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BISHOP T.D. (THOMAS DEXTER) JAKES SR.

Biography

- Born:** June 9, 1957, South Charleston, West Virginia
- Family:** The youngest of three children (Sister, Jacqueline Jakes; Brother, Ernest Jakes)
- Married:** Serita Ann Jamison Jakes
- Children:** Five children
- Ordained:** Bishopric of the Greater Emmanuel Assembly of Churches, 1987
- Ministries:** Senior Pastor and Founder, The Potter's House, 1996
- Author:** Jakes has written 30-plus books, including his most recent best seller, *Reposition Yourself* (Atria Books, 2007) and the following 13 best sellers:

Mama Made The Difference (G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2006)
He-Motions (Penguin Putnam, 2004)
God's Leading Lady (Penguin Putnam, 2002)
The Great Investment (Penguin Putnam, 2001)
Maximize the Moment (Penguin Putnam, 2000)
The Lady, Her Lover, and Her Lord (Putnam, 1998)
Lay Aside the Weight (Albury Publishing, 1997)
Daddy Loves His Girls (Creation House, 1996)
Can You Stand to be Blessed? (Destiny Image, 1995)
The Harvest (Pneuma Life, 1995)
Naked and Not Ashamed (Destiny Image, 1995)
Woman, Thou Art Loosed (Albury Publishing, 1993)
Loose That Man and Let Him Go! (Albury Publishing, 1996)

HIGHLIGHTS-HONORS AND AWARDS:

2008

- Essence magazine presents Bishop T.D. Jakes with the 2008 President's Award for his book, *Reposition Yourself* (Atria)
- Bishop Jakes receives the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Leadership Award from the Congress of Racial Equality
- AIDS Institute honors Bishop Jakes with the 2008 Heroes in the Struggle Award

2007

- *Mama Made The Difference* (Putnam) wins the 38th Annual NAACP Image Award in the Instruction category
- CNN names Bishop Jakes to their Blue Ribbon Panel, placing him in the company of 15 influential world leaders who are committed to improving the state of the world
- Readers of *The Church Report* rank Bishop Jakes No. 4 among "The 50 Most Influential Christians in America"
- *The Atlantic* magazine includes Bishop Jakes to highlight in their 150th anniversary issue
- Bishop Jakes is named among "25 Most Influential of 2007" by *Essence* magazine

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HIGHLIGHTS-HONORS AND AWARDS:

2006

- Mama Made the Difference (Putnam) ranked No. 4 on The New York Times Best Seller list two weeks after its April 25 release
- Bishop Jakes celebrates his 30th year in ministry
- January, readers of The Church Report magazine chose Bishop Jakes as the Most Influential Christian for 2005
- March, dedication of the T.D. Jakes wing of the Melchizedek Hospital located in Kenya's Kawangware slum

2005

- December, Bishop Jakes was asked to serve with the Rev. William H. Gray III as co-chair of the Bush-Clinton Katrina Fund's Interfaith Coalition
- Sept. 16, Bishop Jakes serves as official homilist at the Washington National Cathedral during the commemoration of the National Day of Prayer and Remembrance for the survivors of Hurricane Katrina
- Sept. 26 - Oct. 2, "Faith for Africa: Kenya Mission(tm)"-Bishop Jakes leads more than 300 African Americans on a humanitarian mission trip to Kenya, Africa
- He-Motions nominated for a 2005 GRAMMY® in the Best Contemporary Soul Gospel Album category
- May, officials honor Bishop and Mrs. Jakes for their MegaFest 2004 attendance record, which surpassed the previous record held by the Rev. Billy Graham
- April 25, Bishop Jakes presented with a Tower of Power Trumpet Award
- Feb. 7, TIME magazine named Bishop Jakes among "25 Most Influential Evangelicals"
- Woman, Thou Art Loosed: The Movie was presented with the NAACP Image Award for an independent or foreign film

2004

- Recipient of the NAACP President's Award, which honors top African Americans in film, television, music, and literature

2003

- T.D. Jakes Presents Follow the Star and A Wing and a Prayer nominated for GRAMMY® awards

2002

- God's Leading Lady ranked No. 4 on The New York Times Best Seller Hardcover Advice List
- T.D. Jakes' musical project The Storm Is Over receives: GRAMMY® Nomination--Best Gospel Album, Contemporary; NAACP Image Award-Best Gospel Album, Choir or Group; Stellar Gospel Award-Best Gospel Album, Contemporary, and Dove Award-Best Gospel Video

2001

- Sept. 17, Bishop Jakes was featured on the cover of TIME magazine as "America's Best Preacher"
- On New Years' Day 2001, CNN and TIME magazine honored Bishop T.D. Jakes as one of the year's top five religious innovators
- Ebony magazine called T.D. Jakes one of the "56 Most Intriguing Blacks of 2001"

2000

- Named among "Top 10 Religious Leaders" by PBS' Religion and Ethics Newsweekly
- Maximize the Moment ranked No. 3 on The New York Times Business Best Seller List

1999

- Jan. 1, identified by The New York Times as "one of the top five evangelists most frequently cited by scholars, theologians, and evangelical leaders to step up to the international pulpit ..."