

## Christy Robinson's Story

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I first met Christy Robinson at a woman's networking event where we spoke briefly and exchanged business cards. Several weeks later we met again at a coffee shop where I learned that she is not only a beautiful person on the outside but also on the inside.

She grew up in Mississippi and moved to the Nashville area after graduating from college. Her parents expected her to attend college after high school which she did. Her degree was in business with a focus on fashion merchandising from Mississippi State but Christy never did pursue that career field. She said, *"I wanted to attend (college) because I knew that I could achieve whatever I wanted if I put my mind to it and with the support of my parents."* But while attending a career fair at the college she was recruited as a financial planner. She spent all of her spare time over the next three years studying for the certified financial planning exam which she successfully passed in 2002.

Then in 2006, after working in the financial planning industry for several years, she decided it was time to start her own business where she could manage her clientele in her own style and set her own hours. It was then she founded Atlantis Financial in Nashville, Tennessee. She says her biggest challenge is meeting her own expectations because she is very driven and goal focused with high expectations of what she wants to accomplish in life. *"I have always known deep down that I could accomplish whatever I set out to do with God's guidance. I have inner strength that keeps me going because I know I am winner even though some days I just want to run away to the islands and lay in a hammock. It is hard at times to keep going, but I remember the things in life that mean the most are never easy. If I didn't give life my best shot I would be very disappointed and I am not going to let that happen."*

Among her accomplishments in life is not only climbing her pink ladder with her financial company but marrying her husband Brent and the decision they made to have a lovely daughter, Taylor. These are Christy's two best decisions and most rewarding accomplishments

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of her amazing life (not to mention they are a huge support system for her). In fact, she gives a lot of credit to her family for her success in being her support system as well as her relentless desire to achieve great things.

Setting goals is a huge component in Christy's success. She believes you must have a system to track yourself in order to keep pushing forward and I couldn't agree more with her. *"If you don't know where you are going how will you get there?"* Everyone has their own method for staying focused on their goals and what they want to accomplish in life, ranging from meditation to running 10 miles a day. So when asked what Christy does to help her accomplish her personal and professional goals she said, *"Most importantly, I spend time reading my Bible every day. I have affirmations written down that I review every morning that relate to all areas of life; spiritual, financial and physical. The mind is a very powerful thing and reading affirmations just keeps your mind focused on the right thoughts throughout the day."*

She believes it's important to love what you do but not to let work consume your life because your career should not define who you are as a person. Christy clearly follows her own advice. She focuses on all facets of what defines one's life and balances it well. In the future, she plans on starting a non-profit focusing on children and is currently in the process of becoming a big sister in the Big Brother - Big Sister organization.

Christy is truly a woman that Pink Ladders is proud to share. Her story, her focus on goals, affirmations and life balance are exemplary and she represents the values that can make anyone truly successful. I am proud and honored to have met and become friends with this remarkable woman.

Her advice to women climbing their Pink Ladder is *"Pick someone that knows what they are doing and who you admire and follow them. Figure out what you really want your future to look like not what someone else tells you it should be like; and don't stop until you get it."*

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