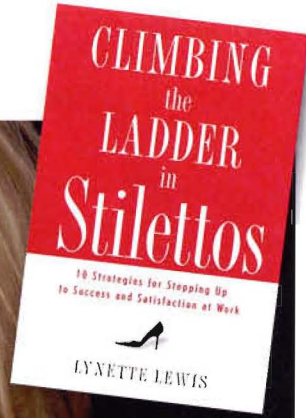


FIVE MINUTES WITH ... AS TOLD TO ANDREA LEITCH

## Lynette Lewis

Corporate consultant, author and speaker



Former Tulsa Lynette Lewis returned in August to speak as part of the Tulsa Chapter of the Institute of Management Accountants' 2008 Professional Education Seminar.

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**LYNETTE LEWIS** knows how to walk in a pair of stilettos.

In her book "Climbing the Ladder in Stilettos," Lewis provides inspiration and stories from women in the professional world who made the climb to the top.

Lewis first slid her feet into a pair of stilettos as a young professional in Tulsa, where she lived for 23 years. Lewis was an active member of Leadership Tulsa and the Junior League of Tulsa, and served as alumni and public relations director for Oral Roberts University.

Here, Lewis shares inspiration from her rise up the corporate ladder.

**The woman who most inspires me is ...** my mom, who has been my best friend for 46 years. She taught me how to love God, live passionately, never lose hope and go for every dream.

**When I'm not giving speeches, I'm ...** working on my next book, being mom to my four stepsons, mentoring young women, shopping and cooking.

**In the future, I hope to ...** have my own television show that inspires people to live their dreams.

**My other passions include ...** organizing a yearlong national fund-raising and awareness campaign to stop child sex trafficking.

**The best advice I've received is ...** to knock on every door that you are drawn to because you never really know which ones will open.

**The best advice I give is ...** "celebrate your season." In other words, joy is now, not tomorrow, not when certain things happen or change, but joy is now, and so often we forget to celebrate the unique gifts every season of life brings.

**People would be surprised to learn that I ...** live half of each week in Raleigh, N.C., and the other half in New York City.

**I'm most grateful for ...** my wonderful husband and our happy marriage. I waited for **Ron Lewis** until I was 42, and he was so worth the wait.

**My greatest professional achievement is ...** being asked to serve on the new Oral Roberts University board of trustees, such an awesome privilege and an honor to serve a place I love so much.

**I wrote "Climbing the Ladder in Stilettos" because ...** I wanted to validate many of the challenges women face in life and at work, plus offer a few practical strategies on loving our professional and personal lives every day.

**My favorite pair of stilettos is ...** a silver metallic T-strap pair of Christian Louboutins that I found at Saks Off 5th for a steal of a deal. ■