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Bishop Speaks

Those Sagging Pants... Scandalous!

"How low can you go?" Part IV

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Remember that old saying? Stand for something or fall for anything? Well, I have a new one which is stand for nothing and fall for everything.

Here's another one. If you don't know where you stand, you'll feel where you'll land.

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We are in trouble as each of us as adults see where the last three generations are heading. Where are they heading you ask? They are heading down a dead end street.

First, I ask each of you the question of what is sagging in the first place?

Sagging is simply wearing clothes that are extremely too big and hang off you. In this case, I'm talking about wearing pants that are too big but, to make matters worst, wearing pants hugging the bottom of your butt with a belt.

First each of you my readers stop and spell 'saggin' backwards. What word do you get?

The origin of sagging started in prison when men in prison were spoken for. The other reason their pants looked like that was because inmates were not allowed to wear belts because prisoners were likely to try and commit suicide.

But out here, in society, what are the many young males and even some older fools sagging saying as they walk around showing their butt, pulling their pants up for them to fall down again, only to be pulled up once again?

Is sagging just to show their but or is it a fashion statement of showing their butt? Read what I just said again as I see each of you, my readers, laughing. Why would any individual in their right mind even put on a belt tightly fitted around the bottom of their butt? It is time we stop trying to make sense out of what don't make sense.

Sagging was even back in the slave days. The slaves, if and when they were dressed better than the master, many masters made the slaves start to dress in bigger clothes to just look stupid. This made the slave master feel better about themselves.

Don't the many males sagging look stupid? Those sagging walk, run and move as if something is between the crack of their... (Pray for me, pray for me) and I'll pray for you as you most likely will complete the sentence.

The young twenty one year old male stood before the judge in the courtroom for sentencing. He was facing three years for his drug trafficking guilty verdict. He arrived on time with his mother, baby's mother, and his friends. His name was called and he approached the bench. Pulling up his pants as they quickly dropped below his butt, the judge stood up from her bench asking him, "Did you come in my courtroom sagging?" Before he could answer, she asked another question. "Where is your belt?"

Before he could answer yet another question from the judge she looked over at his lawyer asking him, "Did you know he was going to come in my courtroom sagging?"

The lawyer responded, "Judge I told him and he said, 'that was him and what it had to do with his case how he was dressed?"

"Oh, he did ask you that question?" asked the judge.

Calling the young man by his first and last name she answered. "Since you want to be you this morning, I'll be me. And, since you want to SAGG and disrespect this court, I'm sending you where they will enjoy seeing what you showing."

The young man was sent to prison for the entire three years as the judge told his lawyer, "And don't send me a request for him to get out a day early since he want to be tough and disrespect this court, coming dressed like this."

The young man was out of the "hood" in a court of law yet the "hood" was not out of him. He didn't have enough sense to even come to court dressed right. Maybe in prison he'll pull up his pants in the next three years.

Stay tuned for the last of this series next week and pass this article as well as the past ones to someone sagging. Hopefully, knowledge will at least reach one to pull up his pants and wear the belt around the waist.

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