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"Nothing brings me more happiness than trying to help the most vulnerable people in society. It is a goal and an essential part of my life - a kind of destiny. Whoever is in distress can call on me. I will come running wherever they are."

Princess Diana



Grace Kings "Mentoring Program"

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Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a just man, and he will INCREASE in learning. Proverbs 9:9

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Developing Champions Through Mentoring:

At its most basic level, mentoring helps because it guarantees a young person that there is someone who cares about them. A child should not be left to their own devices when dealing with day-to-day challenges.

Mentors provide an experienced friend who is there to help in any number of situations and positively improve a young person's self-esteem and promotes positive decision making.

Youth who meet regularly with their mentors are 46% less likely than their peers to start using illegal drugs and 27% less likely to start drinking (Public/Private Ventures study of Big Brothers Big Sisters).

A number of studies have revealed a correlation between a young person's involvement in a quality mentoring relationship and positive outcomes in the areas of education, mental health, problem behavior and health.

About 40% of a teenager's waking hours are spent without companionship or supervision. Mentors provide teens with a valuable and positive environment to spend free time/idle time.

Mentoring helps young people think through problems at home or at school; helps to strengthen communication skills; encourages them to reach for and realize their potential; and ultimately discover their strengths

The Grace Kings' program is to take young men who are, by today's standards, societally susceptible; economic, resource and otherwise challenged to succeed; and turn them into **CHAMPIONS!**



Why We Need This Program (Statistics):

According to a cdc.gov survey of over 60K fathers, only 33% of African American fathers live with their children vs 36.7% White fathers and 43.5% Hispanic fathers. But of that number, more African American fathers are more involved with their children; spending more time feeding, dressing, playing with and reading to their children.

Kenrya Naasel

"It's a Myth That Black Fathers Are Absent"

March 12, 2014—New York Times

These facts may be encouraging in some respect, but what about the male youth who doesn't have the physical presence of his father and has no chance for this kind of positive interaction or support. These are youths we desire to help!

Only 54% of African Americans graduate from high school, compared to more than three quarters of White and Asian students.

Nationally, African American male students in grades K-12 were nearly 2½ times as likely to be suspended from school in 2000 as White students.

On average, African American twelfth-grade students read at the same level as white eighth-grade students.

Only 14% of African American eighth graders score at or above the proficient level.

African Americans now constitute nearly 1 million of the total 2.3 million incarcerated populations.



African Americans are incarcerated at nearly six times the rate of Whites.

One in six black men had been incarcerated as of 2001. If current trends continue, one in three black males born today can expect to spend time in prison during their lifetime.

Low-income status in the United States varies significantly by race and ethnicity. Of the more than 13.4 million families with children living on incomes less than 200 percent of the federal poverty level, 30 percent are Hispanic, 22 percent are African American, and 6 percent are other (nonwhites.)

Mission Statement:

The mission of Grace Bible Fellowships' "Grace Kings" Mentoring Program is to work towards a holistic approach to nurturing and developing at-risk African American males between the ages of 9-17 years old, with the expectancy of producing Confident, Hard-working, Intelligent, Leaders, Driven to succeed (CHILD). They will become Mentors, Entrepreneurs and Noble assets (MEN) in our society and the future of our next generation.

Vision Statement:

Our vision is to liberate the minds of our youth from the filth and moral depravity of this world; and empower them to become world-changers. This will be done by comprehensive time spent in specific, success driven modules, which will be used to provide a holistic, health centered and historical basis for knowing oneself and how to achieve success in this generation!

Objectives:

The Grace Kings hopes to mentor 15 – 25 young men initially, with a minimum of (5) dedicated and committed mentors at program infancy.

Mentors and mentees are to meet every Tuesday night from 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. The program's objectives are to provide life lessons through the following modules and on-going programs:

Modules:

- ◆ Spiritual Guidance
- ◆ The Story of Us - African-American history
- ◆ Financial Literacy (Dave Ramsey)
- ◆ Young Entrepreneurs of Tomorrow (YET)
- ◆ Leadership
- ◆ Health & Nutrition
- ◆ Etiquette & Decorum
- ◆ Sports Programs

On-Going Programs:

- ◆ Tutoring and Academic Success Programs
- ◆ Martial Arts Program