 Whenever you want more...give more



—Jewel Diamond Taylor



Procrastination is the thief of time



Happy Birthday...and Congratulations

Happy Belated Birthday to Donnell Stewart. He celebrated his birthday on October 2.

Happy Birthday to me, Claudette, your editor/publisher (October 18). Monetary gifts are still being accepted...;-)

Let's not forget our Director, Miguel and Angela celebrated their 14th wedding anniversary on October 18. Isn't that a special day?

Give God thanks for his continued blessings for another year of life and marriage!

Dedication

Jerusalem had been conquered, its walls destroyed, its people carried off into slavery. One of those people, a prophet named Nehemiah, was serving as cupbearer to King Artaxerxes when the call of God came to him: go and rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.

This was Nehemiah's call, but it obviously wasn't a job Nehemiah could do alone. He needed help.

The job got done. The wall was rebuilt, the gates restored, because each worker committed to the space in front of his own house.

It's easier, sometimes, for us as Christians to proclaim our dedication to the larger work of God—to the salvation of nations, to evangelistic outreach in far-off places. But real dedication to the Lord's purposes often means getting dirty in the ditches that border our own homes.

It's not a glamorous call, this dedication to the everyday. Serving lunch in a soup kitchen or spending the afternoon in a nursing home doesn't win Nobel prizes. Providing refuge for an abused wife, or offering a day's respite for an AIDS caregiver doesn't hold much in the way of drama or excitement. Dealing with broken relationships in our own families doesn't win us any accolades.

It's emotion and spiritual bricklaying.



Are you doing your part? How are your repairs coming along?

Still, the walls need to be shored up. Relationships need to be healed. The environment needs a good scrubbing. People need the touch of a hand and the light of a friendly face. Children are homeless. Old men are hungry. Single mothers bear the weight of the world in their shoulders.

We are called, like Nehemiah's helpers, to restore the walls in front of our houses.

I'll do mine if you'll do yours. And before we know it, the walls will stand strong again.

Consider this—we the members of Metro Praiz are Nehemiah's help and we've been sent to rebuild the walls of Metro Praiz. How committed are you to building back the walls?

What needs to be done in front of your house?

The priests made repairs, each in front of his own house.

—Nehemiah 3:28

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'We're here to help!'

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Well, the moment has finally arrived—the war has actually started in Afghanistan. Prayer warriors, it's time to seek the Lord and ask for His hand of guidance and protection. Many of us in the prayer group live in both the UK and US, the two nations at the forefront of this military strike.



Pray without ceasing

Pray that the Lord will remove any fear from our hearts, and give us the eyesalve of spiritual discernment, so we will see the serious times in which we are living, and recognize that his is all part of the greater war—the cosmic conflict which is not against flesh and blood, but principalities, powers of darkness, and spiritual wickedness.

Let us arms ourselves, ready to do battle against the forces of darkness, and make sure that we are ready to serve our Lord, and to prepare others for His soon and sure return, which will see the end of this battle, and Christ claiming the victory over sin, death, hell and the grave.

You will meet many whose hearts will be filled with fear, wondering whether terrorists may strike again in retaliation, worrying about chemical warfare and possible repercussions. Let's pray for wisdom so we are able to speak words of life and hope, and show them the Prince of Peace.

—Ken
PrayCircle
International Prayer Group

Faith

"Faith is the gift of God. So is the air, but you have to breathe it. So is bread, but have to eat it. So is water, but you have to drink it. Some people are wanting a miraculous kind of feeling. That is not faith. 'Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.' It is not for me to sit down and wait for faith to come stealing over me with some strange sensation, but to take god at His Word. You cannot believe unless you have something to believe. So take the Bible as it is written, and appropriate it."

One who lacks
courage to start has
already finished

—D. L Moody
These Times, August 1962

* When the world brings us to our knees, *
* We are in a position to pray. *
* God is willing to lead us all the time. *
* Are we willing to follow? *



METRO PRAIZ

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Can I get a witness?

I would like to give thanks to the Lord for the success I've experienced as a member of the Roosevelt Cross Country team's performance this past season. This past Wednesday, the team had a meet and won 1st place in the relay. The best part was making the coach smile. I had some problems with my foot and the Lord has helped me to recover so I could participated in the relay race.

"Sing for Jesus and Let the World Feel His Power," is the aim and motto of *Metro Praiz*. The choir has doubled in its short existence and has merged onto the international scene under the leadership of its current director, Miguel Davis. *Metro Praiz* is part of the Metropolitan SDA Church in Hyattsville, MD., under the guidance of Pastors *J. Glenn Roberts* and *Brenda Billiny*. While the music of the choir incorporates their heritage, they have transcended all cultural boundaries in their earnest search for the voice of God in music.

Enjoy the ministry that walks you into God's promises—*Blessed Assurance*, through the storm *Jesus is a Rock*, and into the light of an exuberating experience with God, *Your Joy and Your Peace*.

Our Director, Miguel Davis has made his personal pledge to God, "to enhance the worship service and draw some sin-sick soul closer to Christ through the powerful medium of music."

Metro Praiz are guaranteed to keep your heart listening to the Holy Spirit who will come into your life, and will seem to sing a lullaby to the troubles

Upcoming Performances...

October 28—4 p.m.

National Achievers Award Ceremony,
National Urban League, Shiloh Baptist Church, Washington D.C.

November 3—Divine Hour

Berea Temple, Baltimore, MD (Lunch provided)

November 10—Divine Hour

Youth Church @ Metro

November 17—All Day

North Philadelphia Church, Philadelphia, PA
(International Day Program)

December 8—5 p.m.

Metro Praiz Annual Concert/Christmas Concert

NOTE: We are trying to get robes for this performance! For those who have NOT given their \$50 deposit, now is the time! If there is a problem, say so! If there isn't a problem...what's the problem?

No more date will be take for 2001

Remember, all dates are subject to change!

Remembering our Director..



today. Let us strive to be as serious as he is!

Please take the time to acknowledge Miguel Davis and all that he does. He doesn't have to endure all the pain and headache we give him—he could have said "I can't be bothered," and moved on but he has clearly chosen not to; we need to be thankful. We need to 'tell' Miguel that we appreciate him and what he does behind the scenes that has gotten us to where we are

—Thanks Miguel!



Remember...Auditions!

Miguel is trying to determine soloist potential, your range and what you feel is your contribution to the choir.

If you intend to sing in the choir, you **WILL** be auditioned. The aim is to use the full potential of our members—we have a lot 'undercover singers'...so look out!