



# RELIGION

Scripture of the Week:  
Luke: Chapter 6

## Ulysses Is Back Ten Year Plan Is Realized

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This story is the result of an exclusive interview with Mr. Ulysses Tucker, Jr. Mr. Tucker is the new Public Affairs Director at KATU.

Ulysses Tucker, Jr. is a 33 year old, African American male who has assessed life's ramifications and has made a POSITIVE choice as to what direction he would rather choose to move towards.

"Some people look at me as an accomplished individual; but, actually I'm just me. They think of me as a well refined person, middle class, and from an ideal family setting. All that means is - that you have acquired certain values ... and values can be learned" commented Ulysses.

As he continued... "They say you don't act like those kinds of people (referring to other blacks). You're nice, you have a nice car and nice dreams. That couldn't possibly have come from negative circumstances."

"That's WRONG!", he exclaimed. "I am one of seven children born to Ulysses Tucker, Sr. and Gloria Jean Tucker; but, I was raised by my grandmother. Some of my brothers are either incarcerated or on drugs. My sisters had children out-of-the-wedlock and until I made a decision about education - I was nothing more than a transient kid on the streets of Washington, D.C."

Sometime during the summer months, a question arose. What ever happened to Ulysses Tucker? The answer and the curiosity to locate Mr. Tucker was shelved. Then, the question came up again in the early fall. One day, while discussing copy and format, the phone rang. And, who do you think was calling? The long awaited Ulysses Tucker, Jr. was on the other end of the line...checking on the whereabouts of old friends and acquaintances.

When Ulysses came into the office, I told him I didn't think we'd ever see him again...because he was gone so long. He replied, "I always knew I was coming back. Everything was geared around the plan to return to Portland."

"It began at the time that I graduated from the University of Portland. As an undergraduate, I had a 10 year plan to work in every area of communication. Since then, I've found that television was the most comfortable. Everyone of the experiences was helpful in assisting me in the decision I had to make. KATU was able to work something out."

Ulysses says, "The thing that I want to reinforce is that even though I desired to return; if I didn't have creditability in the community, it would not have been possible."

Ulysses worked long and hard to achieve the success and the recognition - he now reaps the benefits of. In May of 1977, he earned an Associates of Arts Degree in Journalism from Southeast Community College in Fairbury, Nebraska; in 1979, a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Radio

and Television from the University of Portland and in May of 1982, he earned his Masters of Arts Degree in Communications from the University of Portland. He has received extensive sales training and has attended many workshops that would enhance his knowledge and sharpen his many skills.

Ulysses began his climb to success at an early age. He was a young man possessed.

Basketball became only one of the vehicles that would assist Ulysses in attaining his goal. According to story about Ulysses written by Adrienne Keith in the Portland Downtowner, Tucker grew up as a street-wise kind in Washington, D.C., after his parents died when he was 15 years old.

"I have a Ph.D. in street knowledge, but I didn't get any credit for it," Tucker told Keith.

Ulysses has made many positive impressions on other fabric of the Portland Community, such as: Producer and host of KPTV's "Dialogue", National Basketball Association reporter and photographer for the Portland Observer Newspaper, intern with a top radio station - KXC-AM 1431, Station Manager of Portland radio station KDUP-AM 8600 and his willing participation with many community outreach programs.

Yes! He does have creditability in the Portland Community. He earned it wisely and earnestly.

Ulysses stated that he came to Portland, this year, on Memorial Day and had several interviews. He, later on, narrowed it down to his August trip - when he, at that time, considered KATU to be the best.

### Tucker's Views On Oregon:

"People speak negatively about Oregon; but, what they don't know is that Oregon is one of the best kept secrets in the nation. Have you ever considered how many well known artists have come to Oregon to complete their best works? It's the serenity, the beauty, the calm (if you will), and the wholesomeness about the citizens and the countryside." He went on to say that, "Oregonians don't want just anybody coming up here to inhabit their State. And, they are not too particular about sharing, either."

"As far as education and crime is concerned, you should go back east and there you would see what crime is all about. I'm still sold on the fact that Oregon is a good place to raise children."

"Oregonians should get away and see what life is like in Boston, St. Louis or Minneapolis; but, as for me, I am sold on Oregon. When I was making preparations to come to Oregon, I bought myself a trench coat and an umbrella. Why get upset about it? That's Oregon!"

Ulysses went on to say that he feels like he never left; because the people remember him for the positive things that he did. "right now, I am the Public Affairs Producer for

the Rick Meyers Show 'Sunday Northwest'. This position does not restrict my participation in other projects."

I asked him how he felt his position at KATU would impact on the community? And his response was, "I feel that the impact will be felt simply because - I'm there."

"My predecessor, Anita Noble, did a great job of balance and as far as getting the information out into the community. KATU has a non-verbal, standing commitment to the community of Portland - regardless of race, color or creed."

**Ulysses' Plans In Position:** "I plan to act on the local issues and get the information out into the community much faster. I feel that this can be accomplished very easily. Because that's what I'm there for." His response was confident as he stated, "Any time they (speaking

of the people in the community) need me, I can help them."

Ulysses stated that KATU has a serious commitment to the community and when they hired him - they proved their commitment.

"There is no way you can come back to a town this small if you have burned your bridges", he stated candidly. "I wasn't into the social responsibility of television but I have grown tremendously in the past six (6) years. There is literally no substitute for maturity."

**The Community Has Responsibilities:** "The people in this community would be very foolish if they didn't make good use of me being at KATU. As opposed to complaining all the time, call Ulysses. Other communities use my services. There are other vehicles that people can use from the station, also. When you call, demand what

you need, such as: Children's programs and etc."

"Suppose there is a void and it is recognized out in the community; write to the station and ask that a meeting be held to address the fact that there is a lack of programming. No one will be aware of the problem until it is brought to their attention."

In his closing comments, he stated, "Remember! The community can serve as a 'watch dog'."

From the staff at the Portland Observer, the staff (faculty) and students at the University of Portland and the entire City of Portland, we all say "WELCOME HOME ULLYSSES".

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