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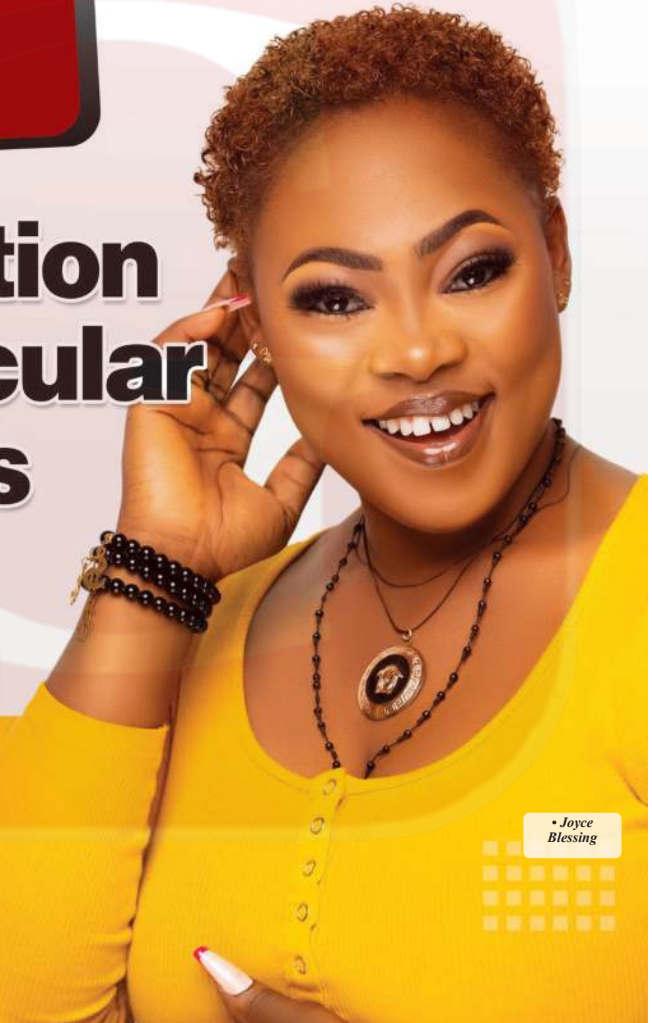
By Gifty Owusu-Amoah

GOSPEL artiste, Joyce Blessing, is excited that her latest song, *Victory*, is doing well. She is however not too happy with the deliberate attempts by some players from the Gospel music fraternity to 'dismiss' her work.

Their reason for condemning Joyce Blessing's latest song is because it was written by Kuami Eugene, a secular artiste thus making *Victory* 'unspiritual'.

For those critics, Kuami Eugene lacked the spiritual discernment to write a gospel song but the *Heary Price* singer

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Dear celebrities, guard your words

CELEBRITIES wield incredible influence and power because they are mostly adored and idolised.

This status, however, comes with a great deal of responsibility, especially with how they engage with the media and the public.

Quite unfortunately, there seems to be a growing trend in the use of foul language and insults in addressing issues, setting a negative precedent for the industry.

This growing practice casts a negative impression that it's acceptable to use derogatory language when expressing an opinion.

Celebrities, as influencers, role models and cultural icons, have a duty to guard their words and actions. It is not merely a matter of personal reputation but a reflection of the industry and its standards since diplomacy should not be lost within the boundaries of showbiz.

Graphic Showbiz, and the

larger players in the creative industry believe that there are more appropriate and diplomatic ways to resolve issues. Launching verbal attacks on the media or resorting to insults is not only unproductive but also tarnishes the image of the industry they are in.

The consequences of such behaviours are far-reaching. It erodes the credibility of celebrities, undermines their moral authority and alienates their fan base. It also reinforces stereotypes that paint the industry as shallow and devoid of substance. The public deserves better from their idols, as they are held to higher standards by virtue of their status.

The entertainment industry is a reflection of society. As such, it should champion values of respect and tolerance irrespective of the situation.

Our celebrities should be vessels for addressing

important issues with dignity and respect.

Being in the limelight comes with huge responsibility and the more reason our celebrities must guard their words.

It is important for celebrities to recognise this growing trend and publicly condemn it.

In a recent post on Twitter(X), actor Prince David Osei urged people to express their opinions without insults.

Even though his comments didn't mention celebrities, they are equally guilty and Graphic Showbiz applauds him for tackling this issue which is becoming a menace, particularly in the creative space.

Graphic Showbiz believes that by adopting a respectful and diplomatic approach in addressing issues, people command huge respect. In the end, it's not just about their personal reputation but that of an entire industry that thrives on the admiration and support of its audience.

Aba Dhope

ABA Dhope is one of the honest and self-confident humans I have come across so far in my life.

If most Ghanaian female celebrities were this honest and bold to tell their stories, I know it will go a long way to inspire young ladies on how to embark on the difficult journey of life.

I watched her recent

interview on the *Delay Show* and she was quite frank and open about her going under the knife and challenges.

Aba Dhope is an interesting and humorous character, making the interview very fascinating to watch.

JessiLove, Haasto



Abena Korkor

IRRISPECTIVE of how people see Abena Korkor, I think she's doing a lot with mental health education.

Tuesday, October 10, was World Mental Health Day and as usual, our celebrities went about their normal duties as if nothing was at stake on such an important day.

Once again, Abena Korkor was all over her social media handles educating people on mental health challenges.

I learnt a lot from her. Kudos Abena Korkor, you are a doing a yeoman's job.

JessiLove, Haasto



Can Shatta Wale give us a break?

SHATTA Wale, Shatta Wale, Shatta Wale? How many times did I call you? What's wrong with this guy?

I think it's about time we, the loyal fans, speak truth to him to save this talented dude from pressing the self-destruction button.

Shatta is really getting out of hand lately. What is it about him and unwarranted insults on distinguished personalities?

I was disappointed when I watched him raining insults on the owner of Despite Media Group and Pada Dickson, who is

the General Manager because Kwasi Aboagy, host of *Peace FM's Entertainment Review* mentioned on the show that Shatta Wale lied about being awarded 80,000 pounds for winning *Artiste of the Year* award at this year's *Ghana Music Awards (GMA-UK)*.

As a loyal fan of Shatta Wale, I strongly condemn his actions and use of unprintable words on such honourable men.

He should bow his head in shame.

Nii Armab, Burma Camp