

Cherie Adams On...

THE MOST DIFFICULT THING about being Cherie Adams is...the pressure I place on myself. I'm a perfectionist and we all know, things in life are very rarely perfect! I have to constantly remind myself that God is going to do what he wants to do with me regardless of my imperfections.

THE MOST REWARDING THING about being Cherie Adams is...being called Mrs. Kevin E. Adams! It's such an honor being his wife and I get more fulfillment in serving him than I've ever gotten in being an artist.

THE MOST INFLUENTIAL EVENTS in shaping me to be who I am today...are events such as September 11th., Grant Cunningham's death, my wedding day and my family's decision to move to TN. All of these events have impacted my life in a great way. Whether they were painful or happy events, they all contributed to my feelings that life is so incredibly short, that you must live each day as if it were your last. You never know when this life will be over, so why not choose to make every single day a day in which you serve God as best as you can and try to see others, the way Christ sees them. Bring joy to the weeping, bring healing to the sick, bring laughter to the one who is depressed, this is who I strive to be every day.

THE SONGWRITING PROCESS is...one that I've been working on for many years. I have been writing since I was a little girl but I would very rarely ever let anyone hear my songs. I wrote songs during my years in Avalon, but was too insecure to let any of the songs go public. I'm finally at a place in my life where I'm not afraid to let people in. God has done an incredible work inside of me and I'm not afraid of the questions that my songs will provoke. I'm ready to brag about God and his powerful presence in my life. So go ahead.... ask me...

THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE IN WRITING is.... the courage to write what you feel. I co-write alot with some really incredible writers. It's always intimidating at first to share the ideas because i'm always wondering "Are they going to get this, or is this going to be number 1,172 of the unfinished ideas I have sitting in my computer?!?!"

FRIENDSHIP is ...being able to be completely yourself with the person you are with and always being completely honest with that person. Sometimes the truth hurts, but if it's delivered in love, the hurt won't be able to linger as long.

THE CHURCH right now in the United States is...realizing that in order to reach the lost, you have to love them where they are, but love them too much to leave them there. Isn't that how God loves us? He meets us where we are, but loves us too much to keep us there.

MY ALL-TIME FAVORITE PLACE in the world is ...Capri, Italy. I went there on my honeymoon and could actually see myself living there someday. It is truly heaven on earth.

THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES...After visiting several third world countries i've come to the conclusion that my "needs" are really not "needs" at all. I don't think it's wrong to want things, but after seeing the poverty in these countries, I find myself wanting or shall I say "needing" less.

THE BIGGEST INFLUENCES on my thinking usually come from....my husband, my parents, and Joyce Meyer!

CATS? I hate cats. They don't like to cuddle, at least they never cuddle with me. Give me a big slobbering smelly dog any day!

MAINTAINING FOCUS...most of the time, this is a challenging task for me. I try to focus on the good things in my life and not let the disappointments of life sway me from what i'm called to do.

SOLITUDE ...is knowing who I am in Christ. Knowing that He loves me in spite of me, knowing that I can do anything because my love for Christ makes a way where there is no way. Knowing that God has an already designed fool-proofed plan and destiny for my life and nothing is going to stop the Almighty God from doing what He wants to do with me.

20 YEARS FROM NOW I would like to ...be sitting at my beach house, watching the waves roll in, still in utter amazement that Kevin is by my side through all the storms of life, still loving me, and believing in me, and still acting as my hero. I'd like to be on the porch reading a letter from a young person in Ogden Utah, telling me that my music and my ministry changed their life. They've found a personal intimate relationship with Jesus and they've found a reason to live rather than die, because I chose to write songs about my hard times and what saved me from the storms of life.

THE DYNAMITE IN YOUR LIFE IS.....definitely my passions, that is my family and career. It's kind of like a volcano. If you look at the outside, it looks like a strong, huge mountain but on the inside of this gigantic mound of rock is lava-HOT lava! It takes a lot for me to explode, but when it does, look out! I believe if you are going to do something or be something, you need to "do it" or "be it" with great passion otherwise, what's the point?

FAVORITE DIVERSIONS on the road? The spa! Any spa experience is a great diversion. There's always a great spa in every city!!!!

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC There is a definite need for Contemporary Christian Music. So much of the world's idea of entertainment is usually

very compromising to the beliefs of Christianity and usually does not offer wholesome family values. However, I don't believe that every singer who sings Christian Music is called to preach and minister. I think God has different purposes for different people. Some are called to truly minister while others are called to offer good wholesome entertainment and some are called to do both. One should never fault the other for whatever they lack, we should all remember that whatever we lack, God will perform the rest as long as our hearts are in the right place and we are all striving for the common goal--to reach the lost.

THE SWEET LIFE ...is something I strive for every day. To be able to view each day of my life as "Sweet" is the goal of my heart. I want to learn how to trust God more. I want to learn how to not give into the temptations of life. I want to learn that when I fall, he promises to be there to lift me back up. To me, this is the essence of the Sweet Life. To know God loves me, and hears me when I cry is the sweetest thing in this world. To feel his presence even in the midst of life's most numbing moments, this is the Sweet Life. To sing about the love I have for my family, as well as the love I have for Christ. That is in essence of the Sweet Life, this is a life I never thought I would have, but God changed all of that for me, through his power and his glory. That is "The Sweet Life". If you want to have the sweetest life, ask Jesus to reveal himself to you in a unique and tangible way. He will, I promise you, He will.