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Open-minded
Understanding
Loving
Full In Spirit
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Learning Always
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\*If you look close at beginnings you get the message!

"Dios te Bendiga amigos" or in English"God Bless you friends".

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"Is it possible to be **GODLY** and **SEXY**?" (Article By J.O.T.)

Many male and female Christians wonder if they want look and feel sexy does that make them ungodly. I would have to say that as long as you were not looking indecent and acting indecent then yes it is possible to be godly and sexy. However I feel that if a male or female is focused on the HOLY SPIRIT, he or she will know where to draw the line. To give you an example of what I am trying to



say let me refer to two pages in my second book published titled **BREAKING STEREOTYPES**. On pages 37 and 38 I make a statement about

my hip hop style of clothing that I wear, and I quote:

I understand that the older generation came along at a time when they did not have as much access to things as the young



generation does, so at times their actions were shaped solely by their situation (Christians wore either button up shirt and slacks or a suit, tie and hat the majority of the day every day whether to school or church or to the store). This was due to the fact that there were not Christian clothing companies with the variety of styles that they have now for the younger generation. The younger generation has been offered clothing that represents Christianity through T-shirts, wrist bands, toboggans, baseball caps, bandanas, and many other



hip hop influenced styles. The hip hop influenced Christian styled clothing should not

be confused with the way gangster rappers wear their style of hip hop clothing because a lot of them like to look indecent with their underwear showing. That is because gangster rappers do not follow GOD, they follow the devil and that is why "steal, kill, and destroy" is promoted in the gangster rappers hip hop clothing and music. Nothing about my hip hop styled clothes was indecent. My

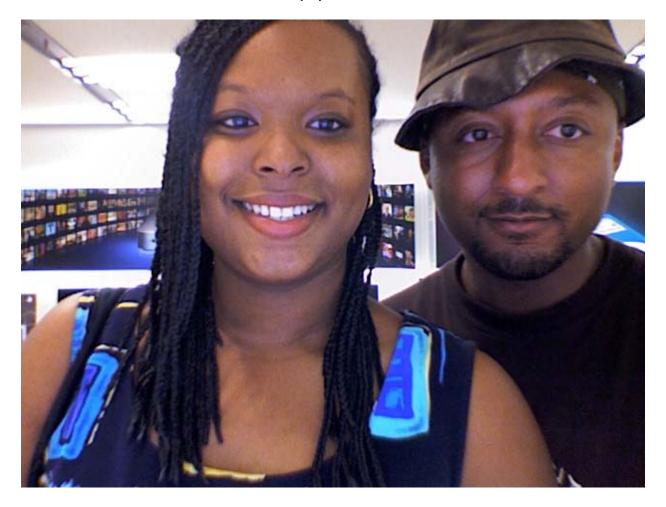


underwear was not showing, and there were no explicit pictures or words on my SOUL-FULL WEAR T-shirt.



The bottom line is that there are always going to be critics of what you wear. But as long as you know that you are being led by the HOLY SPIRIT, then it is possible for you to be **GODLY** and **SEXY** too! I am a living witness to

this point. My female Christian friend thinks what I wear has sex appeal, but



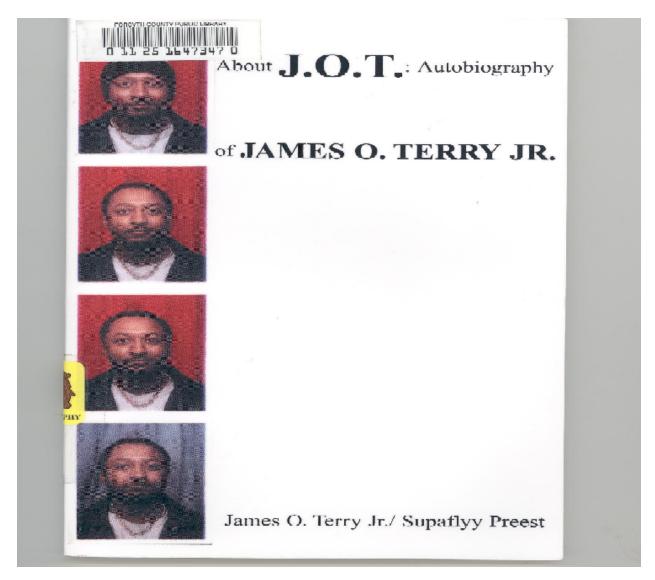
knows that I am about GOD's business for she assists me in my Christian ministry. My motives are not to become a seductive person like the world would suggest, but instead just look good for my female Christian friend whom I plan to marry and make my wife or "mi esposa".- (\*SOUL-FULL)-



#### "Is Gospel Rap Of CHRIST?" (Article By J.O.T.)

I have often heard many people question whether gospel rap is of CHRIST and my answer to them is this. If the rapper is using his or her gift of lyrics to glorify JESUS CHRIST then that means that their gospel rap is indeed of CHRIST. It tells us in the BIBLE that all gifts are from GOD, and that it is impossible for a godly tree to bear ungodly fruit. I talk about this subject matter in

# my first book published titled <u>ABOUT</u> <u>J.O.T.(AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF JAMES O. TERRY JR.</u>.



I also address this subject in my ministry statement which describes why some Christians may feel that gospel rap is not of CHRIST. In it I state:

#### **SOUL-FULL MINISTRY STATEMENT**

Soul-full productions purpose is to provide a positive, encouraging atmosphere to both youth and young adults so to utilize their individual minds, bodies, and talents/gifts in a way that will make these youth and

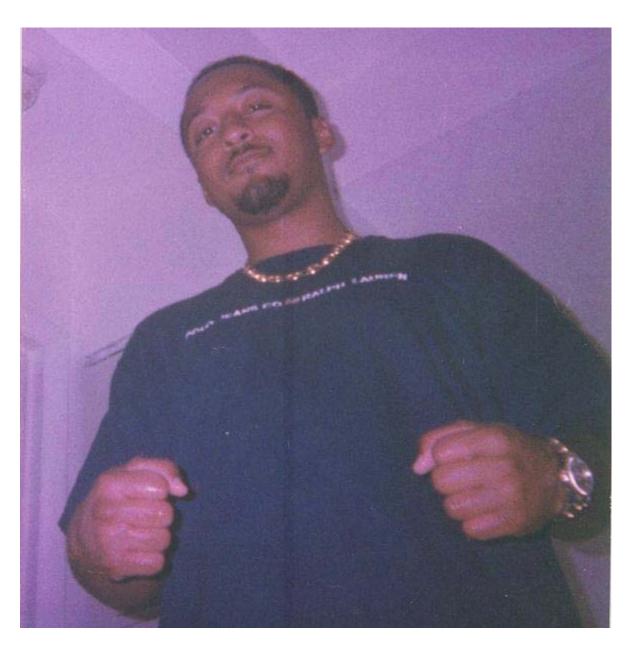


young adults productive males and females in society. The principle focus is that through Jesus Christ you can achieve success in a manner, which is neither destructive nor degrading to themselves or others. Soul-Full Productions helps youth and young adults to develop good,

# sound, decision-making skills which prepares them for daily challenges they will face in life.



I hope that this enlightens those CHRISTIANS who might be skeptical of gospel rap. My prayer is that GOD will show them that the gift of gospel rap is supported by scripture. This will allow them not to hinder the youth from getting the WORD as GOD intended!-(\*SOUL-FULL)-



"Staying Focused?" (Article By J.O.T.)

Have there ever been times in you life where people made you so mad that it was hard to act in a CHRIST-like



manner and stay focused! Well, I am being led by the HOLY SPIRIT to share personal testimonies with you that I talk about in my third book I am in the process of writing now. For all of you who think that it is not fair the way you have been treated by people and/or the way you are being treated by people now let me tell you what GOD showed me. Here are excerpts of my upcoming book:



I Could've Gotten Mad And Got Revenge.....But I

Didn't

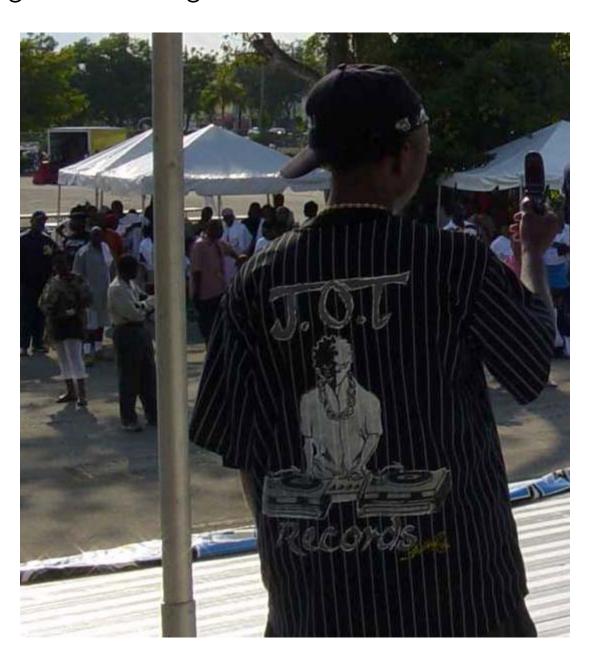
There were many times in my life that people did wrong things to me. For example:

1.) A gun was pointed at me in my high school years by a black male I knew from high school because I wouldn't give him my



money....he pulled the trigger. 2.)A white policeman harassed me by making me stand outside my car in freezing cold temperatures as he took all my possessions out of my car and searched it for no reason. Because I was honest and not doing anything wrong I informed the

white policeman that I had a "registered" gun in the holster underneath my shirt(I only carried it with me on long trips down the highway). Even though I told him that my gun was registered through the Sheriff's office



and that I had a gun permit, he still took me to court on a bogus charge and kept my gun. Not only did I not have a gun but I also received a criminal charge on my record. 3.) A white female college professor who disliked me handed back my homework paper and sarcastically said



"I'm sorry but your paper out of all the rest happen to fall in my cats litter box"....my paper had cat feces on it; A elderly black female mother snatched my CD out of the hands of her twenty two year old daughter who was thinking about buying it....she threw the CD into my chest because she assumed it was gangster rap because of the way I was dressed.



If I had of taken revenge against any of the people mentioned or any of the other people I didn't mention I would not be the successful

person I am today and would have missed out on all of the blessings that have come my way.



It was not easy at times to let GOD handle things and not take matters into my own hands. At times I had thoughts of literally "killing/murdering" the people who had done these things to me, because that's how bad

they were provoking me, but I did not act out on those thoughts due to the Holy Spirit strengthening me.



Once I let GOD handle things I began to reflect on how black people let GOD handle things during slavery. The blacks who went through far worse things than I did still did not take revenge against the white people who enslaved, raped, tortured, and killed them.





I also thought about black people closer to my generation's time period. I reflected on how Martin Luther King during the Civil Rights Movement watched white policemen torture black mothers, fathers, children, and himself for

no reason at all and yet still did not take revenge against those white policemen because Christ was in his life.



Finally I thought about JESUS CHRIST, who is the best example of a person who was pushed to the limit but still did not take revenge against those who provoked, tortured, and killed him.

No one else went through more pain and suffering than JESUS. He was called a liar, fake, not holy(a follower of satan) and was tortured in the worse ways known to man. JESUS CHRIST had not ever done anything wrong in his life, whereas I have, and yet JESUS was still provoked, tortured, and crucified. I had to finally had to ask myself the question "If JESUS, who hasn't ever sinned in his life, had to go through things that made him mad but did not take revenge, what makes me so special that I shouldn't have any problems.

I hope that by me sharing this with you maybe you the readers will stay focused and remember that it is the devil coming through people and not the actual people themselves. If I had not remembered that and had acted on my fleshly impulses then I would have done harm to the person who satan was coming

through but not satan himself (who is the real problem). That is why GOD tells us in the BIBLE **not to take revenge.** If we take revenge then not only will we not solve our problems during our Christian walk, we are not staying focused on GOD's commandments. So **STAY FOCUSED!**-(\*SOUL-FULL)-



I hope that this first issue of the magazine has been enlightening and spiritually nourishing. On that note I will say dios te bendiga which is simply Spanish for GOD BLESS YOU!

This magazine is dedicated to my Mother, Father, and Sister! -JAMES O. TERRY JR.-

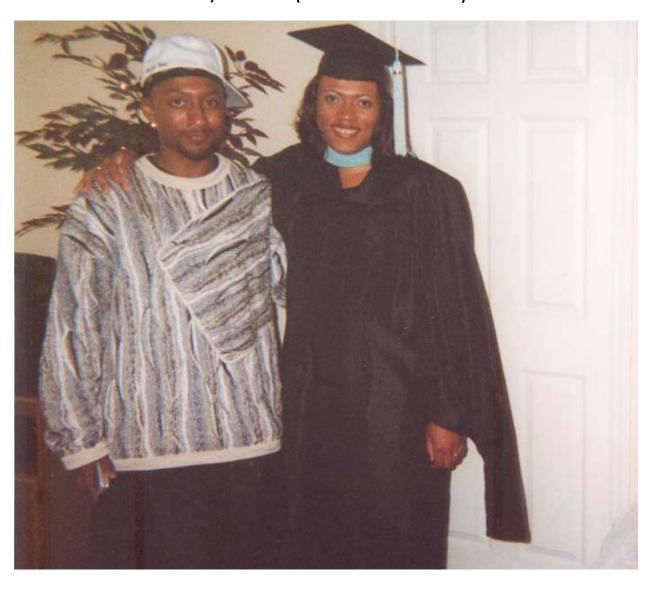
## My Mother(Mi Madre)



## My Father(Mi Padre)



### My Sister(Mi Hermana)



### My future wife(Mi futuro esposa)

