**Famous People on Success**

**One of the best pieces of advice I've ever heard goes something like this: If you want success, figure out the price, then pay it. *(Scott Adams, cartoonist)***

**For true success, ask yourself these four questions: Why? Why not? Why not me? Why not now? *(James Allen)***

**Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it. *(Maya Angelou)***

**One’s best success comes after their greatest disappointments. *(Henry Ward Beecher)***

**It is not the going out of port, but coming back in, that determines the success of a voyage. *(Henry Ward Beecher)***

**The toughest thing about success is that you've got to keep on being a success. *(Irving Berlin)***

**Success, for some people, depends on becoming well-known; for others, it depends on never being found out. *(Ashleigh Brilliant, in Pot-Shots)***

**A successful man is one who can build a firm foundation with the bricks that others throw at him. *(David Brinkley)***

**The most important thing you need to succeed in show business is sincerity. And if you can fake it, you've got it made. *(George Burns)***

**My definition of success is this: the power with which to acquire whatever one demands of life without violating the rights of others. *(Andrew Carnegie)***

**I owe my success to having listened respectfully to the very best advice, and then going away and doing the exact opposite. *(G. K. Chesterton)***

**It's essentially easy to get caught up in an activity trap, in the busyness of life, to work harder and harder at climbing the ladder of success only to discover it's leaning against the wrong wall. *(Steven R. Covey, in The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People)***

**Success is more permanent when you achieve it without destroying your principles. *(Walter Cronkite, in Wisdom to Grow On)***

**The secret to success is constancy to purpose. *(Benjamin Disraeli)***

**Success is the child of audacity. *(Benjamin Disraeli)***

**A man is a success if he gets up in the morning and goes to bed at night and in between does what he wants to do. *(Bob Dylan)***

**The most certain way to succeed is always to try just one more time. *(Thomas Edison)***

**If A is success in life, then A equals X plus Y plus Z. Work is X, Y is play and Z is keeping your mouth shut. *(Albert Einstein)***

**Strive not to be a success but rather to be of value. *(Albert Einstein)***

**The wizard’s way is the way of attraction. The wizard not only succeeds, but does so with elegance and ease. *(T. Harv Eker)***

**Learning is critical to success, but "who" you learn from makes all the difference in the world! *(T. Harv Eker)***

**Success is relative. It is what we can make of the mess we have made of things. *(T. S. Eliot)***

**To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded. *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

**Along with success comes a reputation for wisdom. *(Euripides)***

**Success is when your name is in everything but the telephone directory. *(Sam Ewing)***

**Everybody has to be somebody to somebody to be anybody. *(Malcolm S. Forbes, in Forbes magazine)***

**I realized early on that success was tied to not giving up. If you simply didn't give up, you would outlast the people who came in on the bus with you. *(Harrison Ford, the biggest-grossing movie star of all time, who used to make his living as a carpenter until he got his first major role at 35)***

**Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success. *(Henry Ford)***

**If there is any great secret of success in life, it lies in the ability to put yourself in the other’s place and to see things from his point of view -- as well as your own. *(Henry Ford)***

**Don't aim for success if you want it; just do what you love and believe in, and it will come naturally. *(David Frost)***

**Success is a lousy teacher. It seduces smart people into think they can't lose. *(Bill Gates)***

**My formula for success? Rise early. Work late. Strike oil. *(John Paul Getty)***

**Success is always temporary. When all is said and done, the only thing you'll have left is your character. *(Vince Gill, country singer)***

**Conceit is the quicksand of success. *(Arnold H. Glasow)***

**Success isn't a result of spontaneous combustion. You must set yourself on fire. *(Arnold H. Glasow)***

**From success you get a lot of things, but not that great inside thing that love brings you. *(Sam Goldwyn)***

**Superstar Wayne Gretzky holds more hockey records than anyone in the history of the sport. When asked about his success, season after season, Gretzky said, “I skate to where the puck is going, not to where it’s been.” *(Quoted by James R. Paul in Vital Speeches of the Day)***

**Success is like reaching an important birthday and finding you're exactly the same. *(Audrey Hepburn)***

**Behind every successful man there’s a woman … telling him to keep moving … or else! *(Bob Hope)***

**Every success is usually an admission ticket to a new set of decisions. *(Henry Kissinger, in Years of Renewal)***

**No foreign policy -- no matter how ingenious -- has any chance of success if it is born in the minds of a few and carried in the hearts of none. *(Henry Kissinger)***

**If you have a good name, if you are right more often than you are wrong, if your children respect you, if your grandchildren are glad to see you, if your friends can count on you and you can count on them in time of trouble, if you can face your God and say "I have done my best," then you are a success. *(Ann Landers, columnist)***

**Oil prices are now at their highest levels in 20 years, so today Exxon declared the war in Iraq a complete success. *(Jay Leno)***

**Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than any other thing. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

**Most people would succeed in small things, if they were not troubled with great ambitions. *(Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)***

**The measure of success is not whether you have a tough problem to deal with, but whether it's the same problem you had last year. *(Mary Martin, actress)***

**To succeed in life, you need three things: a wishbone, a backbone, and a funny bone. *(Reba McEntyre)***

**The worst part of success is to try finding someone who is happy for you. *(Bette Midler)***

**There is only one success: to be able to live your life in your own way. *(Christopher Morley, novelist)***

**Mother Teresa attended a gathering with kings and presidents and statesmen from all over the world. They were there in their crowns and jewels and silks and Mother Teresa wore her sari held together by a safety pin. One of the noblemen spoke to her of her work with the poorest of the poor in Calcutta. He asked her if she didn't become discouraged because she saw so few successes in her ministry. Mother Teresa answered, "No, I do not become discouraged. You see, God has not called me to a ministry of success. He has called me to a ministry of mercy." *(Alice Gray, in Stories for the Heart)***

**Someone once told me that the secret to success is being the person who other people want to see succeed. It's more important than talent, brains, or luck. *(Richard Parsons, former Time Warner CEO)***

**Success without honor is an unseasoned dish; it will satisfy your hunger, but it won't taste good. *(Coach Joe Paterno)***

**I don’t measure a man’s success by how high he climbs but how high he bounces when he hits bottom. *(General George S. Patton)***

**Something in human nature causes us to start slacking off at our moment of greatest accomplishment. As you become successful, you will need a great deal of self-discipline not to lose your sense of balance, humility and commitment.**

***(Ross Perot)***

**It is interesting that the word “success” is found only twice in the Bible, both times in the Book of Joshua. *(Catherine Ponder, in The Millionaire Joshua)***

**There are no secrets to success. Don't waste your time looking for them. Success is the result of preparation, hard work, learning from failure, loyalty to those for whom you work, and persistence. *(General Colin Powell)***

**The ladder of success is best climbed by stepping on the rungs of opportunity. *(Ayn Rand)***

**Success is giving more than you take. *(Christopher Reeve)***

**In order to succeed, you must know what you are doing, like what you are doing, and believe in what you are doing. *(Will Rogers, humorist)***

**A household of children certainly makes other forms of success and achievement lose their importance by comparison. *(Theodore Roosevelt)***

**The most important single ingredient in the formula of success is the knack of getting along with people.  *(Theodore Roosevelt)***

**Why is propaganda so much more successful when it stirs up hatred than when it tries to stir up friendly feeling? *(Bertrand Russell, English philosopher)***

**Diane Sawyer’s success formula for TV: It’s in the preparation -- in those dreary pedestrian virtues they taught you in the seventh grade and you didn’t believe. It’s making the extra call and caring a lot. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Most people who succeed in the face of seemingly impossible conditions are people who simply don't know how to quit. *(Robert Schuller)***

**Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful. *(Albert Schweitzer)***

**There is no success without hardship. *(Sophocles)***

**I believe any success in life is made by going into an area with a blind, furious optimism. *(Sylvester Stallone, actor)***

**The secret of successful management is to keep the five guys who hate you away from the five guys who haven't made up their minds. *(Casey Stengel, American baseball manager)***

**Success is a great deodorant. It takes away all your past smells. *(Elizabeth Taylor)***

**All of us are born for a reason, but all of us don't discover why. Success in life has nothing to do with what you gain in life or accomplish for yourself. It's what you do for others. *(Danny Thomas)***

**Success usually comes to those who are too busy to be looking for it. *(Henry David Thoreau)***

**Sometimes I worry about being a success in a mediocre world. *(Lily Tomlin)***

**Mark Twain was once asked the reason for his success. He said, "I was born excited." *(Joe Griffith, in Speaker's Library of Business, p. 105)***

**Part of the secret of success in life is to eat what you like and let the food fight it out inside. *(Mark Twain) Hunter Davies’ Book of Lists, p. 38)***

**All you need in this life is ignorance and confidence; then success is sure. *(Mark Twain)***

**There's always something about your success that displeases even your best friends. *(Mark Twain)***

**Success can make you go one of two ways. It can make you a prima-donna -- or it can smooth the edges, take away the insecurities, let the nice things come out. *(Barbara Walters, who retired last fall from her weekly television interview shows after 25 years)***

**Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed. *(Booker T. Washington)***

**Nothing recedes like success. *(Walter Winchell, columnist)***

**I couldn't wait for success . . . so I went ahead without it. *(Jonathan Winters)***

**The only time a woman really succeeds in changing a man is when he is a baby. *(Natalie Wood)***

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