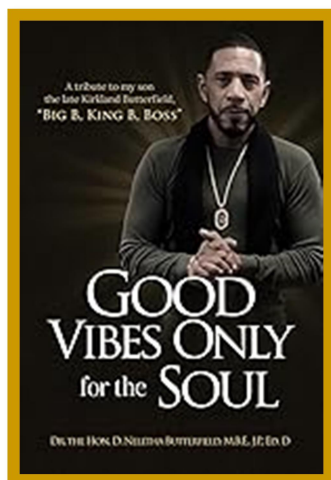


GOOD VIBES ONLY

for the SOUL



Treadwell Kirkland Winfield Butterfield's expressions of his life are highlighted in this book "Good Vibes Only for the SOUL" through poems written by himself and tributes from his family, students, friends and loved ones. An educator, mentor, motivator, leader, friend, father, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin and godfather, Kirk touched so many individuals' souls and their lives were changed both academically and socially.

His love and kindness, as eloquently conveyed in a tribute by his eldest son Kwondé Lathan, resonated with words such as, "You were kind, passionate, strong, powerful, confident, considerate, uplifting, motivational, driven, and loving." These descriptors not only encapsulate the essence of Kirk Butterfield but also underscore his unwavering determination as a strong Black man committed to uplifting his community. His destiny was to make a profound impact.

He made a difference in so many of his students' lives and these words capture his love from one of his young black male students' mother: *"Mr. Butterfield was the epitome of strength, tenacity and kindness. Even though my son knew him for a short while, the impact he made on him speaks volumes. I am honored that Mr. Butterfield was one who has shaped, moulded and assisted my son on his journey. I am forever grateful!"*

Use Kirk's poems and writings when you are struggling as a reminder that God will always want what is best for you. Share with friends, family, schools and in particular young males.

As you read Mr. Butterfield's poems and tributes, his journey, struggles, successes and expressions of love from his family and friends, may you feel his SOUL of **good vibes only** and carry his spirit with you on your journey of life. Share his struggles, his strengths, his memories and know that whatever we do in our life's journey, God often allows failure for His higher purpose, guiding us to grow, learn from experiences and comprehend **God's Plan**.

"God has a reason for allowing things to happen. We may never understand His wisdom, but we simply must trust His will."

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