

## Divine Interview at the #Tech808 Summit

**Triishe:** Welcome Divine. What brings you to #tech808 today?

**Divine:** Peace. I'm performing today with a genre I call 'tech hop' performing my song *VC life* the second song I wrote about Ben Horowitz.

**Triishe:** Whats VC life about?

**Divine:** VC life is an inspiration for my demographic to strive and reach for higher heights besides sports and entertainment. Strive for the highest level. If you strive that high no matter where you fall in, you're going to be good. i want them to look beyond sports and entertainment for their career and building out companies and entrepreneurship.

**Triishe:** What does hip hop and tech mean to you?

**Divine:** Hip hop and tech to me means innovation. A new way of solving old problems. You're definitely talking about diversity and inclusion when you talk about hip hop and technology. I think Ben Horowitz was the forerunner of making it happen, bringing hip hop to technology. You have Chamillionaire, Nas. Kanye is working on getting into it with Ben. A lot is going on and you're going to see a lot more of hip hop merging with technology.

**Triishe:** How do you feel hip hop prefaced you for a career in technology?

**Divine:** The grind and hustle of being an independent artist. All my life trying to get on, trying to get a record deal. Being strategic in the ways that I moved people that I networked with the events I attended. That whole grind and hustle prepared me for technology - Your network is your net worth and building with people and making those connections.

**Triishe:** Whats next on the horizon?

**Divine:** Building my technology company doing more speaking engagements. Telling my story of how I linked up with Ben Horowitz how that changed my life. Moving from criminality to technology, telling my story of how I went from crack to rap to tech.

**Triishe:** If there is one thing people should take away from you story what would it be?

**Divine:** Determination, ambition, never give up on you. Believe in you, even if nobody else does. That's what saw me through and made me to aspire to be the best i can be despite the odds I was faced with or set before me.