

Lawanda Gartrell Leonard



Meet Lawanda Leonard, a Diva whose friends describe her best as being compassionate, loyal, sincere, and analytical. A Diva who describes a perfect day as one in which she would know without a doubt that her actions were totally being lead and guided by a higher power. "When there is a day where I know that I am living out my divine purpose or that I am being a blessing to someone or allowing someone to be a blessing to me, that would be a perfect day to me."

Lawanda is most passionate about learning to Live; where people finding their passion(s), something that gives them purpose. **"I strongly believe living without a passion for something or a purpose can steal your joy; can steal your quality of life."** And equally important is finding balance in your life. We can get so caught up in life and lose our purpose and passions or we tend to sacrifice our needs and desires. But there is a balance, that we must learn in order to live."

What's her favorite kind of music? Depends on her mood. "I truly respect and enjoy every genre of music. Right now I'm listening to a lot of India Arie but next week I could be blasting Lenny Kravitz, the Eagles, Scotty McCreery, Ledisi, Lil Wayne, ACDC, I have a very eclectic taste in music. One of my most favorite music artists is Rachelle Ferrell."

What's her favorite book? Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela. "I have read it twice and is about to begin reading it again for the third time. This book transcends you mentally and emotionally to a more positive and productive you."

TDJ asked Lawanda if she could travel back in time, what year would she go back to and why. "If I could travel back in time I would go back to the early 1960's. That was a trailblazing time in our history; it changed the world. It was truly a time of passion, purpose and vision."

Like in every interview, we asked Lawanda to leave some words of wisdom. "Learn to Live. Don't wait until tomorrow or you might find yourself still waiting 20 years later."