

# Moving On Up

## Taking Yourself To The

### Next Level

By Dr. Ernie Wade

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The great thing about potential is that it is not about what you have done, but all about what you are about to do.

#### 10. Don't Forget To Say Thanks

On your way to the next level and beyond, you will encounter people who will have a significant impact on your life. These will be people who will chastise you, love you guide you, encourage you and help you in many ways. You will know some better than others. There will be people in your life who see the great things in you that you do not see in yourself. A little thank you can go a long ways.

Moving forward, I want you to spend some time with these ten principles. Take them seriously and watch how they will impact your life.

Remember, hard work pays off, dreams take time and require discipline, your expectations require effort, and your future requires daily focus.

Sincerely yours,  
Dr. Ernie Wade

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## Yo!, No Low Riders Allowed!

**FACTS:**  
Young men were molested by older and stronger inmates.

They became suicidal because of what happened to them.

Prison officials took away their belts to prevent them from hanging.

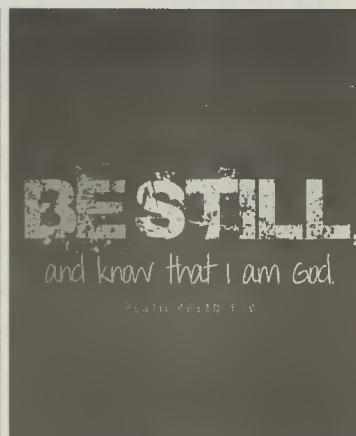
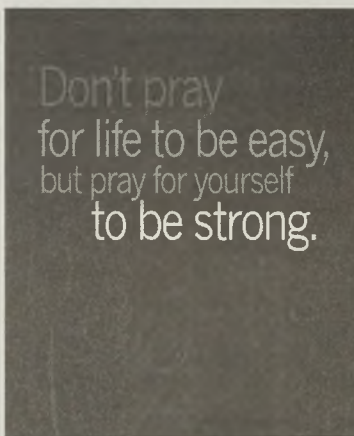
That ended up being a symbol that the young man was actually someone's **GIRLFRIEND!!**

This style began in PRISON!

## SAGGERS



This is not cool! It's a disgrace! Sagging is "Not Cool!" It is **unacceptable** to girls, women and ladies!



## A New Leader Takes the Lead at The Children's Home

By John Raye

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"I am just excited about this opportunity, excited to be doing the work that I enjoy and love to do," said Ware who appears to never have met a stranger, an indication perhaps of why he moves effortlessly among friends, families, children and strangers alike.

"I have a passion for working with people, especially with children. And God did not give me a spirit of fear. I believe if you want something, then you have to get up and go get it," he said.

A seasoned health care professional and educator with a friendly, outgoing and engaging manner, Ware knows his way around the education arena. Most of his professional life was spent in Albion, Michigan where he worked in the public school system for nearly a dozen years as an assistant principal, principal and mental health educator before re-locating to Charlotte, North Carolina in 2011.

"It was during an invitation from friends to come and go to the CIAA basketball tournament that I fell in love with the area", he said. "You know there is a lot of snow and ice up where

I come from, and once here, I made the decision to leave and move down here", he said.

Referring to Paula, his wife of 18 years, Ware said life was pretty good before the economy tanked and both he and his wife found themselves unemployed.

"Losing two jobs within one year, well, that was pretty stressful for a minute but God always provide", said Ware who relocated to the Charlotte area and was soon employed as the Director of Residential services of the Keys of Carolina, a 60 bed Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility.

Referring to his present position, Ware said, "I didn't wait for this position to find me. I knew I had the background—the experience, the education and the ability to serve in this position."

Evidently, the Board agreed.

Ware holds undergraduate and graduate degrees including a Master's Degree in Counselor Education-Counseling Psychology, and a boatload of other awards, honors and certificates including a certified OMPH—Qualified Mental Health Professional award.

It is his passion, zeal and drive to excel that moves Ware to pursue a spirit of excellence in his work. "God is the head of everything", he noted. "I am just the vessel". He and his wife, Paula, are the parents of four children.

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