

SUNDAY MORNING NOTE



“THE FORD MEN IN EARLY 21ST CENTURY”

“HAPPY NEW YEAR”

Dear Ford Men:

THEY DONT WANT US TO THINK, TO SPEAK, OR TO ACT LIKE REAL MEN!

I am writing to wish each of you a very Happy New Year.

When I started this platform on Facebook, I had in mind the bringing together of all the male relatives within the “Ford Family” who have the last name “Ford” and who trace their patrilineal heritage to Charlie and Mary Ford.

This is a radical proposition.

American corporate economy and materialism have decimated the family structure. For African Americans, this decimation began with the transatlantic slave trade.

For 246 years of chattel slavery upon American soil, the African American male was systematically and perennially denied his right to function properly as husbands and fathers.

In his classic work, *The American Slave Code*, Rev. William Goodell lucidly described how the “marriage vows” were nullified by the institution of chattel slavery. It was not illegal to “rape” a Black female—whether slave or free.

The great Frederick Douglass has commented that slavery had no recognition of fathers—the mother determined the status of the child. All slave children were the property of the white slave masters. This legal system came directly from pre-Christian ancient Rome, and it was incorporated into the slave codes of the Southern states.

After slavery was ended, the system of Jim Crow racial segregation perpetuated many of the same codes, customs, and usages of sexual violence and sexual oppression. The great African American writer and advocate James Weldon Johnson has observed that while racial integration was openly frowned upon in the segregated American South, the sexual liaisons of black women to white men—at night, under the cover of darkness—was not frowned upon and was fully acceptable.

In 1965, in his report on the Negro family, Secretary of Labor Daniel Patrick Moynihan issued a damning report, stating that the “Negro male” was most humiliated by the system of segregation and

denied the most opportunity for education and economic advancement— he noted that a system of “matriarchy” had reduced the Black community and the Black male to a perpetual state of impoverishment, cyclical depression, and dysfunction.

Of course, this Moynihan report has been criticized, -- strangely and often by members of the African American leadership, especially the liberals, the Democrats, the so-called progressives, and the like. But why? What for? And who benefits from leaving “matriarchy” in place within the African American community?

And so, as a Christian men’s society, I have established this platform to promote the future health and development of Ford Men, along the lines of the biblical mandate as stated in The Holy Bible.

**THE BIBLE PUTS MEN FIRST (PATRIARCHS), BUT CHARGES
THE PATRIARCHS TO PUT THEIR WIVES FIRST**

The economics of Church requires that Churches as an institution receive money from big donors and big organizations who promote ideologies and causes that undermine the central purpose and mission of the Christian faith.

This is precisely why mainline churches in the United States today have suffered from the infiltration of slave-holding (18th and 19th centuries), female headship and homosexual marriages (20th century), and the neglect of the Black family structure (18th, 19th, and 20th centuries).

The Holy Bible—which is a book of divine law—establishes God-ordained male leadership structure, as set forth in the Book of Genesis—indeed, for the Apostle Paul has said in 1 Timothy 2: 12-15 that:

12 But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence.

13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

14 And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

The Patriarch Noah and his three sons are accounted as the patriarchal heads of their families and their households.

When Moses organized the ancient Children of Israel in the dessert of the Sinai peninsula, he organized them along the male headship of each household.

Nevertheless, it is quite strange today to see nearly every institution within our society undermined that sort of male headship and leadership within the African American family and community.

The colleges and universities... the corporate industrial sectors... the government... and the mainline institutional churches have coopted together to **BUT THE UNIVERSITY-TRAINED AND EDUCATED BLACK WOMAN FIRST.**

Meanwhile, the Black Church— devoid of critical analysis of Scripture, history, and socioeconomics-- simply follows their lead!

Finally, I will leave you with one last thought or word or observation: and that is, THEY DONT KNOW WHO YOU ARE!

What I mean by this is: We “Ford Men” have lost our identity through handing over the controls to OTHER FOLKS WHO DONT KNOW YOU: the Church, the Universities (including HBCUs), the Fraternal Organizations, the Government, so-called “Family-Reunion” organizations, etc.

These institutions don't care about the health and well-being of putting Black men or fathers first within the home or in the community, and restoring the broken community between Black men and Black women.

As I have mentioned, only the father passes down the “Y” male chromosome from father to son.

The name “Ford” thus carries this meaning: that God has ordained the Ford Men to lead and to carry out his divine purpose and will for the “Ford” family.

Women—even “Ford” women, and especially those who marry and have sons and daughters with non-Ford men—do not have this same leadership privilege and responsibility.

This the ancient Hebrews received from the hands of the prophet Moses. This our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ reaffirmed.

But African Americans—through slavery, segregation, sexual oppression, and debauchery—have failed to learn, even through their churches, the divine ordination of **male headship** over the home, church, and community.

For this reason, the “**Sons of Charley and Mary Ford**” is established:

1. To bring the “Ford” men together under the general umbrella of a Men’s Ministry within the Ford family;
2. To preserve the heritage, history, and integrity of the “Ford” family—with the Ford men being the God-ordained cornerstone of that preservation;
3. To provide a platform for networking amongst “Ford” men for their mutual benefit; and,
4. To honor God and the Ford Family heritage and legacy.

Have a Happy New Year!

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