



Q&A With

Cee Cee Michaela

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Cee Cee Michaela is currently starring in her greatest role ever. Cee Cee, is probably best known, as Yvonne, the police officer and fiancée of William on the hit television series, “Girlfriends.” She has been acting since she was nine years old. Growing up in Hickory, North Carolina, Cee Cee hails from humble beginnings. God moved her from Hollywood to “Holy” wood. Her current role is that of motivational speaker, evangelist, television and stage actress, singer, songwriter, producer, author, entrepreneur, positive teen advocate, mentor, abstinent until marriage advocate and celebrity for Christ. In a recent conversation with *Epitome Magazine*, Cee Cee shared how her faith has kept and sustained her.

EM: Was it hard for you to leave the show, “Girlfriends?”

CCM: It wasn't hard at all. I fear the Lord. I feared what would happen if I disobeyed God. I do not like going against the will of God. I didn't want to face His wrath, so it was not hard at all for me to walk away from the show. I knew God's plan for my life would be greater than anything man had for me. I trust Him completely. I study God's word and I am a firm believer in faith without work is dead. I also understand faith comes by hearing and hearing comes from the word of God.

EM: Tell us about GodzGirl/GodzGuy Network.

CCM: The Lord called me off the show “Girlfriends.” I have a heart for young people. I see so many young people who are fatherless. I see so many young people who are in need of a positive role model in their life. The media is so sexualized. I wanted them to know that even though I came from the media, I was not like that. I want to educate and empower young ladies, young men, and their parents to help improve their quality of life. I teach life skills classes to teens which incorporate purity, beauty, purpose, leadership, wisdom and excellence.

EM: You share your testimony all the time. Do you mind sharing with our readers?

CCM: Not at all. I am an advocate of abstinence. I not only abstain from sex but drugs and alcohol, too. I have been abstinent for nine years. I try to live a pure lifestyle. I try to live holy. I want to be an open vessel for God to use. It is through my own personal struggles, I share with others. I teach what I live. It isn't easy, but it's worth it in the end. I conduct purity ceremonies. I want to make sure young girls are ready for life and living a life that is both virtuous and victorious.

EM: What happens at one of your workshops or conferences?

CCM: We do so much. You just never know what might happen. We sing and praise God. The word goes forth.

We deal with beauty tips for girls and we do a lot of life skills. We have real talk. We learn to pray. We pray for one another. We discuss things people are going through. We do all sorts of creative type learning. Whatever God places on my heart to do, I do.

EM: Who mentors and inspires you?

CCM: I receive my inspiration from God and the Holy Spirit. I do not lean on my own understanding but trust God and allow Him to direct my path. Everything we need is in the word of God. Many of our men and women are falling. A lot of times we place too much faith in men and women and that gets us in trouble.

I have learned to sit under good instructions. I am a follower of Derek Prince's ministry. Even though he is deceased, I read all of his books. He was a great man of God. I also follow Apostle Frederick Price. He teaches the word like no other. From both these men, I have learned to study the word for myself. They are both older and very wise. Both are (were) committed to their wives. Derek Prince was married twice. His first wife, Lydia, had eight adopted daughters when they married. Together, they adopted another daughter. He was married to Lydia for 30 years, until her death in 1975. He later married Ruth, who had three adopted daughters. They were married for 20 years, until her death in 1998. Derek Prince took care of his wives and their children.

Apostle Frederick Price has been married to his wife, Betty, for over 50 years. To me this represents consistency and I like that about both men. They are leaving a legacy behind because of who they are and who they represent. To me, they are godly men. When looking for a preacher, look at the fruit of the preacher. What does their fruit say about them?

I also like and am inspired by the ministry of Dr. Cynthia Hale and Joyce Meyer. They are very strong women. They let me know it is ok to be a strong godly woman.