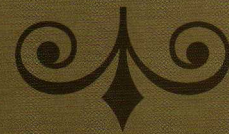


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ABOUT HER FATHER'S BUSINESS

The benediction is given. Sunday worship service is over and everyone is on their way home, everyone except little Ann and her mother. As the church secretary, Ann's mother is responsible for counting the offering members joyously bring into the storehouse each Sunday. Like most little girls, Ann was mommy's little helper. By age ten, she had learned to tally tithes and offering envelopes and document in a ledger how much each member contributed. At thirteen, Ann realized she wanted to become an accountant when she grew up. She had discovered her destiny while working alongside her mother, taking care of God's business.



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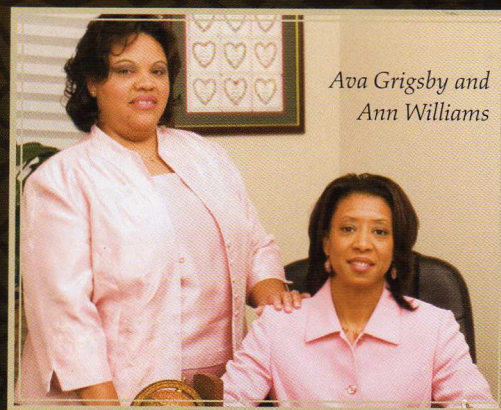


Unable to attend a four-year university after high school, Ann Williams enrolled in the Bradford School of Business Accounting program. Upon graduating from Bradford, she was determined to further her education without incurring the expense. Williams explains, "I would only work for a company that would pay for me to go to school." This declaration paid off and her accounting degree from the University of Houston was fully funded by her employer.

Williams worked for many years as an auditor and then in litigation. Her entrepreneurial instinct was ignited when she and her husband were both laid off at the same time. "After standing in line at the Texas Workforce Commission together, with a new baby at home" Williams says, "my husband and I decided no longer would we entrust our fate to man."

Today, Ann Williams is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) who represents some of the largest churches and thriving businesses in Houston, Texas. She is the lady churches trust the most to keep their finances in check. From a child, God was preparing Williams for her destiny. When Ann began to serve ministries in her business, God gave her a new definition for CPA. She says, "He [God] told me CPA does not stand for Certified Public Accountant. It stands for Continue Protecting Assets." Williams shares that she was called to work with churches to teach them how to properly handle their finances. "Everything under the sun belongs to the Lord. We are just here as stewards. I believe God has entrusted me to work with His church, because I am bold enough to say what He said." With this confidence and courage, Williams is able to meet with Pastors who lead flocks of two or ten thousand. The initial meeting with the Pastor is not about finances, but rather the vision and mission for the church. Williams explains, "I think somehow, we have lost direction. We don't understand what the funds are really for. We say we have a ministry of helps, but who are we really helping? We say we have an outreach ministry, but to whom are we reaching out? Once God's plan for the church is established, then I can work with church administration to reach the desired financial goals."

Williams' client base consists of twelve churches and over thirty-five businesses. To help carry the weight of the CPA firm, Williams recruited the help of childhood friend Ava Grigsby. A match made in heaven, Ann and Ava work diligently to provide quality accounting and tax services with a personal touch. Ann says, "The most rewarding part of our job is when we see new ministries being developed. When they open a new daycare, school, home for the elderly, or even when they get a new van." A woman with the faith of Job, Ann Williams' strength was birthed out of a battle to save her son's life. Born two months prematurely, Jonathan Wesley Williams suffered severe intestinal damage. Doctors said he would not survive more than twenty-four hours. As Williams reflects on this difficult time



Ava Grigsby and
Ann Williams

in her life, she says "My husband and I declared our son would live and not die." Thirteen years later, after three near-death experiences and numerous surgical procedures, Jonathan is alive and well today. He is living proof of the Lord's healing power and the unshakable faith of a mother.

Wife, mother, friend, and financial counselor, Ann Williams offers these encouraging words to her sisters in Christ. "God has a plan for your life. Your dreams and visions are from God. Don't deny them. They are linked to your purpose and destiny." There is no denying God's purpose for Ann Williams. It was revealed when she was just a young girl in the finance room of her church. Williams was created to Continue Protecting Assets.