

2 How to be “Successful” in this World...

“Success” – What is it? Well it is certainly more than money...or status...although society and our peer groups hypnotize us of what “success is supposed to be” and keep us feeling inadequate through pointing out our “lack” in order to get us to “buy” things... Real “success” is an inner state of completeness, wholeness, feeling that you are lacking nothing, total integration with all... Pretty deep! However, money and status are cool motivators...and I’m not trying to demean them...but they are not the whole enchilada...

There may be really only 3 main steps in my humble opinion...

1. Move in a Direction that Gives You Energy
2. FOCUS on that Direction and Spend 5 Years (or more) Learning EVERYTHING about it!
3. Hitch Your Wagon to a WINNER! You will need the help of others.

In 5 years of intense FOCUS, one will usually find themselves in the top 5% of their field or profession by simply using the first 2 steps, greatly aided by the 3rd point. Most people, even “professionals,” know surprisingly little about the work they do. I have found that the majority of people’s “actual knowledge” about the work they do is usually quite superficial and shallow. And when I say “everything,” I mean everything you can learn about it. This FOCUS is a trait of the most successful people that have ever lived on the planet. This is also why Step-1, *Move in a Direction That Gives You Energy* is so important. If your direction or topic is not of *genuine interest* to you, you will quickly tire of it. Without this level of interest, you will not be motivated to keep going and going, deeper and deeper into your topic, discovering all that is known about it from the preceding efforts of others as well as asking and seeking answers to your own deep technical and philosophical questions to understand it more. You want to learn the nuances and the subtleties as well as see the big picture and the possibilities. And you can pretty much pick ANY direction... Every topic is on the table...because if YOU are interested in it, the likelihood of others being interested in it too are extremely high!



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Move in a Direction That Gives You Energy is just about that...Movement! Life is Movement and a constant oscillation of Energy, Up and Down or change. Time is always moving... All is movement and change... Thrown into the mix is that you have the “gift of personal will.” You have a “will” – a means of setting your intention that allows you to play a role in impacting things, both inside of yourself as well as the external world... This “internal direction” comes primarily in the form of “Thoughts” – the intangible vehicle of creation whereby all tangible reality comes into existence. When one sets his or her Direction, your predominate thoughts naturally gravitate to that topic/direction...Life becomes “viewed” through the perception or “lens” of that Direction...and you notice or become “conscious” or “aware” of things that will be beneficial or move you closer to your destination/direction.

This basically explains why most people don't achieve the “success” they want or become the people they desire to be... They don't know what they want to be or don't know what they want really... Thus, they have no solid direction with which to FOCUS their Energy/Life. You can perhaps say they don't have a “big enough” Vision to motivate themselves to *really get with it* and put in the time, energy and effort! Or they don't want it badly enough...

Realize that **YOU PROMOTE YOURSELF!** That through effort, whether working for yourself or with a company, **YOU ARE THE MAIN FACTOR**, not the environment or external or the boss. By “going the extra mile, really mastering what you do, doing much more than what you are currently being paid to do, YOU make yourself so valuable to an employer that they feel they can't get along without you and that your absence would really hurt the value of the company... They can't let you go! But you have to “put the wood in the stove” *before* you will get the heat... This usually involves putting in “massive” amounts of time and energy with which you are not immediately getting paid. But I assure you, you will ALWAYS get paid... It is a balanced and fair world...and all things come into balance... I put in so much time when working for employers that they didn't know what to do with me except promote me...and quickly! I have found that even if you are producing brilliant ideas and work, it takes time... Time is the price you pay for promotion and “success”...

Hitch Your Wagon to a WINNER... This advice was given to me by one of the most successful people I've ever known...and it has proved to be true or valuable, over and over again. In essence, if you find someone that is doing well, join yourself to that person or organization. As no individual is an island, we need the help of others to do something on any material scale. “Successful Others” have already developed successful habits and thinking...and if one is humble, their habits and thinking will rub off on you! Also, you will participate in the successes that these individuals create! Of course, you have to be contributing value so that the relationship is mutually beneficial, as there is no healthy relationship without both sides putting in value, but you get “into the stream” of these successful people and WHALA! I try to link myself with the most successful people I can in any area of interest, whether it be the arts, business or how to be happy. Enthusiasm and a GREAT “Can Do” ATITUDE are key in endearing people to want to work *with* you!



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What do we mean by “success?” To me, the best descriptions are: To Self-Actualize, Complete Self-Acceptance, Personal Liberation, Integration with the All-ness of Life, To Do Your Specific Function for the World, Feeling Complete/Lacking Nothing, To BE YOU! What else could really be expected of anyone except for them to be themselves? The world doesn't need another you! Each of us are unique and are of essential value to the operation of this planet and this universe or else we wouldn't exist...! This helps to explain how all things have come into existence...all beings, each with a different and unique consciousness...and that there is purpose and delight in *all expressions of Life...*

