

What is your purpose?

Today's purpose is to celebrate the life and achievements of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Martin Luther King was American civil rights leader that stood up for racial equality in the United States and to end racial segregation. He is also known and honored for his inspiring quotes. One of his quotes are "Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing for others?". So allow me to ask you all, have you ever thought about what you are doing for others? Have you thought about what others do for you? Are you appreciated? Think about your actions and realize how much appreciation and respect you gain from doing something for one another.

Martin Luther King was all about respect. People were and still are being treated differently due to the color of their skin. I am sure you all have heard the saying "treat others how you want to be treated". Well equal rights involves respect. Martin Luther King was also an example of hope. He believed in the best within mankind and the best can only be birthed from love. Martin saw equal rights not simply just changing laws, but accepting that which is already in all of us...love. His desire was for all people no matter their skin color to operate in this love, but what made him special was that he didn't just wish for this to happen, he believed that it would and was willing to sacrifice his life for this.

But what is my purpose, my purpose today is denounce all ignorance. The color of your skin does not define who or what you are. In today's world we are facing a different segregation within our own racial community; colorism. Colorism is something that has been going on for quite a while now. For instance, the petty fights between light skins and dark skins have carried on to another level. The fact that we are separated into categories is appalling. We ourselves are doing the brown paper bag test and we don't even know. Why do we have to be a certain shade to be accepted? Why is it that when I tell people I am African and my family is from Ghana, their reaction is priceless due to how light my skin is? White people are white, Latinos are Latinos, but black people are light skin, brown skin and dark skin. So are we truly desegregated?