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# OUR PATTERN

There are men and women who sew but all the time do not need a pattern. I'm sorry to say that that's not the case for Christians. We need a pattern. We need! He is our pattern and will always be our pattern till we leave this earth. Even when babies are born, they need a pattern; someone to follow after; someone to lead and guide them; some one to show them the way. They are completely lost and so are Christians when we begin to follow after the wrong pattern; after athletes, movie stars, fashion/beauty consultants or models, etc. We will be immensely let down if we think they are the key or the way.

God allowed our dad or mom this temporary opportunity. Their most important job is to lead us to the real Ideal Model; sit us

down and talk to us about Jesus, our pattern whom we are to look like.

There are many patterns in the bible but there was none sinless, accept Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord! Yes we can talk about Joseph, even Daniel, Paul, or even Prophetess Deborah but they were born into sin and they all were created beings created by One Master. They did good, yes, but there is only **One Pattern** we are to look and be like!

Yes, all of us have gone astray from time to time, but by the grace of God's mercy we are still hear to thank Him for keeping us here a little longer.

There have been times we even challenged and tried to alter the look of the pattern, as if we knew best; as if we made our-

selves. Wow! No, God is the Potter; we are the clay. He is the Creator; we are the created beings— His workmanship.

In Genesis, He said, "Let us make man in our own image, after our likeness." This pattern is an indication of the Trinity: The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit working in the capacity as One!

It was like making a patch quilt; putting each patch in, step by step. Jesus taught His disciples and it is presented to us through His written Word by the power of His Holy Spirit in us.

Let's take a look at the Christian's pattern given by Jesus Christ. Christ is the "The Pattern." His Wisdom covers us within; His Word covers us within and His Spirit covers us within. And what's within is bound to come out in appear-

ance to look like what we're made of.

- **He's the pattern for having a good relationship: John 17:6-9**

This is what the Lord has given: we pattern our lives after Him: to first have a good relationship with Him. Since He knows us inside and out, we are those disciples, given to Him to be nurtured and kept by His Word. His relationship with us makes us know how to treat others. He showed us how to get to the Father—He's the only Way.

- **He's our pattern for overcoming temptation: Matthew 4:3-11**

Since there are going to be trials and temptations in the world, Jesus shows us how to use His Word to overcome the enemy's approach so we won't be

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caught off guard.

- **He's our pattern for obedience: Philippians 2:8; Hebrews 5:8; Matthew 4:1, 19**

That means, first we will have to be led by the Spirit of God as He was. He showed us by becoming like a man, humbling Himself and becoming obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Even though He was God He learned from experience to obey when obeying meant suffering. He showed us how to be obedient.

- **He's our pattern for staying prayerful: Matthew 26:36, 38-44; Luke 22:31-32, 40**

Jesus showed us that we have to stay prayerful because obstacles can overwhelm us. It had come the time for Jesus to fulfill the plan of the Father and He needed a quiet place to pray. In the Garden of Gethsemane His soul was exceedingly sorrowful, even unto death. He was showing His disciples that this is the pattern they would need to follow when they are sorrowful, despondent, overwhelmed, burdened, or heavy hearted. As Jesus warned Simon Peter, calling his name twice, *"Simon, Simon Satan desired to sift you like wheat."* Jesus does not want us caught off guard by the enemy's tactics, that He also says, *"pray that you won't enter in to temptation."*

- **He's our pattern for overcoming battles: Matthew 4:3-11; Luke 23:34; John 10:18, 27-30; 12:32**

The battle does not belong to us but to the Lord, and before Jesus would even start His ministry,

He had to be led into the wilderness by the Spirit to receive power to do battle. He overcame every battle with the Word from the Old Testament. We have the New Testament —**"It is Written..."** to overcome the lies of the enemy!

Another weapon Jesus used is forgiveness. Before He departed this earth, He said "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." We must be so controlled by the Spirit that in our darkest hour, we will be able to speak these words and mean them as Jesus did. Jesus was so in control that He said, No man takes His life, He is the One laying it down of Himself. He has the power to lay it down, and He has the power to pick it up again. Our power comes from Him and when we follow His pattern it allows Him to be in control of our lives thereby, we overcome every battle. As sheep following their Shepherd, we are able to hear His voice and He determines where we are to turn; where none is able to pluck us out of His hand. We're talking about Jesus being our pattern. And lastly in overcoming battles, He's showed us that when we lift Him up; talk about Him; bring Him to life, He draws closer. In using this secret weapon, we win time and time again! Prayer is much needed as we follow Jesus.

- **He's our pattern for forgiving others: Matthew 6:14; 18:21-22 Mark 11:25; Colossians 3:13**

Since Jesus is the pattern for forgiving others, we know that if we forgive men their offenses, our heavenly Father will forgive us also. This led Peter to ask the Lord *"how often shall my brother sin against me and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"* Jesus' answer was *"seventy*

*times seven";* meaning continuously. That's what Jesus does for us. Our Pattern goes on to tell us that even when we stand praying and you have had an argument or anything against another person, forgive them. Let me say that again, forgive them. You are only holding yourself in hostage; in bondage because (I will say it again) your heavenly Father will not forgive your offense. The difference is that you are intentionally not forgiving; that's why He can't forgive you. You who know better are intentionally going against His Will. Don't forget He is the Pattern and we need to follow the pattern. Really taking Jesus at His Word means spontaneous response when He speaks to us and even before then, because we know Him by His Word. He has designed us to respond, not in the old way, but fashioned after the new way. We have to continue to work on it!

- **He's our pattern for feeding the hungry: Mark 6:37a, 41-44; 8:1-3, 5-9**

There has not been a time when Jesus did not want to feed His people, whether it was physical or spiritual food! He can't turn it off when people are starving. He told His disciples *"you give them something to eat."* The disciples didn't know how to react to that, for all they could find were two fish and five loaves of bread. The amazing thing about that was: He took it, looked toward heaven, blessed it, broke the loaves, and gave them to His disciples. That small amount; that small gesture multiplied, feeding five thousand and more; and still there were leftovers. Another instance was Him feeding four thousand with seven loaves of bread and a few small fish with a surplus of seven broken pieces leftover. How amazing was that and God has put that on some people's hearts to do —feed others! They're following Him, whether it is with God's Word or with God's bountiful blessings of food!

- **He's our pattern for loving one another: John 3:16; Mark 12:30-31;**

# 'BORN AND RAISED' TEXANS FORCED TO PROVE IDENTITIES UNDER NEW VOTER ID LAW

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**Ed Pilkington in Austin–**  
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Eric Kennie is a Texan. He is as Texan as the yucca plants growing outside his house. So Texan that he has never, in his 45 years, travelled outside the state. In fact, he has never even left his native city of Austin. “No sir, not one day. I was born and raised here, only place I know is Austin.”

You might think that more than qualifies Kennie as a citizen of the Lone Star state, entitling him to its most basic rights such as the ability to vote. Not so, according to the state of Texas and its Republican political leadership. On 4 November, when America goes to the polls in the midterm elections, for the first time in his adult life Eric Kennie will not be allowed to participate.

Ever since he turned 18 he has made a point of voting in general elections, having been brought up by his African American parents to think that it is important, part of what he calls “doing the right thing”. He remembers the excitement of voting for Barack Obama in 2008 to help elect the country’s first black president, his grandmother crying tears of joy on election night. “My grandfather and uncle, they used to tell me all the time there will be a black president. I never believed it, never in a million years.”

He voted again for Obama in his re-election bid in 2012, and turned out for the 2010 midterm elections in between. But this year is different. Kennie is one of an estimated 600,000 Texans who, though registered to vote, will be unable to do so because they cannot meet photo-identification requirements set out in the state’s new voter-ID law, SB14.

The law, which has been deemed by the courts to be the strictest of its kind in the US, forces any would-be voter to produce photographic proof of identity at polling stations. It was justified by Governor Rick Perry and the Republican chiefs in the state legislature as a means of combating electoral fraud – in a state where in the past 10 years some 20m votes have been cast yet only two cases of voter impersonation have been prosecuted to conviction.

Earlier this month a federal district judge, Nelva Gonzales Ramos, struck down the law, slamming it as a cynical ploy on the part of Republicans to fend off the growing strength of the minority electorate in Texas by “suppressing the overwhelmingly Democratic votes of African Americans and Latinos”. She linked SB 14 to a long history of racial discrimination in state elections spanning back generations, and declared the new law to be an unconstitutional poll tax.



© Associated Press Texas Governor Rick Perry at a fellow Republican’s campaign event.

But last week, in the early hours of 18 October, when most Texans were sleeping, the US supreme court snuck out a one-line judgment that allowed the voter-ID restrictions to be applied this election cycle. Without any explanation, a majority of the justices effectively threw Eric Kennie and many thousands of others like him – particularly black, Hispanic and low-income Texans – into a state of democratic limbo.

“This is the first time the courts have allowed a law that actually keeps people from voting to go into effect, even though a judge found it was passed for the purpose of making it harder for minorities to vote,” said Wendy Weiser, head of the democracy program at the Brennan Centre for Justice.

Before SB14 came into effect, Kennie was able to vote by simply show-

ing a voter registration card posted to his home address. Under the vastly more stringent demands of the new law, he must take with him to the polling station one of six forms of identification bearing his photograph. The problem is, he doesn’t have any of the six and there’s no way he’s going to be able to acquire one any time soon.

The first of the six forms of ID accepted under SB14 is a US passport. No luck there. What would someone who has never even crossed the city boundary of Austin do with a passport?

The second is a US military ID card, but Kennie has never been in the military. The third is a driving license, but he doesn’t have a car and has never possessed a driving license.

The fourth is a license to carry a concealed handgun. “I did have my own gun when I was about 14 or 15,” he said, “but that was 30 years ago.” The fifth is citizenship certificate, and no, he doesn’t have that either.

And then there’s the sixth method of identification allowed under the law. It’s a new form of photo-ID card created specifically for voting under SB14, known as an election identification certificate (EIC).



© Kambiz Shabankare/Corbis Eric Lyndell Kennie Texas voter id law.

To get an EIC, Kennie needs to be able to show the Texas department of public safety (DPS) other forms of documentation that satisfy them as to his identity. He presented them with his old personal ID card – issued by the DPS itself and with his photo on it – but because it is more than 60 days expired (it ran out in 2000) they didn’t accept it. Next he showed them an electricity bill, and after that a cable TV bill, but on each occasion they said it didn’t cut muster and turned him away.

Each trip to the DPS office involved taking three buses, a journey that can

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splurge on a special treat for himself and his friends.

"I do chicken Tuesday at Popeye's."

What's that, I asked.

"Two pieces of fried chicken for 99 cents - one dollar seven with tax. When things are good I might get five or 10 boxes and hand them out to my neighbors."

So what passes as a reckless binge for Eric Kennie - a splurge on about \$10-worth of fried chicken - is less than half of what he spent getting himself a copy of his birth certificate.

The outcome was perhaps predictable by now: the birth certificate wasn't up to scratch either. When he took it to the DPS (another three buses there, three buses back, another two hours waiting in line) they told him that the name on the birth certificate didn't match the name on his voter registration card. The birth certificate has him down as Eric Caruthers - his mother's maiden name - even though his parents were married at the time he was born.

I asked Kennie how it felt having been through so many hoops only to be told that he still couldn't vote because of a bureaucratic cock-up that occurred 45 years ago. "It makes me hurt deep down inside, it really do," he said.

Kennie said he would like the people who came up with the idea of SB 14 to put themselves in his shoes, like Eddie Murphy in the movie Trading Places. "Let me change identity with them for a whole day. Let them deal as me, Eric Kennie, and let me take their name. Then see how they feel. I think they'd see things differently then. I guarantee you, they wouldn't make it to the end of the day."



It is small consolation, but Kennie is not alone. African Americans and low-income people are

among the hardest hit by SB14, with research showing that black voters are three times more likely than whites to lack the identification requirements obligated under the new law.

Abbie Kamin of the Campaign Legal Center, a non-partisan voting rights and campaign finance organization that is currently trying to help people in Houston gain photo IDs so they can vote, said that they had been contacted by several people this week who had been turned away from early voting polling stations because they could not produce valid photo ID. She had also been made aware of many people who had decided not to vote at all this election cycle because they found the impediments just too daunting.

Kamin said she had dealt with cases where voters were afraid to go to the DPS to apply for an EIC because they had driving-related violations and feared being arrested. One older man was so determined to vote he told her he was prepared to be taken into custody, but decided against it because he was diabetic and feared running out of insulin while in detention.

"What's happening here is that the state of Texas is using tax dollars consciously to suppress their own voters. It's absolutely about intimidation," Kamin said.

At the headquarters of the Texas Democratic party in Austin, the voter protection director Sondra Haltom spends hours on the phone every day trying to help individuals negotiate the Kafkaesque bureaucratic maze that SB14 has created. She said she was finding that many older people are struggling because they have no birth certificates - a common problem for those from rural parts of Texas where births used to be handled by midwives and records were scanty.



Kambiz Shabana-kare/Corbis Eric Lyndell Kennie with his voter registration certificate, which Texas now considers insufficient to vote.

Students are also bumping up against the lack of student ID cards on the list of

stretch to a couple of hours. Then he had to stand in line, waiting for up to a further three hours to be seen, before finally making another two-hour schlep home.

In one of his trips to the DPS last year they told him he needed to get hold of a copy of his birth certificate as the only remaining way he could meet the requirements and get his EIC. That meant going on yet another three-bus trek to the official records office in a different part of town.

The cost of acquiring a birth certificate in Texas is \$23, which may not sound much but it is to Kennie. He is poor, like many of the up to 600,000 Texans caught in the current voter-ID trap.

He works as a "scrapper", foraging in people's garbage to collect cans, bottles and metal for recycling. Sometimes he comes across trinkets that he can restore. There are several chime bells dangling in the porch of his house, and a cordon of wooden Nutcracker dolls standing guard by the front door. A porcelain model of a laughing pig is staked quizzically on a poll by the drive.

On a usual day he makes about \$15 to \$20 from recycling the cans and other scrap. On a good day - after a holiday like Valentine's or Easter when people consume more - his earnings can rise to as much as \$40 a day. He has no bank account or credit cards, and no savings - he only deals with cans and cash.



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I asked him how much \$23 means to him. His said what he does when he feels flush with money is decide to



Ebola is a rare but deadly virus that causes bleeding inside and outside the body. Once it gets into the body, this worm-like virus attaches itself to the surface of the cells; then it invades it, replicates it, and causes the cells to explode sending infectious particles flying. From there it overpowers the immune system and organs. It uses the very cells that were meant to fight infection to travel to other parts of the body including the liver, spleen, kidneys, and brain. It almost attacks every organ and tissue. It also sets off an inflammatory reaction. That's what causes the sudden flu-like symptoms which are the first signs of Ebola. Ultimately, it causes levels of blood-clotting cells to drop. This leads to severe, uncontrollable bleeding.

### How Do You Get Ebola?

Ebola isn't as contagious as more common viruses like colds, influenza, or measles. It spreads to people by contact with the skin or bodily fluids of an infected animal, like a monkey, chimp, or fruit bat. Then it moves from person to person the

same way. There are five types of Ebola virus. Four of them cause the disease in humans. Those who care for a sick person or bury someone who has died from the disease often get it. Other ways to get Ebola include touching contaminated needles or surfaces.

You can't get Ebola from air, water, or food. A person who has Ebola but has no symptoms can't spread the disease, either.

### Symptoms of Ebola include

- **Fever**
- **Severe headache**
- **Muscle pain**
- **Weakness**
- **Diarrhea**
- **Vomiting**
- **Abdominal (stomach) pain**
- **Unexplained hemorrhage (bleeding or bruising)**

**Symptoms** may appear anywhere from 2 to 21 days after exposure to Ebola, but the average is 8 to 10 days.

**Recovery** from Ebola depends on good supportive clinical care and the patient's immune response. People who recover from Ebola infection develop antibodies that last for at least 10 years.

The **EXPERIMENTAL DRUGS**

at the center of this Ebola outbreak are ZMapp, Favipiravir, Brincidofovir and TKM-Ebola.

Three Ebola patients — Sacra, NBC cameraman Ashoka Mukpo and Texas nurse Nina Pham —all received plasma donations from Dr. Kent Brantly who contracted the disease and survived while working in Liberia. And all three have survived. The theory is that Brantly's plasma contains the antibodies necessary to fight the virus. It's very fortunate that the three patients he has been able to donate to all shared the same blood type. There was some controversy about why.

Brantly didn't give plasma to Duncan, the man from Africa. But the problem came down to blood type, Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital said.

Federal health officials on Monday issued new guidelines to promote head-to-toe protection for health workers treating Ebola patients.

It's not clear exactly how the two nurses at the Dallas hospital became infected, but clearly there was some kind of problem, said Dr. Tom Frieden, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "The bottom line is the guidelines didn't work for that hospital," Frieden said. Earlier CDC

guidelines had been based on a model of how to treat Ebola patients in Africa.

The CDC says bleach and other hospital disinfectants kill Ebola. Dried virus on surfaces survives only for several hours.

The new guidelines set a firmer standard, calling for full-body garb and hoods that protect worker's necks—leave no part of the body exposed; setting rigorous



rules for removal of equipment and disinfection of hands; and calling for a "site manager" to supervise the putting on and taking off of equipment. And this calls for repeated training and practice. Health workers had been pushing for the guidance since the nurses at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas were infected.

There are now about 120 people in Texas being monitored for symptoms, with their wait period ending Nov. 7 and there are also about 140 people being monitored in Ohio. Some good news this week: The 50 in the initial contact group have passed a 21-day observation period and no longer are deemed at risk for coming down with the dreaded disease. And an Ebola patient who was being treated in Atlanta since early September was released from Emory University Hospital on Sunday.

**POWER IN THE WORD MINISTRY**

For the Word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12.

**MY MISSION:** Reach and encourage others in letting you know that God is able to do the impossible.

**MY VISION:** Articles to be written in a Book to inspire others.

**IT CAN HAPPEN**

How much more shall your Father which is in heaven, give good things to them that ask him? Matthew 7:11b

**MY MISSION:** Use this God-given gift for His glory!

**MY VISION:** Teach others to reach for those God given gifts in them!

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**Quote**

"If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, "thank you," that would suffice." Meister Eckhart

**SCRIPTURE**

"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name." HEBREWS 13:15



**Help Me Thanksgiving Day Prayer**

O God, when I have food, help me to remember the hungry; When I have work, help me to remember the jobless; When I have a home,

help me to remember those who have no home at all; When I am without pain, help me to remember those who suffer, And remembering, help me to destroy my complacency; bestir my compassion, and be concerned enough to help; By word and deed, those who cry out for what we take for granted. Amen.

-SAMUEL F. PUGH

**DATES TO REMEMBER 2014**

- Daylight Saving Time Nov. 2nd
- Election Day Nov. 4th
- Veterans Day Nov. 11th
- Thanksgiving Day Nov. 27th

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approved identification under the voter-ID law. On Wednesday, Haltom dedicated several hours dealing with the case of a man from the Dallas area who had fallen into a classic Catch-22. He didn't have a photo-ID card so he went to ask for a copy of his birth certificate, only to be told – inaccurately – that he couldn't get his birth certificate without a valid photo ID.

In Eric Kennie's case, there is no clear way out of the morass. He could go to court and ask for the name on his birth certificate to be changed to correct the error, but that would take hiring a lawyer for a fee that he could not afford.

Or he could swallow his pride and take up the identity given on his birth certificate – turning himself into Eric Caruthers. He doesn't want to do that – he said it would make his deceased father "turn in his grave". It would also be profoundly ironic: he would in effect be impersonating someone else in order to get around a law ostensibly designed to root out impersonation at the polls.

The one thing he is not prepared to do is to give up the fight. Though he has admitted defeat this election cycle, he is determined to find a way through the mess and regain his vote.

"I do need to vote, I really do," he said. "It's too late for me, but this is for the next generation. They need us to get out the people who harm us and bring in folk who will make things a little better. So I'm going to keep on. I'm going to stay focused, roll with the punches and do what I got to do."

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Luke 10:30-37; 6:35-36; Ephesians 5:2

Love is God's first Name: "For God so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son..." Love is our greatest commandment He has put forth for us to follow. The reason is, when we follow our Pattern we love (the Lord) with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and then we are able to love our neighbor as ourselves. Loving God first helps us to love others in order to help them. He gives us that compassion within to see a need. If they are someone we know or someone we don't know, even with hostile enemies, God will prick our heart by His Spirit to want change for them. That will take much prayer! He loved us, and gave Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling savor. Christ did it for others.

• **He's our pattern for peace: Matthew 11:28-30**

Lastly, since Jesus is our pattern for peace, all we have to do is come unto Him, quit laboring with the circumstance, for He is able to give rest. When I yoke up with Him and learn of Him by allowing Him to be my teacher, He is gentle enough to make me calm. He's able to carry my load because His yoke fits so easily that my burden has become light—I can find peace in Him! I can find rest in Him! I have the very pattern that fits me well!

Now be a temporary pattern for someone else and lead them to your Pattern who will last forever in and beyond our lives!

God Bless!