

Sister Souljah inspirational

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You can lead your peers when they are ready to be developed, and ready to wake up. You are definitely going to succeed if you just believe you can succeed.

Sister Souljah is the cool girl you loved to talk to. She is about communal uplift, sisterhood, as well as brotherhood.

Ripping on foolish celebrities, Souljah joked about the lyrics of rappers like Remy Ma, and singers like T-Payne. "I look too good for this necklace, and I look too good to be gettin' wit. You know I look way too good to be innocent... I'm conceited, I got a reason... Yo whose that peepin' at my window 'ha ha' no one, cause I live in a pent house." Souljah playful danced to the song and said "so!" It's songs like this that we as African American women enjoy to listen to, not realizing just how stupid it is.

"I'm in love with a stripper... she popping, she rolling, she's climbing that pole." Sister Souljah joked that the stripper was climbing the pole perhaps to get away from the rapper.

While Souljah joked a lot, she spit out some real knowledge. She told young women to stop being victims of stupidity. She told us simply "to get you're a*\$ out the car."

When she stated this, she discussed a time when her husbands' friend came over to their home. He and her husband were in the basement making beats, and playing around with records.

She stated that the friend asked her was she going to cook that day, and he stayed for the meal.

After about three to four hours, he told Souljah that he had to go because his girl was in the car. Not believing him, Souljah peeped out the window to see that in fact, his girl friend was sitting in the car. Souljah stated she couldn't believe this woman just sat out in the car waiting for her boy friend to come out.

He didn't want his girl around Sister Souljah because he didn't want him to get any ideas of marriage because he had no intentions on marrying her. She told the audience that there were some females sitting in the audience who were "sitting in the car." In addition

she said "some of you are in your own car that you're sitting in." The point in her story was for women not to be stupid. Don't allow a man to dictate what you do, and disrespect you in such a manner.

She went on to talk to the males in the audience. Quoting another rapper she stated "every day I'm hustling, every day I'm hustling."

She began to laugh because she couldn't believe there were males who were about to get their degrees claiming they were hustlers. She quickly reminded the men in the audience that they need to stand up and be a man.

There is no way you are a hustler after taking the SAT, getting your college degree, and a few credit hours shy of your Doctoral degree.

The outlining result to her



conversation was for our generation to wake up. She told us that there was more to life than the silliness and material things we desire. She told us to develop a relationship with a higher authority.

She didn't force any specific religion on anyone, but she did challenge the audience to find someone to go to in the time of need.

Sister Souljah is a dynamic woman who has allowed

the opportunities she received to take her far in life. She doesn't allow growing up in the projects to be a clutch.

She used it as a motivation source that allowed her to go to college, and then travel all around the world spreading some real knowledge. She is a cool, laid back "around the way" girl that everyone can relate to. She is an excellent example of a "phenomenal woman."

An interview with Cousin Jeff

Conducted by Keisha Robinson

Cousin Jeff is one of the most down to earth, smooth brothers I have ever come across in my life. His demanding swagger and intelligent mind motivates you to change. I simply walked over to Cousin Jeff after his first hour long workshop requesting he answer a couple of questions after he had just finished talking to several students. He simply smiled and said "sure... you can ask me whatever you'd like." Explaining that he wanted us to call him "Jeff," I began to feel more at ease with the interview.

I sat and talked to Cousin Jeff about the state of African Americans in the United States. This intellectual brother gave me more than what I bargained for; which is evident in the interview.

The Voice: So Jeff, how long have you been an activist?

Cousin Jeff: I've been an activist for about 13 years now.

The Voice: What aspect of your job do you enjoy most?

Cousin Jeff: First let me say that what I do is not an occupation. That's where activist go wrong; they forget why they began activism, and they begin to look at it as an occupation. The aspect I enjoy most however would be the ability to empower young people, as well as the freedom of speaking out for things you believe in, and not worrying about what others will say when you are done.

The Voice: Let's go in to the aspect of "an occupation" a little more. There are many who believe activism is an occupation. What is your view on this?

Cousin Jeff: An occupation doesn't define activism. Activism is a spirit. If you don't have it, you won't. Standing up for what you believe in is far more important than any job.

The Voice: You said something in your speech about your younger brothers' blood being on your hands. Can you elaborate on this a little more?

Cousin Jeff: There are too many in the world of "activism" that are unwilling to be open about mistakes they make, and what they cause others to believe.

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