



## **“CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM WITH UNDERSTANDING”**

Of Issachar, those who had understanding of the times, to  
know what Israel ought to do... 1 Chronicles 12:32

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# **I GIVE TO A GIVING GOD**

The Sermon Series for the month of October is titled, I Give To A Giving God. This series is based upon our Offertory Principle and Offertory Creed, which was developed in 2007. Following are our Offertory Principle and Offertory Creed:

**OFFERTORY PRINCIPLE:** When I increase my ability to handle it, God will increase my ability to have it

**OFFERTORY CREED:** I give to a giving God. God owns it all. Therefore, I will seek God first, give Him His, and He will give me the power to gain wealth; that I may also give to others.

### **THERE ARE THREE PRIMARY GOALS FOR THIS SERIES:**

- ✓ **To obey God and receive God’s promises**
  - God promised, “He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully... for God loves a cheerful giver.” (2 Corinthians 9:6, 7)
  - God promised, “Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom.” (Luke 6:38)
  - God promised to, “... open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it.”  
(Malachi 3:10)
- ✓ **To work towards fulfilling the 10-10-80 Challenge** (Of my income, I will give 10% to God, save and/or invest 10% for myself and live off of the 80%)
- ✓ **To encourage those in the 20-50-ish age group to begin tithing, and to teach the principles of tithing, saving and investing to their children**

To assist in the fulfillment of these goals, please understand that giving is not a matter of finances; it is a matter of faith. Giving is not a matter of budgets; it is a matter of belief. Therefore, the question is not, “Can I afford to tithe?” Rather, the question is, “Can I afford not to tithe?”

# WHY EDUCATION AND THE ACCURATE TEACHING OF OUR HISTORY MATTERS

Following is a small selection of books that have been banned in the identified counties of Florida and books identified by the ACLU of Massachusetts that are banned.

We understand that some fear that these books will actually be read by someone. Even more, they fear that these books, and others like them, will open the eyes of young Black and White school students and assist them in waking up to the realities of what has happened in our past and empower them to work for a different outcome for our future.

Therefore, since they have determined that these books, and others like them, are dangerous to the fulfilling of their agenda, I encourage you to read these books, get them for your children and grandchildren to read, buy them as gifts for your colleagues and peers to read.

Think about it, if these books posed no threat to them and the fulfilling of their agenda, they would not ban them.

## **Broward County, FL**

The Bluest Eye by Toni Morrison

## **Clay County, FL**

The Fire Next Time by James Baldwin

Woke: A Young Poets Call to Justice by Mahogany L. Browne

## **Escambia County, FL**

Beloved by Toni Morrison

## **Palm Beach County, FL**

Anne Frank's Diary: the Graphic Adaptation by Ari Folman

Letter from the Birmingham Jail by Martin Luther King Jr.

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor

The 1619 Project: Born on the Water by Nikole Hannah-Jones

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee

## **The ACLU of Massachusetts has chosen to highlight a few pivotal, Black-authored books that have been targeted — recently or historically — for censorship.**

The Hate U Give, Angie Thomas (2017)

I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, Maya Angelou (1969)

The Color Purple, Alice Walker (1982)

The Bluest Eye, Toni Morrison (1970)

Beloved, Toni Morrison (1982)

The New Kid, Jerry Craft (2019)

Class Act, Jerry Craft (2020)

The 1619 Project, Nikole Hannah-Jones (2019)

Native Son, Richard Wright (1940)

Black Boy, Richard Wright (1945)

Their Eyes Were Watching God, Zora Neal Hurston (1937)

Invisible Man, Ralph Ellison (1952)



# **PILGRIM REST**

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Beginning



Current



*Your contribution can be dedicated to a specific activity or the Oasis, in general.*

	<b>Educational Enrichment</b>	<b>Technology Literacy</b>	<b>Athletics &amp; Recreation</b>	<b>Performing Arts</b>	<b>Facility Innovation</b>
\$500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15 Subject books for elementary (math, literature, history, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 iPad</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 basketballs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 art sets for aspiring artists</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>External security lighting to keep the street well-lit and safe</li> </ul>
\$1,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100 Summer Bridge books to help students retain learning during breaks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100 "learn how to code" kits for elementary students</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 tennis rackets</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 beginner saxophones or 8 beginner violins</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Camera security system to keep everyone safe</li> </ul>
\$2,500	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9 students can be challenged to excel using interactive problem-solving programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 computer for graphic design and website creation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 sets of golf clubs for children</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 Play Scripts with performance/licensing fee and cast instructions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wireless PA system to easily communicate at the school</li> </ul>
\$5,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 smartboard to help teachers engage students in learning</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 STEM lab cart of materials for a classroom with multiple activities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3-day Speed and Agility workshop for 15 young aspiring track stars</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100 pairs of tap shoes for aspiring dancers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Battery operated floor scrubber to keep the building looking its best</li> </ul>
\$10,000	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 trip for 15 students to visit 1 HBCU</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>100 Robotic kits to reinforce studies in STEAM subjects</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Open gym for 20 young people 1 X a week throughout the winter in a safe place</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>200 tickets to see Alvin Ailey Dance Company</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LED light fixtures throughout the school to promote learning and natural light</li> </ul>

# WORK FOR THE WEEK

## OCTOBER MEMORY VERSE

<sup>32</sup> And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free

**John 8:32**

## OCTOBER MEDITATION QUOTE

"This proposition (Greeks were not the authors of Greek philosophy, but the Black people of North Africa, the Egyptians), will become a philosophy of redemption to all Black people when they accept it as a belief and live up to it."

**George G. M. James**

## TODAY'S STUDY QUESTIONS AND MEDITATION:

Since everything belongs to God, I am going to trust who God is and what God has \_\_\_\_\_

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What does it mean to know that God created everything and has everything? \_\_\_\_\_

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## FOR THE YOUTH

Since God created everything and owns everything, what do I need to do to get to know God? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do I need to learn to give like God gives? \_\_\_\_\_

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