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Who do you admire and why?

Throughout high school I was often asked, “Who do you admire and why?” Unlike many students, I had a difficult time providing an answer to that question because I could not think of anyone who had made a huge impact in my life. To avoid the humiliation, I would often mimic the inspirational figures other students quoted such as parents and/or grandparents. As time passed, I realized that I was not truly being myself and I thought that it would be better to hide who I am to fit into the norm that surrounded me. If I had the courage to express myself during those times, I would have proudly announced that I admire The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan.

The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan is the national representative of the Nation of Islam and The Most Honorable Elijah Muhammad. Over the years, The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan continuously demonstrates his proven ability to exhilarate and transform the lives of African Americans all over the world. The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan’s mission is to teach the thorough knowledge of GOD and reveal the true essence of who we (African Americans) are as we travel down the road to self-independence.

Throughout his mission, he continuously teaches the significance of love not only for the African American male and female but the kind of love we need to share and demonstrate to all people. He has also taught lessons on peace, truth, and beauty for all humanity. Furthermore, he has even established solutions to the problems we often face in our society such as poverty, war, discrimination, and the right of education.

What I find to be so inspirational about The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan is his divine commitment to change the lives of many people as he teaches the truth of self and of the superior being, GOD. As an example of the work of The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, he held the 20th anniversary of the Million Man March in Washington, D.C. on October 10th 2015 to address the meaning behind “Justice or Else” and Black Lives Matter. The Million Man March keynote address was developed to shine a bright light onto the mistreatment law enforcement personnel demonstrated throughout America. For years, the citizens of the United States of

America had their share of torture, abuse, harassment, and humiliation because of the color of their skin and/or their religious beliefs. One of the solutions to resolve the abuse was to march and demand the government of the United States of America to closely examine the practices of their trusted law enforcement personnel. In addition, many people demanded that the government review the laws behind how to treat and respect people regardless of race and religious beliefs. No matter the circumstances, The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan never lost focus of his mission despite the amount of adversity he often faces.

From the teachings of The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan inspires me to want to learn more about my true essence as an African American woman and to never allow other people to criticize who and what I am. I have learned how to carry myself as a woman of pride, respect, and dignity. I have been inspired to learn and understand my self-worth and to never settle for anything other than myself to fit into the norm that society wants to place me in because I reflect something different. He has inspired me to understand and support the African American male and address him as King for which I am his Queen. Furthermore, he has inspired me to accept people for their own uniqueness and differences that may set them apart from others. And to never forget to give GOD all the praise because from him all things are possible.

In conclusion, if I was ever confronted to answer the question “Who do I admire and why?” I would proudly announce The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan. I found The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan to be so inspirational because he has shown me and countless of other people the significance of who and what we are. I would forever appreciate the love and commitment he has made to exhilarate and transform the lives of so many people while still teaching the knowledge of self and of GOD.