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There are profound moments in each of our lives. Moments that touch us not only as they happen, but that then also continue to pay dividends for years, even decades to come. This week has been one of those moments in my life. This week, I had the wonderful opportunity to spend three hours, spread across three separate days, with world renowned voice coach, Renee Grant-Williams.

Speaking in public is something that I enjoy, but unfortunately am not very good at. In an effort to improve, I have participated in programs such as Toastmasters, read books, and given many practice speeches. There is just something about speaking in public that appeals to me. Aside from my enormous head, which enjoys the attention (which it does), it is also, I believe, due to the rush. That rush which comes from doing something that a large percentage of people are too scared to do. Anyone can jump out of a plane, after all.

Through these efforts, I have gotten much better at preparing speeches, and I believe that I do a fairly decent job of making my points stick... On paper that is. Which is all well and good... well... not really. Because my voice is terrible. I do not project, I speak in a monotone, I don't use consonants well... in a nutshell, I have no mastery of my voice.

When it comes to voice coaches, there is none better than Renee Grant-Williams, or so I had been told.... by surprisingly a lot of people. She has trained countless individuals, from successful vocalists like Miley Cyrus, Tim McGraw, Garth Brooks, and many others, to Senators, business leaders, and motivational speakers, Renee has helped thousands to find their voice.

As I shared with locals who asked, why I had come to Nashville, it became quickly evident just how respected Mrs. Grant-Williams is. She is the unquestioned reigning leader when it comes to helping others to develop adequate voicing techniques. Being told this is one thing. Experiencing it first hand is quite another.

By my third session, I was both excited and ecstatic as I listened to the playback of my own recorded voice. New flavor and depth, new variety and quality that had never been there before, coloring my speech, giving it life. Is that really MY voice!! It was thrilling.

I have a long road yet to travel. Renee has given me tools, and opened doors on possibilities that I could not have found on my own. I look forward to the practice. I greatly anticipate the growth. And I HIGHLY and without reservation add my own (now more colorful) voice to those many that have suggested that there is none better than Mrs. Grant-Williams.

I plan to return to Nashville on a regular basis to continue developing what I hope will someday grow into a real talent. I encourage anyone who is hoping to find their own voice to buy her book Voice Power, or her CD Voice Warm-up. Or for the really ambitious, to hire her as your voice coach. Her website is <http://www.myvoicecoach.com/> her books, cds, and dvds are widely available on Amazon, and in most local bookstores.

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