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Steps Millennials Can Take To Raise Their Finances

By Greg Bethel

1. Skip the credit card offers. After college, young people tend to get bombarded with credit card offers. Skip those offers all together, put them in the trash. Do not add on credit card debt, especially on top of student loan debt.

2. Increase your savings every chance you get. Anytime you experience a windfall – perhaps you earned a bonus or got a raise – put that into your retirement savings. Do this while you are increasing your earning potential now and see the benefits later.

3. Get comfortable with saving and investing. Build an emergency fund stashed in a safe spot, like a bank account, so you can cover unexpected expenses without reaching for a credit card.

4. Pay off your debts and loans. Pay off all debts.

6. Dream, have vision and imagine your future. See it, believe it; Ephesians 3:20

7. Embrace your earning power. Take the initiative while you have earning potential. Save and do not over spend. Example: a new car every 2or 3 years is not smart; you are always in debt. Pay the car off and have no payments for 3or 4 years; save and invest your money for purchasing when you need a new vehicle.

8. Listen to your parents. Parents have lived the ups and downs that you have not even seen. They can prepare you for what may come next in life. Listen, do not be so quick to say “They don’t know nothing”

9. Be simple. Cut spending whenever you can. Reduce bills when you can. Get a second job either during the week or weekends or during the holidays. (I do)

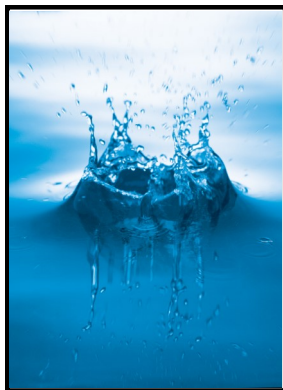
10. Also invest. Invest in your company’s 401k, or 403b plans now. Save as much as you can when you can. See the big picture.....

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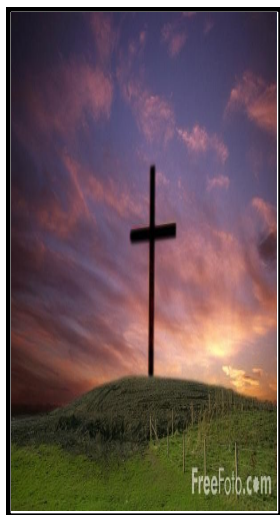
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What is Water? Why Drink Water? By Annie Smith

Water is the most common substance on earth. It covers more than 70 per cent of the earth’s surface. Water is everywhere. Without water, there can be no life. Every living thing, plants, animals, and man, must have water to live.

Some forms of water are: cloud, dew, fog, frost, geyser, glacier, hail, humidity, ice, iceberg, liquid, rain, sleet, snow, steam, waterfall, waterspout and whirlpool.

Why drink water? Water helps to lose weight, promotes healthy skin, fights infection, gets rid of body toxin, promotes a healthy heart, lessens joint pain and arthritis, boost energy, prevents constipation and it improves productivity. Water is the main function of keeping the kidney and bladder clean. Drink eight glass of water per day.

There are several references of water in the Bible. Water in the Bible usually

denotes cleansing. Water has a spiritual element as well as a physical need.

John 1:26, “I baptize with water,” John replied, “but among you stands one you do not know.”

Matthew 3:11, “I baptize you with water for repentance.”

Seven Last Words of Christ

1st Word—The Word of forgiveness—Luke 23:34
“Father, forgive them, they know not what they do.”

2nd Word—The Word of Salvation (Pardon)—Luke 23:43
“Verily I say unto thee, today shalt thou be with Me in Paradise.”

3rd Word—The Word of Affection (Love)—John 19:26,27 “Woman, behold thy son! Behold thy mother.”

4th Word—The Word of Desolation (Loneliness)—

Matthew 27:46 “At the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, ‘Eli, Eli, lema sabachthan? Which means, ‘My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken Me?’”

5th Word—The Word of Anguish (Human need)—John 19:28 “After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said, ‘I thirst.’”

6th Word—The word of Triumph (Victory)—When Jesus had received the

sour wine, He said, ‘It is finished,’ and He bowed His head and gave up His Spirit.”

7th Word—The Word of Reunion (Peace)—Luke 23:4 “Father, into Thy hands I commend My Spirit.”

He Is Risen
By Angles Pate

Easter morning began with a burst of sunlight and spirit of expectancy. A sense of newness and freshness filled the air as many gathered and fellowshiped for breakfast. The spring colors, the sound of birds chirping and the beautiful lilies, that adorned the sanctuary, all helped to usher in the celebration of our risen Lord and Savior.

Greenwood's youth came Saturday, prior to Easter, for practice and to enjoy activities that were planned. They were energized and prepared, at rehearsal, to deliver their best in whatever role they would play in the Easter program. It is a blessing to observe the many talents of our youth and how quickly they learn the meaning of Easter through speech recitation, dance and singing. After rehearsal the children were treated to hot dogs, chips, colored eggs, candy and drinks.

The theme of the program was, 'He is Risen'. The Senior Class, under the direction of Ms. Portia Hagler, gave a winning performance in their portrayal of "The Last Supper". All of the youth performed with excellence and were applauded for their contribution in making the program a success. Afterwards, we were all blessed by the Easter morning sermon.

Moreover, I offer thanks to the membership for all of your prayers and contributions. The outcome of the program could not have been a success without your support. A special thank you is extended to Ms. Portia Hagler, Mrs. Glensie Golden, Mrs. Magnolia Littlefield and Mr. Eddie Pate for their ongoing support to make each Easter event a success.



4.18.2019 The 65+ fellowship luncheon with Pastor Dykes was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Special thanks to the excellent chef, Sandy Liggins, for a delicious meal.



4.20.2019 Ushers Workshop

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Monthly Greenwood Updates

- ⇒ May 12 Mother’s Day
- ⇒ May 14 Church Conference 6p
- ⇒ May 26 Church Anniversary/Family & Friends Day/High School Recognition
- ⇒ May 27 Memorial Day
- ⇒ May 29 Church Calendar/Budget Planning Mtg. 6:30p
- ⇒ June 2 VBS Kick-Off
- ⇒ June 3-7 VBS 5:30-8:30p

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