

Marc Thompson, Jr.

Communicator • Motivational Speaker • Lecturer

It only takes a few moments in his presence to realize that Marc Thompson Jr. is a man poised to take on the social and spiritual challenges of this new millennium. He is a leader, in an age where many seek to be absolved of responsibility. He is a focused communicator in a time where issues have become obscured by double talk from podiums and platforms. He is not looking for short cuts, but instead he is a diligent student in search of the principles that govern life. But what sets Marc apart is his commitment to applying the principles and being that which he values most...a man of substance and character.

Born and raised in Jamaica, Queens, Marc's childhood was a period of both joy and frustration. His mother, who Marc calls his hero, worked hard to improve the quality of life for her family. He learned the lessons of resilience, persistence, passion and vision by watching his mother struggle to raise her children while working towards her master's degree. These early years profoundly impacted Marc, and became the strength and basis of his resolve to be the kind of man that brings value to his name and leaves a legacy and inheritance for future generations.

In 1987, Marc began his college career and a journey that would forever change the course and direction of his life. It was during his college years that Marc's vision of empowering others began to take shape. Marc discovered that many of his peers approached their problems and situations from a victimized paradigm. He realized that many of them did not understand the message and power of personal development. According to Marc, "People must view life properly, in order to produce the types of relationships and successful lifestyles they desire. A lot of people give lip service to the power of self-determination, yet when the problems and challenges of life arise, they seek answers externally, never looking within to discover the solution. "By the time Marc graduated with honors in 1991, he had more than an Accounting degree. He had a vision of transforming the world through the message of personal development.

Marc's desire is to help people discover the principles that create successful relationships, finances, families and careers. He teaches that three core characteristics must be developed to successfully build our lives. In his own words, we must become:

Servants/Leaders

"We are only qualified to lead to the degree that we are willing to serve. Life teaches us that greatness comes by service, not by position. Any focus on leadership apart from service has missed the heart of the message. When we serve people, we lead them in the way of having their needs met and lives touched. The ultimate purpose of a leader is to bring out the leadership and gifts of others."

Communicators

"We communicate with our words, our actions and with our spiritual posture. Our job is to find a way to take our experiences and the lessons we've learned from them, and present them in a way that others can find a common bond. Not only that, it has to strike a chord that sparks others to act and share."

Students

"All of life is learning, and the world is a great classroom. To stop learning is to die. Whether it is pain or pleasure, we have to take the information from the situation and make our lives and those we influence better. I don't want to become a professional at what I do. When you become a professional, you are subject to losing the eagerness and vulnerability that makes you open to being touched by the finger of God and the hand of humanity."

The heart of this man is summed up in his personal mission statement which states: " I want to be led by God, lead with love, serve with excellence, learn with diligence, live effectively; and leave a righteous inheritance of knowledge, wealth and influence to my children and the world at large." With this message as the vision of his heart, Marc Thompson is a rare man indeed. He is a man of integrity and discipline that understands the necessity and value of developing character and personal responsibility regarding life's issues. He knows people are hungry for something more than pat answers and cliches. They are in need of something practical, substantive and real...because there is no substitute for substance.