



Stephen Michael McCall
Minister, Author and Motivational Speaker

**Stephen Michael McCall has
a notable career in the military
authored a children's book
a passion for travel
and Tourette Syndrome.**

Stephen Michael McCall wears three hats: Branch Chief in the Department of Defense, minister and graduate student. During his military service he received the Kosovo Campaign medal, among other Air Force honors. ((X)) He's an avid athlete who plays tennis, basketball and bowling. ((X)) Stephen has published his first book called "Tyrannosaurus Tic: A Boy's Adventures with Tourette Syndrome." He volunteers his time to speak in schools and communities, dedicated to raising awareness and promoting acceptance of those living with TS. He has quickly become an inspiration and role model to young and old alike. ((X)) Stephen also happens to have Tourette Syndrome — an often misdiagnosed and misunderstood neurological disorder that's a lot more common than you think. ((X)) You may know or have seen someone with TS symptoms — they sometimes make sudden, often strange, physical movements or vocal sounds that they just can't help. ((X)) People with TS are not psychologically impaired, less intelligent, obstinate or purposefully disruptive. And contrary to what you may have heard, fully 85 to 90 percent are not prone to using inappropriate language. ((X)) We're continuing to explore the causes of Tourette Syndrome and, hopefully, the day will come soon when we can find better treatments and the cure. ((X)) But until then, if you come across someone who has TS, please remember that, like Stephen, that person also has so much more.

