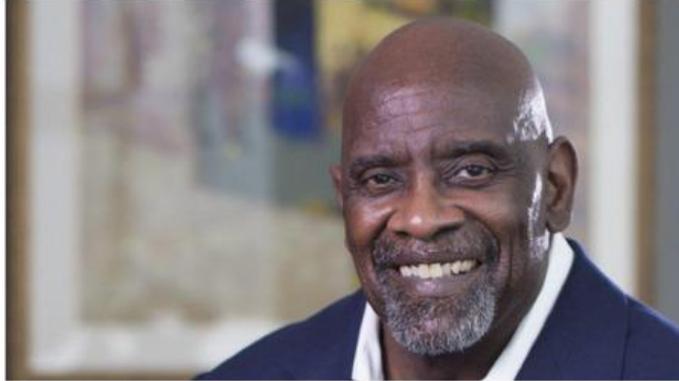


Chris Gardner: A Story of Hope



Chris Gardner had a difficult childhood. He lived with his mother and his stepfather, who was often violent. Life at home was not happy. However, Chris loved his mother very much. She always told him, "Believe in yourself."

After high school, Chris joined the Navy and worked in a medical laboratory. Later, he worked selling medical machines to hospitals, but he did not earn much money.

One day, Chris saw a man driving a red Ferrari. Chris asked him, "What do you do?" The man said he was a stockbroker, a person who works with money and investments. Chris decided that he wanted this job too.

Chris went to many interviews for a training program. It was difficult because many people had university degrees and he did not. Still, he did not give up.

At the same time, Chris had problems in his personal life. He had a baby son, but his relationship ended, and he had to take care of the child alone. Soon, Chris also had money problems and became homeless. Sometimes he and his son slept in shelters or public places.

Even during this difficult time, Chris studied and worked very hard. Finally, he passed his exams and became a professional stockbroker.

Chris Gardner's life story later became the movie *The Pursuit of Happyness*, where Will Smith played Chris. His story shows that hope and hard work can change a person's life.

Reading Comprehension Questions

1. Chris Gardner had a very difficult _____.
 - a) school
 - b) childhood
 - c) vacation
2. One day, Chris saw a man driving a red _____.
 - a) Ferrari
 - b) bicycle
 - c) bus
3. Chris studied and worked very _____ to become a stockbroker.
 - a) slowly
 - b) hard
 - c) late
4. What did Chris Gardner's mother tell him?
 - a) "Work every day."
 - b) "Believe in yourself."
 - c) "Study medicine."
5. Why did Chris want to become a stockbroker?
 - a) Because he met a man with that job.
 - b) Because his father was a stockbroker.
 - c) Because his teacher told him to do it.
6. What problem did Chris and his son have?
 - a) They were sick.
 - b) They were homeless.
 - c) They lost their jobs.

7. What job did Chris have after leaving the Navy?

8. Why was it difficult for Chris to enter the training program?

9. Where did Chris and his son sometimes sleep?

10. What lesson can we learn from Chris Gardner's story?