



DGM Message Summary: Young Interview

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Opening and Closing Remarks (from Greet and Wrap):

- Ambassador Andrew Young
 - Over 50 years in the game
 - Top aid to MLK, ex-mayor in ATL, UN Ambassador
- Hopefully, folks captured some of the rich history shared today

Key Points:

- Everything and everyone has a purpose in life
- How did your personal relationship with God influence your career?
 - Dr. King's death really revealed the need to move into politics
 - No one wanted to run for mayor after Dr. King's death to further the Civil Rights mission, so he sort of fell into the position by default when he was searching for someone to run
 - And no one seemed to feel like they could win
 - Viewed the Congress as a 435 member church; phenomenal ministry
- What are some of your fondest memories of Dr. King?
 - Eating BBQ late at night to stay awake 😊
 - When he won the Nobel Peace Prize and a plethora of preachers came
 - The celebration in Norway following his receipt of the Nobel Peace Prize
- Is Dr. King were alive today, what would his focus be?
 - Trying to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, heal the sick, set those at liberty who are oppressed
 - He would also focus on the spiritual dynamics of healing the entire nation; very much led by the spirit
 - Through many dangers, toils and snares, he never lost his cool; maintained his spiritual peace through God's grace
 - Viewed racism as an illness, and you don't get angry with sickness
 - Viewed non-violence as a healing ministry
- How did the movie, Selma, portray the movement?
 - Exceptional; all those people there were really the movement
- After the death of Dr. King, how did you spiritually rebound?
- Why are we still unrepresented
 - Part of it's our own fault and part is the institution of slavery which we were brought up under

- How do you define race relations today?
 - We're no longer dealing with black and white; problems are green (i.e. economic) and we must integrate the economics of the world
 - Right now, too little people hold too much of the world's wealth and they're not creating jobs
- Should the wealthy be penalized
 - Not necessarily because that's a communist notion; doesn't really coincide with free enterprise
 - Answers to employment, war and violence problems is jobs, education and opportunity
- Will there ever be peace in the Middle East?
 - We always hear about the problems, but we never hear about the blessings
 - Problems can't be solved immediately because people don't change, but they do grow through prayer, faith and reasoning together
- What are a few of your most memorable moments?
 - Almost every day is a memorable moment
- Takeaway: by faith, anything is possible. It's easy to see the imperfections in the world, but that's what we're put here for. We're put here to take this imperfect world and make it more like God's kingdom. And God gives us the strength and wisdom; he hasn't failed us yet.
 - If we can conceive it in the Holy Spirit, we can achieve it!