

Hope for the African American Child

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Hope is spiritually paving a way for our youth. Knowing who we are will help them know who they are. Don't be fooled by the material wealth and educational degrees you have today. They both are external. As we study the likes of Harriet Tubman and Frederick Douglass we see their minds were never enslaved. They had an inner connection to Jesus. Harriet could not read. Frederick was a scholar. Both used their skills for the freedom of others. Harriet found her way to freedom and then she went back to show others the way. Leading and teaching what she had learned. Hope for the African American today is the kind of faith of yesterday. We must continue to make a way for our young people. We must teach our youth about their inner beauty. We must take responsibility for their education. Knowledge is power, but without the wisdom that comes from the Lord it is mere foolishness. Let's take our inner power through Jesus Christ and get busy being parents, grandparents, and Christians that take responsibility for the education of our young people. We are the future of those early slaves. Our young people are our future. Hope for the African American today is our inner strength and preparation of our young people spiritually and educationally.

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