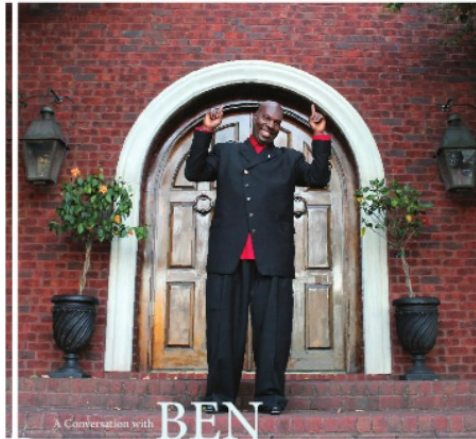




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A Conversation with **BEN TANKARD**

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CDs. “Sometimes you don’t feel as if what you have made you and they are ‘puffed out’. In my case, I pulled knees muscle and a ‘galling’ from a minor accident helped me discover my Grammy-winning music gift that was hiding inside.”

“You certainly have a passion and talent for music—having become the world’s best-selling Gospel music musician, winning twelve Stellar Gospel Music Awards, and having multiple ‘Grammys’ and Gold Award nominations from your ‘Gold and Platinum’ albums. What is the most important thing that you have gained from the success and accolades that you have been blessed with?”

“The most important thing I have learned is to keep creating and progressing, but to be patient with yourself and others. If I could change anything in my past, it would be that I would not spend so much time discouraged. Depression is wicked. I have now learned to count my blessings and to name them one by one, and make every moment count.”

“Determination, persistence, and dedication are undoubtedly qualities demonstrated by you throughout your life’s journey, that go... What has inspired you and kept you motivated?”

“I have several inspirations: Dr. Rick Warren and his book ‘The Purpose Driven Life’; my wife and children; and my faith in God. I also feel inspired by the vision of each other. I don’t intend to be an engine crank. So over the years, you and I have made a decision to ‘go it alone, love again, fly again, and live again.’”

“What has been the most challenging aspect of your life?”

“Getting my wife and family out of the house to be on their own for anything.”

“It is apparent, you love for music, but we understand that money is difficult where your heart lies. You have an award-winning and have impacted many lives through your art as a Pastor and founder of the Destiny Center. What message do you want readers to take away from the spiritual world you carry out?”

“The message is the way we live. What message is that if you want to get up in life, you have to reach out and help others. You can’t lead God’s people unless you help them. The more you give, the more He gives back to you. I believe the reason I am blessed in my music career and business ventures is because I believe my time is the great privilege of God’s mercy and His grace. I am grateful for every blessing He has given me over 13 other careers, ventures, missions and ministries as well.”

“He understands your family is a huge part of your life. Can you tell us a little bit about them? How does the ‘Hollywood’ side of you?”

“Well, there is David and I, 5 grown kids, 7 daughters-in-law and 2 granddaughters. My wife, Theresa is David’s childhood friend from a small town, and at 48 years old, she still learning something everyday. Big fun...”

“You have always been a great father and professional basketball player. In becoming a pastor, what is your working style? Will you share with us your wisdom on joining to basketball and the fun that helps you to relax in music?”

“Well, as a father, I love to play sports and take my kids to the gym. I love to watch them play and take them to the gym. However, at the end of the day, you can imagine the pressure it was to play basketball.”

“Being senior year in high school, I was a basketball player and a pastor. I had over 30 scholarships for basketball, and 30 on walk for band. My folks would take the basketball scholarship in hopes of going pro one day. They didn’t think I could make a living playing the tuba.”

“I took a full ride basketball scholarship at William State in Alabama. I left after that year to go to the minor league pro summer league in hopes of being called up to the Portland Trail Blazers camp. I was injured and was dropped from the workout roster.”

“The depression from missing out on the basketball contract, which had me to church one night, and miserably, I was grateful to do something. I had never done before, play piano. The pastor called me up to the altar and played for me. He indicated me that God had a new ‘identity’ for my life outside of sports. He told me to go to the top and put my hands on the keyboard. It was a miracle. I began to play the keyboard the most sure way you become a player in my life.”

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“So, Ben, you could say the ‘valley of separation’ had walked me to day because from here on out, I try to put on these negative experiences to my family and others, so they can avoid the same pitfalls.”

“Do you have a role model or someone special that has inspired you?”

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