# Recording Artist Cyndi Garber



Despite her fame, Cyndi Garber, a solist and recording artist, said that she is first of all a wife and mother.

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identify with me when I'm on stage — I speak their language."

When Cyndi attended a national Christian artist's music seminar, she was thrilled to place in competition. She said, "I'm only one of a bunch of singers. There are so many talented singers, but I hope to make a difference. My husband and I always pray before we give a concert that those who come will leave a little bit differently than when they came. We hope to encourage them."

Balancing life's duty isn't easy for Cyndi. She said, "I spend hours on ministry things such as phone calls and the books. To cope, she said, "I do the next thing that needs to be done, and don't think about everything that needs to be done tomorrow."

# Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser



The other day the mailman brought a large brown envelope addressed to me. In big, bold black letters on the front, it declared that my name was selected as a prize winner in their \$100,000.00 Grand Prize Sweepstakes. I intended to throw it away without even opening it - but I didn't.

Inside was a Spring 1991 garden catalog with flowers and more flowers. So I leafed through it and saw several new kinds that I would like to try. Whether I order some or not has not been decided. But flowers are one of my weak points as a lot of people seem to know.

My house has 70 house plants on the first floor windowsills and some 50 on bedroom windowsills. They get watered every week or oftener as I enjoy seeing them grow. Only four kinds have flowers and the others are foliage plants. The geranium has the reddest flowers you ever saw, the begonias are pink, the impatiens red and white and the African violets a deep purple.

Recently when I entertained, some guests brought a bouquet of fresh flowers, none of which I could name immediately as they were quite unusual. I also received a gardenia plant and a pink poinsettia plant. I have several books on the care of such flowers and so I hunted up the instructions. One needs lots of light and a lot of water while another should be kept rather dry. Plants are somewhat like people and have different needs that must be met in order for them to be happy and grow to maturity.

This year I planted a small cherry tomato plant in a plastic pot and put it on a sill in our bedroom. At this writing it is three feet tall and still climbing. It has bloomed several times but I'm not sure if it will have any tomatoes. A few years ago a reader wrote to me and said that I should brush the flowers with a bunny tail to pollinate them. Maybe I'll try that.

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