

Marlon Smith

Marlon Smith is on a mission. He graduated from the University of Virginia with a Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering. As a college student, Marlon's proudest moment came when he founded *Street Academics*, a high school youth mentoring program, where college students provided mentoring and leadership development for high school and middle school students. This was the beginning of Marlon's life-long commitment to making a positive difference with his life.

His corporate experience includes working as a systems engineer for two fortune-500 corporations, IBM and Hewlett-Packard in Silicon Valley. During his lunch breaks, Marlon traveled to various schools to share strategies for helping struggling students maximize their true potential.

On January 15, 1992, Marlon listened to his heart and resigned from Hewlett-Packard to follow his mission of inspiring more individuals and communities to be their best.



As a keynote inspirational speaker, Marlon has been blessed with opportunities to teach and empower corporations, schools, churches and communities in 45 states and 14 countries throughout the world. Because of his unique presentation style and impact, Marlon has traveled abroad on numerous speaking tours throughout the former Soviet Union (in Moscow, Gorney-Altay, Kazakhstan), Canada, Mexico, Japan, England, the Caribbean, Botswana, LeSotho, Ghana, Swaziland, Australia, and South Africa.

Marlon opened a Success By Choice office in South Africa where he produced the "*Motivational Mondays*" television series and "*Success is Your Choice*" radio program.

Marlon was featured in **ESSENCE** Magazine as one of the top motivational speakers. Contributing to the Tony Robbins' Global Youth Leadership Summit for 12 consecutive years, sharing the speaker platform with Les Brown, being a contributing author to the international best-selling "*Chicken Soup for the Soul*", and being a semi-finalist for Oprah's BIG GIVE program, Marlon feels blessed to share insights which produce results.

Today, Marlon and his wife Syreeta live in Charlotte, North Carolina where they are raising their daughter Jade and son Cory.