

'My wedding day was my best fashion moment.'

► **Who:** Tory Denson, 37, of Adamsville. Denson moved to Birmingham in 1993 from Macon, Ga. He's a receiving and stocking clerk at S.P. Richards Co. in Birmingham and owns Prospering Men Image Consulting, an image consulting business in Birmingham. His wife, Anissa Denson, nominated him.

► **Caught:** Railroad Park.

► **What are you wearing?** A peanut butter-colored Giorgio Fiorelli, three-piece suit from JB's House of Fashion; a Sean John coral pink button-down shirt and a coordinating polka dotted tie with matching pocket square by Steven Land, all from K&G Fashion Superstore.; brown Stacy Adams shoes with coral pink shoelaces from Nu Wear.

► **Describe your style.** "I'm very fashion forward. The clothes don't make the man but definitely enhance him. I'm not big on trends. They come and go. I like to have things in my wardrobe I can wear 10 or 15 years from now."

► **Where do you like to shop?** "When it comes to

dress clothes, I prefer JB's House of Fashion and Nu Wear. For casual dress, the Polo outlets either in Bessemer or (The Shops of Grand River) in Leeds."

► **Describe only three of your favorite things in your closet.** "The shoes I have on right now. I have a green leather, Perry Ellis jacket, ¾-length suede blend. I have another suit by Giorgio Fiorelli. It's a three-piece all black suit. It's kind of dressy and conservative, depending on what you put with it."

► **What is your secret fashion tip to men?** "Small attention to detail is key. A small accessory can make a difference. A nice belt. Take time to iron. The little things matter to me."

► **What is the one thing every man should own?** "Every man should have at least one black suit and spend some money because if you get a good one it can last. You can have it for graduation, church, weddings, funerals and business meetings."

► **What is your proudest fashion moment?** "My wedding day (May 10, 2008) was

my best fashion moment. I was classic but simple at the same time. It was perfect for me. The scenery was perfect. My bride was beautiful. It was an outside wedding. That was one of those days where everybody's eyes were on us. I had a special order Ivory After 7 tux. There was no cummerbund. Everything was ivory: shirt, bow tie, shoes."

► **What was your worst fashion moment?** "I'm a minister at Family Life Center Church in Warrior. I was opening up for prayer and my belt broke, and my pants came down, and I had to hold my pants up while I finished praying. And when I finished praying, I ran over to Fred's, bought a belt and finished church."

► **Who inspires you?** "My biggest inspiration was my father. He taught me everything I know. I ironed his clothes, polished his shoes . . . he was grooming me for where I am today." (Denson's father, Herman Denson, died when he was 15.)

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Tory Denson said he likes to shop smart and buy clothes in their off season. "If you maintain your wardrobe throughout (the year), there's no need to splurge," he said.