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WHAT'S GOING ON?

Greetings in the Lord! I hope you are enjoying this season while remembering the Reason! I will begin to share with you via electronic newsletters. This is my first one out to everyone, so please let me know what you think and once you do that we can catch up on what has been going on in each others' lives.

HAVE YOU COUNTED LATELY?

"Count your blessings, name them one by one,
Count your blessings, see what God hath done!
Count your blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done."

The above lyrics is the chorus from the hymn "Count Your Blessings" and describes my annual reflection as I come to the end of 2012 or any year. I enjoy looking back at the year and am so thankful for God's continual provision over my life and my family. I can testify to countless times this year where I had my concerns, but His faithfulness as always came through.



POINTING UP

I am thankful for the continued support from my family and friends. I am humbled and grateful for the responsibilities

Let me share with you a story that demonstrates God's faithfulness and timing.

I was asked by my friend Felipe if I would be willing to provide a stage for his friend Jesse, who was throwing a block party to celebrate his business' anniversary. I said, "Sure! What are all of the details?" He gave them to me, and at the end of our conversation he says, "Lo-Lo (why he calls me that is another story for another time), Jesse needs the Lord, and we need to pray for him!" End of conversation and fast forward to the day of the block party. I arrive to the street at 6:00 am, and no one is around. Now this area is no Beverly Hills but is in Compton. So I am thinking to myself . . .

"Okay, so how should I notify Lauren if I am about to die? But Felipe wouldn't put me in a dangerous situation."
"Where is this Jesse guy? I have another event to get to. He needs to get here soon, or I'm taking off!"
"I am not even getting paid for this. Why am I here?"

Then Jesse calls me and tells me, "Hey bro! I'm on my way. I'm almost there." I'm like, "Cool!" all Asian-like and polite. So now I am thinking . . .

"What?! Are you serious? You got to be kidding! I am so ready to leave!"
"Lord, I need some patience right now!" (Yes, I did pray!)

Finally, Jesse arrives, we get him all set up with the stage, and he is golden! I get done with my other event and head back to Jesse's to get the stage. I get the stage packed up, and Jesse is extremely happy with the stage, party, and the turnout. We hit knuckles, give each other a guy hug, and head home.

Fast forward again, seven months later, Felipe and I are talking, and in our conversation I ask Felipe, "How's, Jesse?" Felipe says, "He's good and really involved with church!" With a puzzled look on my face, Felipe says, "Wait, didn't I tell you about what happened after Jesse's block party?" Shaking my head no, he says, "Jesse's encounter with Christians before, during, and after his event made him think about Christians and how different they really were. Jesse said, "They (Christians) showed their love and support for me, and they didn't even know me! They are good people . . . genuine!" Felipe said, "Lo-Lo, you are a major reason why Jesse is now going to church! Jesse couldn't believe that you hooked him up for free with such a nice stage." I found out more about Jesse and that his wife has been praying that Jesse would find Jesus and go to church with her and the kids.

Jesse is going to church with his family, is involved in the men's ministry, and knows the Lord.

As I am sharing this story with you, I am embarrassed that I had the thoughts and feelings I did but am humbled and honored that God used me despite my attitude to make a difference in a man's life as well as his family.

and challenges that He has given to me that have allowed me to grow. My prayer is that I would have clear vision and focus in 2013 as the Music and Media Director.



GRATEFUL

Thank you for your prayers and gifts that are a ministry to me as I minister through my talents of music and media. If you are in a place of abundance, would you consider an end of the year gift toward the ministry?

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Let us all be reminded that God knows exactly what He is doing and that we need to be open to Divine appointments in which we can be used by Him.

May you and your loved ones have a blessed Christmas!

To Him due all respect,

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