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It's Monday, the 15th of October, and the weather outside is like a beautiful summer mid-July day. I can't believe it. I made a u-turn back into my home to take off this sweater, long sleeve shirt, the T-shirt and simply put on a short sleeve T-shirt and press my way on this beautiful day.

Wow! It's so beautiful that I'm going to ask somebody, anybody, that homeless person even at the shelter on Lakeside who feels like nobody if they need a ride to go to the Board of Elections and vote.

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When I voted last week, it was a beautiful experience. My spirit rejoiced as I thanked all those who even made it possible for me to VOTE. We must never take VOTING for GRANTED.

But okay, back to today and this entire week which is suppose to be a wonderful week for the weather to act-right making it possible for everyone registered to VOTE to do just that… VOTE! No excuses!

What's that old saying? "Either you're part of the problem or you're part of the solution." Oh, here's another great saying, "Don't put off tomorrow for what you can do today." Oowee! Here's another one, "The early bird catches the worm."

Okay, you ask, what does the worm and early bird have to do with voting? What kind of question is that? Proverbs 26:4 states, "If you answer a silly question, you are just as silly as the person who asked it."

Ha ha ha! Well, I'm going to be silly and answer the question which might not be serious if you don't know why the early bird catches the worm. Worms come up on land to handle their thrust buds and get water from the dew on the grass and soil. The birds see the warm and, because they are hungry, what do the birds do?

They fly down and get that warm. My point is the earlier one might vote, the better the chances of not running into a crowd. Just last week, when I voted about 11:30 a.m., it was a full house yet no lines and things went not only smooth but fast. NO excuses all this week! Your hope is in your VOTE.

I was pumped up for the last debate. I stayed home even with all the invites I received to sit with others and watch. I wanted to be by myself, watching, praying, and maybe walking around the room while watching the TV in excitement.

During the second debate, I walked with the president when he got up to walk. I must confess, I jumped in more often than he did but my jumping in was more emotional than factual. After seeing that debate, I could not go to sleep till about 5 a.m. I was on cloud nine. And, I was up once again, trying to calm down. With all this excitement there is no excuse not to VOTE.

Each of you this week do like I'll be doing! Call somebody and ask them, "You need a ride to go vote?" Let them know up front that they don't even have to give you gas money. This might make a big difference. Anyone needing a ride to VOTE, please call the church. I'll come or send someone you can trust with my assistant so that you can VOTE. No Excuse!

There are a lot of individuals downtown at theJusticeCenterand guess what? If you have not been convicted of a felony while locked up YOU CAN VOTE, using the address of theJUSTICECENTER. NO EXCUSE?

A twenty one year old brother asked me, “Bishop, I’m registered but behind on my child support payments. Does this mean I can’t VOTE? My face froze up like I was having a stroke because I could not believe the question but, in the best calm way possible, I responded, “Son, you can VOTE. With his lady friend, he headed to the polls then afterwards he called me to say, “Bishop, my girl and I voted this morning. NO EXCUSE!

So here’s what I want all the licensed, insured drivers to do in honor of all those who paved the way for us to VOTE… Go get a blank sheet of paper... Got it?

Number from one to ten with the names and phone numbers of individuals who you think, well WHO YOU KNOW, will need a ride to the Board of Elections to VOTE this week. Keep your call simple. Okay, here’s the script.

“Morning, Sister Francis. This is Bishop Moultry. I’m on my way to take you to VOTE early. Get ready. I’m on my way. If they say they have already VOTED say, “GREAT, catch you later.” Go to your next call. Let them know, if they have not voted and are registered, to give you no EXCUSES. Tell them the gas tank is full so listen out for the horn when I get there.

Ooowee! No EXCUSES! IT’S NO JOKE! YOU BETTER VOTE!