

## Yolanda

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to make it in the music business and do not see the value of education. You worked in the past as a schoolteacher while you were modeling. Can you share with us the importance of education and how it helped you in the music business?

**YA:** Education helps you to be a well-rounded person, period. It teaches you how to take in information and data, process it, and use it for life building. Education was key in my family. You were going to college. Unfortunately, I think what's happening nowadays is that many young people think they don't need to avail themselves of higher education because a lot of music stars left high school before graduating. Kam, you and I both know that you can be hot today in the music business and then nobody knows who you are tomorrow. So, you always have to have a good education. I am a stickler for that.

**KW:** And some of those rappers are college-educated.

**YA:** Yeah, nobody talks about how Puffy went to Howard University or about Lil Wayne attending the University of Houston. All the young kids know is what they see on the videos. They don't realize that these guys have taken managerial and business courses, and know how to brand and how to market themselves. They're very smart.

**KW:** The music maven Heather Covington question: What was the last song you listened to?

**YA:** Kim Burrell's "Sweeter." That was the last one we played before signing off today. <http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/B004XLZVT2/ref=nosim/thslfofire-20>

**KW:** The Tasha Smith question: Are you ever afraid?

**YA:** I know Tasha very well. She's so fearless, I would never see her as afraid. Fear? Wow! I don't call it fear. I call it awareness. I only think fear comes when you're unsure or in danger, but I've never been put in a dangerous situation.

**KW:** The Columbus Short question: Are you happy?

**YA:** Oh, yes!

**KW:** The Teri Emerson question: When was the last time you had a good laugh?

**YA:** About fifteen minutes ago with my daughter. She's hilarious! [LOL]

**KW:** What is your guiltiest pleasure?

**YA:** My guiltiest pleasure must be watching Ru Paul's Drag U.

**KW:** The bookworm Troy Johnson question: What was the last book you read?

**YA:** The Law of Confession by Bill Winston.

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**KW:** What is your favorite dish to cook?

**YA:** Omigosh! Kam, I just love to cook. Some of my favorites are sautéed kale, shrimp scampi and lobster risotto.

**KW:** The Sanaa Lathan question: What excites you?

**YA:** Wow! That's a great question. New challenges, especially doing things that people think are impossible for a Gospel artist.

**KW:** The Uduak Oduok question: Who is your favorite clothes designer?

**YA:** Me! I have my own fashion line that can be found at <http://yolandaadamslive.com/yacollection.com/>. I also definitely like Mark Bouwer, Donna Karan and Kevan Hall, and I've really been into Etro these days.

**KW:** Dante Lee, author of "Black Business Secrets," asks: What was the best business decision you ever made, and what was the worst?

**YA:** My best was to own everything that belongs to me. My worst was once making a spur of the moment decision because I needed the money.

**KW:** When you look in the mirror, what do you see?

**YA:** I see a very happy mom who is in love with life and in love.

**KW:** If you could have one wish instantly granted, what would that be for?

**YA:** I know everybody says world peace but, seriously, world peace. I really wish we could have world peace.



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**KW:** The Kerry Washington question: If you were an animal, what animal would you be?

**YA:** Probably an eagle. I respect the eagle so much.

**KW:** The Ling-Ju Yen question: What is your earliest childhood memory?

**YA:** Having lots of fun and laughter in the house with my mom, dad and siblings. I didn't grow up in one of those restrictive Christian households where you couldn't do this or that. We were brought up with a great collection of good morals and good values, but we also had fun. We'd go to

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