

♥ □ From the Heart of First Lady Tami

“Prepared on Purpose, For Purpose”

September has a way of reminding us that **we get another opportunity to begin again.**

August may have been filled with vacations, family gatherings, cookouts, late nights, summer memories, and moments of simply trying to catch our breath. But now September is here—and with it comes a fresh invitation:

Prepare. Reset. Refocus. Restart.

For parents, September may mean getting the children ready for another school year—purchasing uniforms, school supplies, shoes, backpacks, schedules, and everything else they need to succeed. But I believe September is also a time for **us to prepare ourselves.**

What do you need to get in order?

What have you been putting off?

What has God placed in your heart that requires preparation before it can become manifestation?

Preparation is not punishment. **Preparation is positioning.**

Sometimes we pray, *“Lord, bless me.”*

But God may be saying, *“Prepare yourself for what you prayed for.”*

There is a difference between simply getting ready and being **intentional about getting ready.**

On purpose. With purpose. For purpose.

The Bible says:

“Prepare thy work without, and make it fit for thyself in the field; and afterwards build thine house.”

— Proverbs 24:27 KJV

That scripture reminds me that there is an order to preparation. Before the building comes the groundwork. Before the harvest comes the planting. Before the opportunity comes the preparation.

So, September, I am not just starting over.

I am starting with intention.

I am being intentional about my faith.

Intentional about my family.

Intentional about my health and well-being.

Intentional about my relationships.

Intentional about my finances.

Intentional about my assignment.

Intentional about the dreams God has placed inside of me.

And when the road gets difficult, I will not quit.

Because **determination** says, **“I may have to adjust my plan, but I will not abandon my purpose.”**

Maybe September is your month to clean out the closet, but perhaps God is really asking you to clean out your heart.

Maybe you are organizing your children’s school supplies, but God is asking you to organize your priorities.

Maybe you are preparing meals for your family, but God is reminding you to prepare your spirit.

Maybe you are getting everyone else ready for their next chapter, while God is whispering:

“Now prepare yourself for yours.”

Don’t despise the preparation season.

God can use September to give you a restart without requiring you to erase your past.

Take what you learned.

Take what you survived.

Take what didn’t work.

Take what did work.

Take the lessons.

Take the wisdom.

And prepare differently.

Prepare intentionally. Prepare prayerfully. Prepare determinedly. Prepare on purpose—because you were created for purpose.

This September, don’t just ask God, **“What’s next?”**

Ask Him:

“Lord, what do I need to do to be ready for what’s next?”

Because sometimes the blessing isn’t waiting on God.

The blessing is waiting on our preparation.

♥□ **From My Heart to Yours,**

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★ Also, A Few Important Reminders

♥□ **Health Expo**

📅 October 17th

👂 **Sight & Sound**

📅 December 19th

🚶♀□ **Walk by Faith Breast Cancer Walk @ Allen Pond**

📅 October 10th

☎ Contact Charlene for details.

□ 2027 @ A Glance

🌸 **Sister to Sister Retreat**

📅 April 22–24

🌸 **Pre-Mother’s Day Sister Girl Gathering**

📅 May 1st

🎤 **CeCe Winans Generation Simulcast**

📅 July 22–24

Save the dates and let’s continue to plan, prepare, and participate! ♥□