
Behind the Scenes

A Teenager's Guide to Starring in a Successful Life

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My father and I during the 1999 premier of my first book *Everything Has A Price!*

A word from my father Herbert Jackson Sr.

I congratulate my daughter, Veraunda, who has a compassionate commitment to encourage and inspire others to keep their dreams alive.

I had to fight to keep my own dreams alive in the face of social injustice while I was on my journey to my Behind the Scenes destiny. These experiences didn't make me bitter, instead I chose to remain determined to be a success. I knew that if I conquered these hard things, it would prepare me for the transition that was about to happen during the 1960's in America. I can Behind the Scenes see this same drive in Veraunda.

As her father, I saw her in early childhood, especially during her middle school years display a passion to inspire others. Veraunda had to experience some adversity before she could pursue this journey of helping others.

Against all odds, she experienced God's hand of favor that has propelled her to a strategic place. She is on a predestined course. God has mapped out her destiny and she is walking

down the road of purpose.

It is my hope that the many readers of this book, *Behind the Scenes*, will be inspired to discover their gift so they can walk in their destiny. Young people awake the potential within you, because YOU really do have a purpose in this life!

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For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, Thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you a future and hope.

—Jeremiah 29:11

My mother had this scripture written on the cake for my first book release reception. It was the manifestation of many years of hard work. It was the beginning of a whole new world for me. This book is dedicated in honor of my mother who taught me with God all things are possible.

This book is also dedicated to the life of my brother, Herbie, who witnessed first hand that life hurts. It is my prayer that this book will give those who are hurting a renewed sense of hope and a burning desire to create their own success based on their God given gifts.

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–Philippians 1:6

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