



The Biography of Dr. Joyce Thornton

Joyce Thornton (affectionately known as Dr. Joyce) is a woman who seeks to please the heart of God. She is a senior pastor, teacher, author, conference speaker and passionate preacher. She boldly acknowledges that it has been the grace and the goodness of God, which has divinely orchestrated the path and journey of her life. In September 1984, she committed her life to Jesus Christ, and she immediately had an authentic encounter with God that revolutionized every aspect of her life. She was instantaneously delivered, by the power of God from drug addictions and strong bondages. She is a witness that whom the Son make free, is free indeed and she has been a devoted citizen of the Kingdom of God for 38 years.

After acknowledging an undeniable call to preach the gospel, she was licensed to preach in July 1988. In December, 1996 she founded and established Committed To Christ International Ministries, under the auspices of the Holy Spirit and was ordained as Senior Pastor on January 26, 1997, by Bishop Walter Leigh Bates. In 2005, she earned her Doctorate Degree in Theology and her Master's Degree in Christian Counseling from Agape love Bible College. On March 22, 2013, Dr. Joyce Thornton was affirmed and ordained to the Office of the Apostle, by Chief Apostle Walter Leigh Bates and a conglomerate of prominent Apostles and Bishops from various regions throughout the country.

Dr. Thornton is the founder of several thriving organizations, such as: Committed To Christ International Ministries, Covenant Sisters International, Women in Ministry Apostolic Alliance, CTC School of Ministry, and Covenant Community Outreach Family Service Center. These organizations were established to edify and build the Body of Christ and help those who are impoverished naturally through collaboration and partnership with other organizations. Dr. Thornton has co-authored four books with The Women Who Soar, and she also co-authored a book entitled "Flourish" with Covenant Sisters Overseers. In addition, Dr. Thornton is a member of The Dallas Dream Team and has been a member of The Potter's House International Pastor's Alliance (PHIPA) of Dallas, Texas since 2006.

God has blessed Dr. Thornton to travel extensively, ministering the word of the Lord across the United States and internationally. She has traveled throughout the continent of Europe, Africa, North America, South America, and the Caribbean Islands. Dr. Thornton was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and has been married to Bishop Gregory Thornton Sr. for over 24 years. She is the blessed mother of five gifted children and the elated grandmother of twelve beautiful grandchildren. In 2014 the Holy Spirit instructed her entire immediate family to relocate to Dallas, Texas and God has caused every aspect of their lives to flourish. Dr. Joyce Thornton and her husband, Bishop Gregory Thornton currently cohesively shepherd CTC International Ministries in Arlington, Texas. Dr. Thornton declares that the joy of the Lord is her strength!