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On behalf of God's Star International Ministries, Inc. & mPOWERd 4 LIFE we would like to say "thank you" for taking time from your busy schedule to interview with us. I must say that I am a big fan of yours from the SWV days. I've always thought there was something really special about your voice; even then I knew it was a gift from God for His glory.

GS: First, were you always a Christian in the SWV days? Or, did you become a Christian since that time?

Coko: I was a Christian before SWV. I kind of lost my way but I found my way back.

GS: How did you come to know Jesus as your Lord & Savior?

Coko: I was born and raised in the church so I've always known who He is and was saved at a very early age.

GS: How did being a Christian impact your life regarding secular entertainment?

Coko: I wasn't always living a Christian lifestyle with SWV but there were things that I would feel guilty about doing because I knew right from wrong.

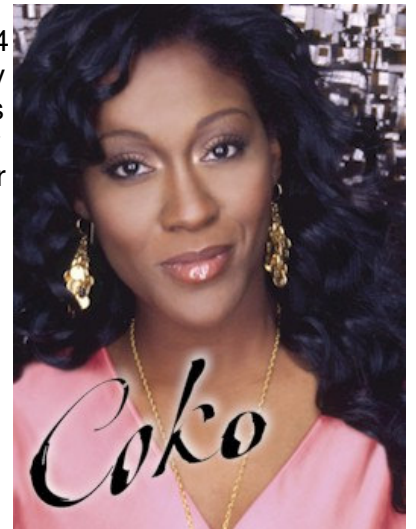
GS: Do you think there is a difference between a Christian who is an entertainer than someone who is a Christian entertainer?

Coko: No. We all have issues. So, no matter which one it is you still have to stay prayerful.

GS: You, LeeLee and Taj were the hottest female group out at the time. Why did it all end?

Coko: I don't talk about that anymore. We're back together right now and that's where my focus is.

GS: Since the group came to an end, we still heard your voice in songs like Men in Black by Will Smith and others (right??). Did you go solo after the group came to an end?



Coko: I did go solo. The name of the record was "Hot Coko" and I had a single "Sunshine" that was dedicated to my son Jazz.

GS: Moving forward, you've just dropped a new Gospel album titled "Grateful." Tell us about it.

Coko: It's an inspirational record that I made to uplift people's spirits. There's a lot of negative [music] right now and I just wanted to put something positive out.

GS: Was the transition from secular to Gospel an easy transition or were there challenges involved?

Coko: The transition was pretty smooth. There are always going to be nay-sayers in whatever you do. I just do me and keep it moving.

GS: "Coko is The Drummer's Wife" (married to "Big Mike" the drummer for Israel & New Breed)! Congrats on your nuptials! Did you and your husband work together on your new album?

Coko: Thank you and yes he worked on the album. He actually produced two "Look At Me" and the "Hymn Medley."

GS: What was that like working with him?

Coko: It was a pleasure as always working with him.

GS: What role has family played on your road of success?

Coko: My family is very supportive and is always there when I need them. They keep me grounded and I love them for that.

GS: We always ask this question in all interviews because we feel we all have a testimony. What obstacles have you overcome in life?

Coko: I've overcome being insecure and just learning to love myself. I am who God has made me and God don't make no junk!

GS: How did you overcome them?

Coko: Taking time to get to know and love myself and just praying and spending time with the Lord.

GS: What advice can you give to someone who's a Christian and desires to become an entertainer?

Coko: I say just keep God first and stay focused.

GS: We stress role models a lot with the youth in our ministry. Who are your role models and why?

Coko: My Mom is my role because she raised me alone and never complained. She's a strong positive black woman.

GS: Are you still friends with LeeLee and Taj?

Coko: Yes I am.

GS: Will SWV reunite for another album?

Coko: That is the plan for 2007/2008

GS: What's next for Coko?

Coko: I'm going to keep on singing. Another gospel record will follow.

Again, we thank you for taking time to interview with us. We pray nothing but God's best for you, your family and all your work in advancing the Kingdom of God through music/song. You are a TREMENDOUS blessing to the Kingdom and we celebrate God for you!

Okay all of you Coko fans... Be sure to stop by [Coko's MySpace](#) page and congratulate her on the new album! You may also visit her website at www.cokosplace.com. Make sure you drop her a line letting her know you read her interview with mPOWERd 4 LIFE!