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Now I know that I'm in the ministry...or am I just being played like a fool?

As I said before...my Christmas was hectic. I started redesigning the BatCave when everything happened all at once.

This sweet lady who had such a powerful spirit/Spirit passed away. She was the mother of my churches 1st Lady (the Pastor's wife yall). But anywho...I had the chance to know and talk with the woman who I'll call Mother A...over the years and her story would astound you. More on her story later.

But...me doing what I do...(yeah...I'm a printer 2)...I was called on to print the obituary for this wonderful woman, Mother A. Uggg...she had so many kids who have a complex with being in charge...it was the most labourous week I had had in such a long time. You see...all of her children...and I think there are about 9 of them...are either Pastor's...A Pastor's wife...Ministers...etc... (except 2 that I know of...guess they fell off)..but anyway...everyone wanted to be in charge...but none of these folks had any money! That kills me...folks want to call the shots but they don't have money to put towards to funeral arrangements.

You know...that's something else. I have done about 5 or 6 obituaries for this family over the past year and I had felt compelled to give them a huge discount...especially since I personally felt a void with the passing of Mother A...but then...I decided I would give it to them for free...but I wasn't going to tell anyone but my Pastor. MANNNNN....You wouldn't believe how many folks in this family came at me about giving them the program for free. They were talking about "you done made so much money off of this family...you should give it for free!" Now...Now...what I don't understand is this. **ONLY MY PASTOR HAS PAID ME FOR THE PROGRAMS I DID FOR HIS FAMILY...ON BOTH SIDES...NONE OF THESE OTHER PEOPLE HAVE EVER DROPPED A DIME ON THE OBITUARIES NOR HAVE THEY EVER OFFERED TO HELP THE PASTOR PAY FOR THEM!!!!. DA HELL!!!**

My Pastor would always ask me 2 do the obituaries because he knew it was what I did for a living and I produced the best quality prints in Chicago...along with great pricing. And you know what...when I told him I was going to do it for free...he still wanted to pay me because he knew I had a cost and bills. But I still didnt take it. If I would have charged him what I should have...it would have been about \$375...But my Pastor is my friend...my counselor...he became my dad when my father passed away in 1995. So...I wasn't going to charge him...at least for this one :)

So

anyway...after days of trying to get this program together...I didn't get the final information until the night before the funeral. Oh well. Oh...did I mention I was in the funeral? That was actually a honor. I respected Mother A so much...and then the family...I guess...saw me as being family...and put me in the program. Trust me...this is a huge family and there were plenty of other 'family' members that could have done what I did (read scripture)...but the picked me... :)

But...after that weekend...we had 2 get ready for Christmas (the funeral was the weekend before Christmas)... After Christmas...we had to continue to get ready for our Church Anniversary.

Church Anniversary: what an event. I did the printing ...or should I say ...Me and Storm did the printing and design. You talk about HOURS upon DAYS upon NO SLEEP type of work!!! The program was supposed to be 8.5x11 folded. But then...on the monday before the Anniversary...the 1st Lady changed the design as well as the size. (oh happy happy joy joy) DA HELL!!!

So...that was a job! But...we had fun. I'm still tired and catching up on sleep. I think I'll need the rest of this week to get it back in gear.

I was talking on the phone with Poison Ivy today...(yeah...I know her personally also)...and found out she's been RAPED by church folks as well. She does obituaries as well...but she doesn't charge what she should and has been scared off by church folks. They have her scared to charge what she should. Well..that's gonna end!!! I'm gonna school her on what's what! How to charge for what she does. So many of us don't know our worth nor what is the worth of our work. We've been conditioned to measure our 'worth' by the hour. We'll...when I'm doing Tech work...I'm worth \$55 dollars per hour 2 schools \$75 per hour to a business. Obituary printing...I'm not gonna tell that one...but I'm gonna bring Poison Ivy up...show her what she's really worth!

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