



Connecting Authors and Readers

Evangelist Avis Ward Interviews Math Professor and Author, Dr. Daisy Buckner The Avis Ward Show

Avis Ward: **Where are you from, Dr. Buckner?**

Dr. Buckner: *I am originally from South Carolina. I grew up as a Preacher's Kid in a small rural town where you knew almost everybody living there.*

Avis Ward: **How long have you and Ollie Buckner been married?**

Dr. Buckner: *Ollie and I celebrated our 27th anniversary in January.*

Avis Ward: **When did you decide together to co-author a book?**

Dr. Buckner: *As adult Bible Study Teachers at our church, Ollie and I composed a lot of supporting materials for the class. A Minister in the class suggested that we write our own Bible Study Book. That was the initial planting of the seed in our minds to write. We later co-authored "LOADED WITH BENEFITS: Living the Believer's Life of Privilege." It is designed for 10 weeks of Bible Study. Our goal was to encourage Christians and help them to remember that there is help for them from our God in any and all situations in life.*

Avis Ward: **What did you learn from your parents?**

Dr. Buckner: *One important thing that I learned is that I should pray about everything, big or small. They lived Philippians 4:6, "...In every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." "Pray before you act" was their motto and has now become mine.*

Avis Ward: **What books have most influenced your life?**

Dr. Buckner: *The Bible is the book that has influenced my life the most. In it is the answer to every issue, every situation, every question in life. It is my Manual for Life. There are other books that I have found helpful along the way, but I always come back to the Bible. One book that I particularly like is "A Woman's Guide to Spiritual Warfare" by Quin Sherrer and Ruthanne Garlock. It is a book that I can go back to and re-read when the enemy attacks.*

I like the fact that in the back of the book, the authors list the location of arsenal Scriptures for spiritual warfare in the Bible. This takes me back to my Manual for Life, the Bible.

Avis Ward: **What book are you reading now?**

Dr. Buckner: *I have just finished reading "The First Lady Chronicles" by Donna Williams, a Pastor's wife of 25 years. In this book, she challenges us to see the Pastor's wife as an individual in her own right, not just "Our Pastor's wife." The book is entertaining as well as informative.*

Avis Ward: **What would need to happen for you to believe your book had its intended impact?**

Dr. Buckner: *First Peter 2:9 tell us: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood..." I would like to see people embracing who they are in Christ and living the "royal life" as children of the King. I would like to see them standing on the Scriptures in their dark nights, knowing with certainty that joy will come in the morning.*

Avis Ward: **You seem extraordinarily passionate about the theme of Christians living beneath their privileges and receiving God's promises and benefits. Why?**

Dr. Buckner: *As Christians, we sometimes mourn and groan and have "pity parties" when we would be better served by seeking God, who has the answer to everything. We need to realize who we are in Christ. We belong to God and He will provide for us just as He provided for the Children of Israel in the wilderness. A lot of the time we try everything and look to others for help instead looking to God. We are to seek first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all that we need will be added. This is His promise to us in Matthew 6:33.*

Avis Ward: **You are a Math Professor. What is your work schedule like when you're writing?**

Dr. Buckner: *It can be quite hectic, with school and papers to grade. But on the upside it is a pleasant diversion from my work as a teacher. I do love teaching though.*

Avis Ward: **What was one of the most surprising things you learned in creating your books?**

Dr. Buckner: *I was pleasantly surprised by how easy the process was with help of my Teacher, the Holy Spirit; once I finally sat down to do the work. I am always amazed by how God works in and through us.*

Avis Ward: **What is the hardest part of writing?**

Dr. Buckner: *The hardest thing for me is finding the time to sit down and actually do the writing.*

Avis Ward: **Do you have any advice for other writers?**

Dr. Buckner: *The thing that helps me is having someone to keep me accountable, someone that will keep asking me about my progress. It is a gentle reminder that I need to keep working.*