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Bringing Worship to the Workplace

Stirring Up Your Gift

By Pamela Jenkins

2 Timothy 1:6 says, Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God... The definition of stir is to move toward or together, to urge beyond measure, to unsettle.

Several years ago, I was a member of ministry devoted to serving the homeless. We ministered the Word of God at annual picnics, local prisons, and while we were passing out care packages to all those we felt were homeless. Our mission was to be a witness the Lord Jesus and remind those of God's undying and unconditional love. There was one particular picnic that a security guard, who worked in the mall I frequented, "stopped by" to get some food. He said he had heard about the picnic and just wanted to come and offer some support. I thought that it was a blessing that the word had spread around the community that our ministry was feeding the homeless people and seeking souls for the Lord Jesus. I was excited. At the close of the picnic, I got the opportunity to chat with him while we were passing out the last of the care packages. "So," I began. "How did you hear about the picnic? And what church do you belong to?" "Ah...I just heard around that you all were feeding people today," was his reply. "So," I continued again. "Tell me what church you belong to so we could affiliate ourselves with them and invite them out the next time." He said nothing, and it was at that moment that I saw the blue plastic bags, the clothes inside, and the look of shame upon his face. "Oh my God!!!", I said to myself. "This same man who I've seen at the mall was not only the security guard who "stopped by" to get some food, he was a HOMELESS security guard who "stopped by" to get his last meal for the day... and I had no idea."

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The Journey Traveled

By Adrian Gause

I was born a native of Washington D.C. for one reason; to fulfill God's purpose. Growing up in church, I was constantly exposed to Gospel music. From the back-wood churches of North Carolina to the front street churches of Maryland, I watched my family praise God with a pure heart. Raised in a family of preachers and singers, I developed a powerful voice and a tremendous talent that distinctively stood out amongst many. When the music started, I started. When the music stopped, I kept going. Whether using the tambourine, the handles of the fans, the stomping of the feet, the clapping of the hands, popping of the jaw, beating of the drums, singing of the voice or the steps of a dance; I always found a way to create music.

In 1986, I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ into my life. Through trials, temptations and other challenges in life, I learned how to trust God. As I grew more in the Word of God, God established and raised my character to another level. Through talents and abilities, I served my church and school. I served as: drill team captain, assistant youth choir director; assistant young adult choir

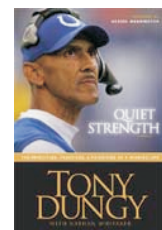
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Today, how many of us can adequately say that we have an idea who is homeless? More often we "see" what we believe to be a homeless person on the street and those who fit our description of the persona. We see the disheveled clothes, the unkept demeanor, and if we allow ourselves to get close enough, we stifle to smell their unwashed body. With the recent climb of the gas prices, the economy in disarray, the housing market in shambles, and many who have lost their jobs, we can no longer define HOMELESS based upon our past definitions or our past understanding. So many of us now are not only "homeless" but more in need of God's love, wisdom, guidance, and security, as we continue to trust that He is working things out for our good. Rev. Watley continues this mission by not only providing a free bagged lunch at Power Lunch, which feeds the body, he also "feeds the soul" with the word of God that is preached. We can extend this mission by inviting those we *think* are homeless, and even those who we *think* are not, to share in the goodness of Christ.

This is a perfect time for the "Saints of God" to evangelize and witness the Lord Jesus, wherever possible, in order to usher more "homeless" souls into the Kingdom. During these perilous times we can share more of the knowledge of God and how He continues to keep us, shelter us with His undying love, grace, and mercy, and protect us from dangers seen and unseen. Today, we have no idea who is homeless, but we can witness to those who are lost and in need of making the transition from being "homeless" here on earth, to having an eternal home in heaven with Christ. We should be seeking to save the lost (*Luke 19:10*), sharing the Lord Jesus Christ, and stirring up the gifts that God himself has placed within us. For God saw everything that He had created and behold it was very good. (*Gen. 1:31*).

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director, praise and worship leader, soloist, Master of Ceremony for various programs and guest speaker for various graduation ceremonies. In 1995, I began my college ministry at Hampton University (The Real HU). While at Hampton University, I sang with the gospel choir (His Chosen Sounds). There I served as a soloist, tenor section leader, praise and worship leader, backup director and Parliamentary. I was nominated for various officer positions with the choir such as: president, vice president, recording secretary, Mr. HCS, etc. I was also nominated as Mr. SCA (Student Christian Association) during my freshman year. As praise and worship leader, I, along with the praise and worship team, opened up concerts for various gospel artists such as: Angela Christie, Trinity 5:7 and Lashaun Pace-Rhodes. As a gospel artist, I have ministered in song for various banquets, weddings and other special events.

Recently, I performed and directed an original arrangement of the National Anthem at the Washington Convention Center, for the 20th anniversary banquet of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society Ball in 2006. I have recorded, arranged, written and sang music with various gospel artists and producers such as: Minister Peggy Britt, Derrick Pearson of "IAM Music Company", Rev. Jamila J. Woods-Jones, Kathy Horry (Formerly Kathy Myers), Daniel Winans, Minister James West, Royzell Dillard (Hampton University choir director), Francine Jones, Michael White featuring True Praise, and others. I am currently a member of From the Heart Church Ministries (Pastor John A. Cherry II) where I serve willingly as a Child of God. I have accomplished much in life but realize that there is much work to be done in the Kingdom of God. I love God sincerely, praise God with my whole heart and strive to be more like Jesus daily. By the words of Proverbs 3:5-6, I strive to trust in God with all my heart, acknowledge God and follow God as God directs my path.

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