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Surge of Success

Focusing on Success? Try this— This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for the thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have Good Success" Quoted from one of the greatest works of literature, the Holy Bible.

Surge of Success welcomes you back. Reflections of "what was", will always be a part of the human experience. Living "now" will always be a part of the human challenge and Projection will always be a part of the human hopes and dreams. There is within our realm of time a past, a present and a future. We operate our daily lives based on the different dispensations of time. Time is a most precious gift. In looking at the essence of time, it is important that there is a sequence for success. Although, we hear people say, "it happened over night", research reveals that it really did not. Most success stories have been proven that lots of work took place before the world had a chance to see the outcome. In the lives of successful people, there are stores of the ups and downs of climbing the ladder of success. Some of the ups and downs occurred as early as childhood. Reflections of "what was" brings it to pass.

Sometimes parents recall childhood experiences of their children, which reveals some of the prices for success. It does not come easy, and it is not a fly-by-night. Realistically, it is a process of time and what occurs at the appointed time of the Lord. The Bible often refers to the "appointed time of the Lord", which is to say the predestined ordained time of destiny. In the book of Jeremiah, it gives the illustration of God as the Potter and man as the clay. When the clay is in the hand of the Potter, it goes through lots of changes before the vessel is perfected. Even if the time of work for the Potter to complete a vessel is only ten to twelve days, there was still a process that had to be completed. God's timing is never ours until we turn our lives completely over to him. When we accept that we are his, and we trust him, then we can patiently wait for the "appointed time".

Surging into Success comes with a total trust and dependency on God. He know all about each of us, and he will bring it to pass according to the appointment with destiny that you have. Don't be discouraged if things don't seem to be working as quickly in our estimation of time— just remember as you continuously work, keep the faith, and wait for your appointment, it will come. Look up, as you Surge into Success.

With Warm Regards

May peace and joy burn brightly throughout your heart and home this holiday season.

Happy Holidays to all and best wishes for a glowing year.



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Straight From the Heart

"Straight From the Heart" continues to share poetry and other literary works by local artists. Enjoy the world of the "muse" in rhyme, rhythm, prose, laughter as we feature different artist each month. This month, we will feature, a poem by Jayne Penne" and one by Gwendolyn Wade.

"CELEBRATION"

by Sartia

I can see you in me, and me in you. Woven together by the Master Weaver.
The Colorful threads of the Universe. The fabric of our African Heritage.
Come, let us celebrate one another.

My Lover

by Jayne Penne'
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Squeeze me Lord, Like a Lover
Squeeze me tight, That I may discover
Every drop of wine there be, Freely flow from you through me.
Squeeze me Lord. Squeeze me tight
Like a lover with all your might. Squeeze me Lord
Till people see. All of you
And no more me.
During this Holiday Season, We do owe him!!

"A Debt"

I owe Him, I owe Him, Done so much for me
Saved, Healed Rescued me, Oh, I owe Him My debt is Great!!
I shall love Him more, I shall give him more
I shall give him more time, I shall give him more love
Yes, I shall give him more praise, I woe Him.
I owe Him A debt, I cannot pay
Saved, Delivered, Healed
All that I have is Thine
Body, Soul and Mind
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A STAR FOR YOUR GUIDE"

by Gwendolyn Wade

Children, let's look at the world in which we live.
There is a starry sky above your heads,
and you children are the Rose Garden of the Earth.
Your Blossoms are Beautiful and your scented
Fragrance is the sweetest that has ever been.
To your mothers, you are darling angels.
And to the world, you are the only hope for a new generation
You are living in a world of many different roads
Leading to nowhere in every direction.
I want you children to know there is a big crowded road.
Some of everybody can travel.
Turn around, look up, the stars are still shining.
God will give you one of those stars for a traveling light.
He will direct your feet to the straight and narrow path that leadeth home.
It is not the fast runner or the swift runner,
But the race is won with Prayer, Faith, Patience, Hope, and Charity.
That is steady running.
It will keep you watching that bright and morning star.
It is the same star that led the wise men to
Jesus on the Glorious Christmas Day.

YOUR POETRY TO BE FEATURED IN ONE OF OUR ISSUES. POEMS MUST BE TYPED OR PRINTED. YOU CAN SUBMIT ONE TO FIVE POEMS, NO LONGER THAN TWENTY LINES. PLEASE SEE OUR ADDRESS ON PAGE 2. SUBMIT A BIT ABOUT YOURSELF, AND SEND A SELF-ADDRESSED-STAMPED ENVELOPE SO THAT YOUR POEMS CAN BE RETURNED.