



## **BIOGRAPHY | DEREK GRIER**

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Bishop Derek Grier currently serves as the founding pastor of Grace Church in Dumfries, Virginia. In 1998, Grace Church began with 12 people and has grown to more than 6,000 members. Grier's passion for serving people led him to establish over 50 life-changing ministries within Grace Church. His radio and television programs can be heard and viewed by billions in the United States and around the globe.

Grier was ordained a bishop in 2008 by the late Dr. Myles Munroe. Today, he mentors hundreds of Christian leaders and business owners through the Renaissance Leadership Network (RLN). Grier serves on several boards - including the Board of Directors for the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA), which provides accreditation to leading Christian nonprofit organizations that faithfully demonstrate standards for financial accountability and transparency. He has also been an associate trainer for Equip, founded by John Maxwell. Bishop Grier's uncompromising approach to preaching and teaching the gospel has helped him lead Grace Church in phenomenal growth. In 2013, Outreach Magazine listed Grace Church as one of the fastest growing churches in the nation and among the top 100 fastest growing of all churches. In 2014, Grace was listed in Outreach Magazine's annual "100 Fastest Growing Churches in America" as the 7th fastest growing church in the United States.

In 2011, Grier founded the now fully accredited Virginia Bible College, a world-class Christian learning institute. He holds the role of Chancellor and Dr. Courtney McBath is the President. Grier studied business administration at Howard University and earned a Master of Education degree from Regent University. He obtained a Doctorate in Practical Ministry from Wagner University. He received his first honorary doctorate from Beulah Heights University, one of the oldest seminaries in the U.S. Grier has also received an honorary doctorate from Virginia Bible College, where he serves as Chancellor. He has received numerous awards and was honored in the United States Congressional Record on several occasions.

Bishop Grier is often asked to address elite military and governmental agencies. He is regularly sought out by political leaders from both sides of the political aisle. He is the author of several books, including his latest release, *When God Stops*, published by Thomas Nelson Publishing in August of 2019.

Grier and his wife, Yeromitou, reside in northern Virginia and have two adult sons: Derek Jr. and David.