

The Message

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The Virtuous Woman

By Kliphton J. Taylor

Like every chapel service, Reverend Donald Brewington was fired up as he delivered the Word of God to the crowd before him Thursday, September 22, 2011. It would seem Brewington spoke directly to some students, staff and faculty. Each moment that he spent talking about how a woman is supposed to present herself, some of the gentlemen in the audience agreed with praise. The women who also agreed with waiving hands and other grand gestures. All in all, Brewington gave the listeners an honest, Biblical definition of the Virtuous Woman. He also didn't make the hour so heavy in spirit, so he made small jokes that lifted a few folks out of a daze.

sage, Brewington made it clear that a virtuous woman is not a woman who does not know how to love herself—if she can't love herself, how can she love a man. A virtuous woman carried out all responsibilities of a mother, wife, grandmother, sister, aunt, etc. The women in the

audience understood that being a virtuous woman is also about treasuring and respecting her body—as it is her temple.

The virtuous woman is hard to find, unfortunately. But don't worry, put your faith in God while conducting yourself like a lady, and he will mold you into that woman of virtue that you aspire to be.



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The Godly Man

By Kliphton J. Taylor

Just like a virtuous woman, the Godly Man is difficult to find. There are many aspects of The Godly Man, and Brewington highlighted a few of those aspects in the September 29, 2011 chapel service. There were more than 100 students, fac-

ulty, and staff in attendance eager to hear the message.

According to the Bible, the Godly Man is a man who tends to his family's every need. A man who cannot take care of his duties is worse than an infidel. A Godly Man tends to his

wife's every need whether it be mentally, physically, or emotionally. The Godly Man is a representative of Christ, an active disciple. He tithes, he helps others with no expectations of thanks, and he makes proper use of his time.

Matthew 11:28, That's All I Have to Say

By Vincent Job

Religious Life and Campus Ministry has been of an incredible help to my life when I felt I had no family, particularly traveling thousands of miles away from home, I found a home away from home. I saw things that are not common in my home country. I experienced this on my first day on campus. I saw people carrying my luggage, so I began to wonder who they were and if they were doing it for a few dollars. The kind of support system they built around me and my fellow students from Nigeria was overwhelming. I



Photo Courtesy of Vincent Job

was even given a television set to keep me from thinking about home. Please permit me to mention the names of these remarkable students that were then workers; Margarida Gomez, Tyrus Smith, and Deanna Penn. It is also pertinent to acknowledge the servant of the most high Brewington. He is indeed a shepherd of the most high. His fatherly role in my life is worth more than gold. As a spiritual father, Brewington is a source of encouragement. He has shown me mostly through his disposition and his rare advice what it takes to be

a dedicated follower of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The book of Matthew, 11:28, declares “*come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest*”. I found love and compassion when I felt lonely and far from home.

Religious Life Encouraged Me by Becoming My Family

By George L. Warren

Religious life encouraged me by becoming my family. The leaders began by insisting that I visit the Center for Religious Life. They let me know that I was always welcome. It wasn't too long before Brewington began speaking to me about volunteering at the Center. The Alternative Spring Break Mission Trip that I went on last spring was amazing. The young men and women grew on me:

by the end I felt as though I had just gained more brothers and sisters. All in all, Religious Life helped clear my vision; allowing me to see people for who they are, and the world for what it is. I thank everyone at the Center for Religious Life

for encouraging my growth as a human being, a *Godly* human being.

“Gratitude is the best attitude.”

-Unknown

Love on Top

By Kliphton J. Taylor

Often we forget who we are, in the mist of all of our stuff. When we forget who we are, we forget our purpose. We forget how precious our time is, and that we *really* are blessed to have that baggage. That same baggage that may cause you to forget who you are, is a gold mine in and of itself. Are you learning from your baggage?

I know when I get caught in the mist of all of my stuff, I sometimes forget my purpose. I forget what I am called to do, which is to serve. Often I discount love and the many effects it has on people...on me. You must put love on top. Love on your neighbors as if they were you. Treat them with respect. You don't have to like them, but you must love them, especially if you claim to be a

true child of God. Everyone needs love, even if they act as if they don't. Will you put love on top?

Now, love—love has many forms. Greeting, hugging, kissing, complimenting, etc. But most importantly, love is letting someone know that they are appreciated. Will *you* put love on top?

If the Devil is Real, Then God Must be Real Too

By Kliphton J. Taylor

Religious Life and Campus Ministry planned for a great night on Wednesday October, 12, 2011. We hosted a movie night in the Agard-Lovinggood Auditorium and had an awesome turn out. We screened *Devil* for many reasons. The movie had an exceptional meaning that essentially encouraged the audience to take full responsibility for their actions, accepting blame, and not waiting until you're about to die to confess. Moreover, the movie was just awesome because it was scary! The crowd was jumping from one



Early October movie screening flyer.

side of their seats to the other. Some let a few words slip out—I won't say any names.

At the very end of the movie, just before the credits began to run, there were words spoken by one of the characters. He said "If the Devil is Real, then God Must be Real Too", and I

could swear that everyone in the auditorium said amen in one form or another. Those words weighed heavy on many individuals that night, especially myself. I asked one of the students who

attended the movie night what they thought about the movie, and this student said "The movie was scary, even though I already saw it! And you guys probably showed it because you feel that more people should take responsibility for their actions."

Overall, the night was a success, everyone ate the refreshments, and some even stuck around to help clean up. After talking to some of the students immediately after the movie, they understood the purpose of showing the movie. Taking responsibility for your actions, being accountable, these all are qualities of an upright Christian.

Fellowship Breakfast: Life of Significance

By Kliphton J. Taylor

Dr. Vicki Lott and Ms. Shakiha Stinson joined more than 20 students at the Center for Religious Life on Saturday October 8, 2011, for a fellowship breakfast. The breakfast was themed "Life of Significance" because as a church affiliated historically black university, we need to live with authenticity—with meaning.

Dr. Lott was our speaker for the morning and she delivered an amaz-

ing word. She brought along with her a prayer that has been one of her childhood favorites, "Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi".

The prayer and her speech coincided seamlessly. She discussed issues that we may encounter during our walk with Christ, and she also gave some solutions—just like the prayer. Dr. Lott insisted that we not be so selfish, we must try to be intellectually empathetic.

In this prayer, there are many references to our need to be more of a giver and not a taker. We shall not be so quick to stick our hands out for gifts, but we should give.

Indeed the fellowship breakfast was a success. The food was great, the song led by Ms. Stinson was amazing, and just the pure joy in the ambiance brought everyone closer. There will be more scheduled.

Abide with Me

By Kliphton J. Taylor

Abide with me. *Me* being the idea of living a significant life. Significance might be defined as a life of intended meaning and expression. Are you living a life of significance? If so, how? If not, how will you change that.

I used to think that living a life of significance was meant to involve

myself only, but I was mistaken. When your life has meaning it effects a great number of individuals in many different ways. Your significance may encourage someone to explore faith. Your significance may encourage someone to keep on keeping on, when the going gets tough. Living a life of significance can be quite a task; it involves accepting your

call and living it out. It involves not putting Him on the backburner. Yes, we plan our daily lives, but He holds the ultimate plan. Continue to minister to the skeptics, to the lovesome, and dutiful. Abide with me, live out your call.

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Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive;

