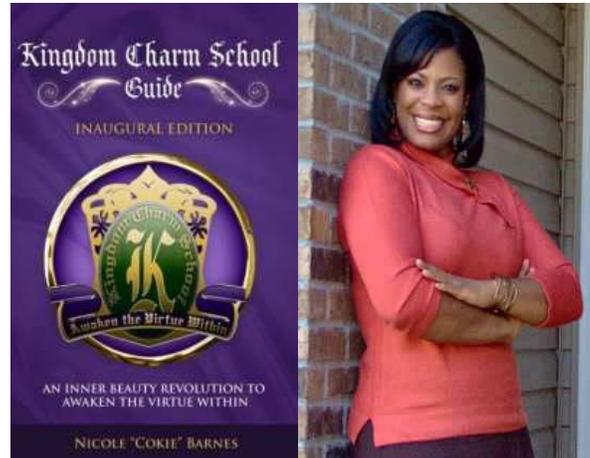


## Rev. Nicole Barnes' First Annual Kingdom Charm School Is An Ephesians 3:20 Vision In Action

By Tanya White



***“Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.” –Ephesians 3:20***

I have quoted and read this scripture an infinite number of times throughout my life. But very seldom have I actually seen this scripture come alive right before my eyes. However, Rev. Nicole Barnes' first annual Kingdom Charm School allowed me to witness God's *exceeding abundant above all that we ask or think* power.

I vividly remember back in October 2009 when Rev. Nicole shared her vision about Kingdom Charm School. My spirit immediately leaped for excitement. Her pure passion for women to experience an inner beauty revolution refreshed my soul.

Still, nothing could have prepared me for what was experienced at the first annual Kingdom Charm School. The moment I walked into the building, I was greeted with a sweet spirit of humility, excitement, love and sisterhood. Men, women and children were happily working to show people to their seats and to prepare to unleash what will go down in Kingdom history as one of God's best demonstrations of ministry in action.

### **Kingdom Women Begin Everything With Praise**



The thing that made Kingdom Charm School a divine success was that it

began with praise. The amazing youth dance team commanded our attention from the onset. As the doors swung open, they were marching and swinging their dance flags to the beat of Richard Smallwood's *Anthem of Praise*. By the end of this army of innocence, these attentive youth worshippers had effectively ushered us into praise mode. Within minutes, everything that had breath was standing, shouting and weeping praises unto our Most High God.

After the youth exited, I was reminded why it is so important to start praise everyday and in every way. When you begin your day, your ministry literally anything with authentic praise to God, it sets the environment with a liberating spirit that compels people to empty themselves and be in position to receive. Rev. Nicole Barnes helped set the atmosphere with a savory spirit of praise so that all of the 172 attendees would be in position to receive something that we had never experienced before.

### **Kingdom Women Pay Homage To Strong Women Past and Present**



After we were drenched in the anointing of praise, Kingdom Charm School took us on a journey through history. From the strong women of slavery to the lady they call "Moses, Harriet Tubman...from encouraging mothers to celebrating our First Lady Michelle Obama...the perfect combination of young woman and seasoned women performed mouthwatering monologues which reminded us of the internal strength, courage and wisdom possess despite any outer oppression that tries to paralyze our dreams and destinies.

The celebration continued with showing appreciation to women in the Louisville community who have been committed to making a different in the lives of people. Women from all walks of life were recognized and received the first annual *Charm and Grace Award*. Community and church leaders such as Councilwoman Dr. Judith Green and Pastor Ruth Lofton were recipients of this award also.

### **Kingdom Women Must Have A Certain Posture**



How you stand determines your success and that is what the presenters at Kingdom Charm School imparted into our spirits. Psalmist and songwriter, Julia Royston

serenaded us with her empowering song *Love Yourself*. Julia reminded us that before we can truly love somebody else, we must be able to genuinely love ourselves and embrace who we are without comparison.

Joy Turner of Georgetown, Kentucky taught about the posture of a Kingdom woman. Her zealous presentation inspired women to become confident, authentic as well as strive to overcome issues that have us weighed down. Joy commanded that Kingdom women begin to stand tall and walk boldly down the runway of life to please their Master.

I was honored to share *The 10 Traits of A Divine Woman Of Charm*. Teaching from Proverbs 31:29-31, God allowed me to shed light on the verse that says *charm is deceptive*. I shared with the women that worldly charm is deceptive because it is superficial, dishonest and temporal. However, a divine woman of charm has God's spirit which allows her to be confident, honest, audacious, rejection-proof and mission-minded.

As we disbursed into groups for individual Kingdom Charm School classes, the women were able to attend one of six classes that discussed topics such as *How To Have Reverence For God, Beauty: Trick or Treat, Self-Esteem and Girl, You Can Win!*

### **Kingdom Women Need Prayer and A Prophetic Word**



At 1:30 pm, as the first annual Kingdom Charm School was concluding, Pastor Ruth Lofton of Louisville, Kentucky sealed the days' events with a powerful prayer and prophetic words straight from the throne room of God. If by chance you did not receive what you were looking for from the praise, the monologues or the charm school classes then Pastor Ruth definitely supplied you with a triple dose of spiritual ointment that healed your mind, body and soul.

Pastor Ruth is one of God's hidden weapons who brings of worldwide healing and order with authority. When Pastor Ruth opened her mouth to cover the women in prayer, chains were broken, hearts were mended and household set in order. Pastor Ruth was an unexpected blessing that was the cherry added to an especially scrumptious day of celebration, sisterhood and support.

If you missed the first annual Kingdom Charm School, you really did miss a treat. Words truly will never capture the spirit and success of Kingdom Charm School. But this one thing I do know ...God demonstrated His *exceeding abundant above all that we ask or think* power at Kingdom Charm School. And the 172 men, women and children who were privileged to

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experience Kingdom Charm School will eventually take this Ephesians 3:20 event and extend it into an Ephesians 3:21 testimony *-To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen*

**HUGE KUDOS** goes out to Rev. Nicole “Cokie” Barnes, Chief Visionary/Founder/Dean of the 2010 Kingdom Charm School. We thank you for your commitment, your dedication, sacrifice and sweet spirit of excellence. On Saturday, February 27, 2010 you helped to bring clarity to confusion, hope to hearts that were hurting and optimism to souls that were pessimistic. Rev. Nicole “Cokie” Barnes we appreciate you for being our Mary when we were Elizabeth. Some of us had our spiritual babies of destiny lying dormant. But because of the Jesus in you and your obedience to carry and birth the vision of Kingdom Charm School, I am confident that at next years’ Kingdom Charm School, God will allow you to witness many women who have tangible testimonies and abundant blessings. Continue to be obedient in all you do. – **Tanya White**

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