

WORD LIVING

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OUR PURPOSE

Our purpose is to offer help to families with budgeting and planning. We assist families in obtaining knowledge and awareness of all human resources/ services available to them. We sponsor FREE seminars that coordinate various services to meet changing needs.

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WELCOME TO WORD LIVING 2016

“Challenge the Darkness” - Financial Wellness

Thank you for the opportunity to share and your continued prayers for the ministry.

There is a need for unity and people working together in order to achieve financial wellness for everyone.

Satan would have us to believe that the very thought of people working together is an impossible action in this present time.

Well I just believe that the Bible is the word of truth. Moreover, what it says can be achieved through prayer, commitment, and obedience.

If the sun can stand still for about a day and time can go backwards ten degrees, the coming together of God’s people for helping others to understand and receive God’s blessings is possible. All we need to do is ask. (Ref. Joshua 10:12-13 and Isaiah 38:1-8)

Gleaning, the second remedy to poverty.

GLEANNING: Agricultural law gave the poor the right to gather any crops left in another’s field after the owner completed his harvest.

Leviticus 19:9-10 and 23:22



The book of Leviticus is God’s guidebook for this newly redeemed people, showing them how to worship, serve, and obey a holy God. We might classify gleaning as an expression of compassion or justice, but according to Leviticus, allowing others to glean on our property is the fruit of holiness.

Gleaning is a process in which landowners have an obligation to provide poor and marginalized people access to the means of production (in Leviticus, the land) and to work it *themselves*. Unlike charity, it does not depend on the generosity of landowners. Through gleaning, the poor and the stranger earned their living the same way as the landowners did, by working the fields with their own labors. It was simply a command that everyone had a right to access the means of provision created by God.

Leviticus 19:9-10 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest.

And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather every grape of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and stranger: I am the LORD your God.

Leviticus 23:22 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not make clean riddance of the corners of thy field when thou reapest, neither shalt thou gather any gleaning of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them unto the poor, and to the stranger: I am the LORD your God.

The Sabbath year was a year of rest for the land, during which no crops were to be planted, however the poor of the land were to have access to any crops that grew spontaneously during that time period.

First, they were to leave the margins of their grain fields unharvested. The width of this margin appears to be up to the owner to decide. Second, they were not to pick up whatever produce fell to the ground. This would apply when a harvester grasped a bundle of stalks and cut them with the sickle, as well as when grapes fell from a cluster just cut from the vine. Third, they were to harvest their vineyards just once, presumably taking only the ripe grapes so as to leave the later ripening ones for their poor and the immigrants living among them. In other words, they left good crops for the poor so they would have food.

**The owners were blessed and what they gave took care of the needs of the poor.
(Ref. TOW Bible Commentary)**

Gleaning requires work on the part of the gleaner. Note Ruth 2:5-7



Why Gleaning? The act of gleaning was a social mechanism that helped meet the needs of the poor and the strangers without robbing them of their self-respect. Gleaning was associated with honest toil (hard work).

Proverbs 14:31 He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker: but he that honoureth him hath mercy on the poor. (KJV) Matthew 25:31-46 Jesus said in verse 40 - ...Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

God's intention is for people to receive his fruitfulness by working. Gleaning provided productive work for those who otherwise would have to depend on begging, slavery, or other forms of degradation to meet their needs.



The story Ruth clearly define gleaning as God intended. Ruth was a widow, in a strange land, and caring for her mother-in-law. They were poor and in need of food.

From the grain she gleaned, she made bread that preserved her dignity, made use of her skills and abilities, freed her and Naomi from long-term dependency, and made them less vulnerable to those who would take advantage of their situation.

Gleaning - 2016 Goal to take food that would be wasted and give it to those in need.

There are partnerships, farmers and volunteers coming together to talk food recovery strategies. Ideas that allow produce that is below market grade, that is it may not be the perfect shape or size the stores require but it is equally nutritious, from being plowed back into the soil. This fresh produce can be used in food pantries and soup kitchens that cannot afford to provide it on their limited funds.

The perfect plan is written. We must come together to make it work.

“Challenge the Darkness” - Financial Wellness continues next time.

His steward, Karen Cheathem

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 2016

April 2, 2016

Annual Luncheon

Mt. Herman Zion Baptist Church

2400 Sanford Street

Muskegon Heights, MI 49444

Speaker: Karen Cheathem

Saturday, April 23, 2016

TIME: 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Muskegon Area Earth Fair Expo

Montague High School

4900 Stanton Blvd Montague, MI

Stop by our booth. We have information to meet your financial needs.

Social Security—Benefits and Changes

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

10:00 a.m.—12 noon

Louis A. McMurray Conference & Transportation Center

2624 Sherman and 6th Street Muskegon Hts., MI 49444

GUEST SPEAKER

Mr. Marvin Harwell, Claims Representative

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***“Furthering Families in
Financial Freedom”***

Medicare and Medicaid Eligibility and Benefits

Understanding Medicare Part A, Part B, Part D,

Saturday, May 21, 2016

Advantage Plans and Medicaid

3:00 p.m.— 4:30 p.m.

The Hume Home of Muskegon Assisted Living

1244 W. Southern Avenue, Muskegon, MI 49441

GUEST SPEAKER

Robbi Juergens, MMAP Regional Coordinator

Estate Planning

Saturday, October 15, 2016,

10:00 a.m.—12 noon

Louis A. McMurray Conference & Transportation Center

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GUEST SPEAKER

Attorney David Covell

Law Office of David Covell, PLLC