**Success**

**People who are honest, fair, tolerant, kindly, and charitable to others have achieved success no matter what their station is in life. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**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)***

**All you have to do to be successful is follow the advice you give to others. (Bits & Pieces)**

**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)***

**Was none other than Gene Fowler who said, “Success is a toy balloon among children armed with sharp pins.” *(L. M. Boyd, in Boyd’s Book of Odd Facts, p. 64)***

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

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**Behind every successful man is a surprised woman. *(Maryon Pearson)***

**Helga: “They say behind every successful man is a woman cheering him on, and believe me, the older you get, the tougher it gets to mentally change into that little cheerleader’s costume!” *(Dik Browne, in Hagar the Horrible comic strip)***

**It’s been said that behind every successful man stands a woman! So that’s it – it’s all Gladys’ fault! *(Art & Chip Sansom, in The Born Loser comic strip)***

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**Success is being able to hire someone to mow the lawn while you play golf for exercise. *(Bits & Pieces)***

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

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**More or better is not always the best way to success. Sometimes it’s simply a matter of doing what needs to be done. *(Bits & Pieces)  
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**Lars: “What are you doing, Al?” Al: “I’m writing a book called ‘How To Be Successful With Women’ . . . It’s a work of fiction.” *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

**A book is a success when people who haven’t read it pretend they have. (Los Angeles Times Syndicate)**

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**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 difference between successful people and very successful people is that very successful people say “no” to almost everything. *(Warren Buffett)***

**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)***

**Success is having to worry about every damn thing in the world, except money. *(Johnny Cash, American musician)***

**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)***

**Most successes are unhappy. That’s why they are successes – they have to reassure themselves by achieving something that the world will notice. *(Agatha Christie, in The Wall Street Journal)***

**Winston Churchill said that success is going from failure to failure with great enthusiasm. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**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: When you have a credit card for every restaurant but your doctor won’t let you eat. *(Bob Talbert, in Detroit Free Press)***

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**I can't imagine a person becoming a success who doesn't give this game of life everything he's got. (*Walter Cronkite, celebrated broadcast journalist)***

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

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

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

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**Anybody who’s really successful has doubts. *(Jerry Bruckheimer, in Men’s Journal)***

**After actor/director Michael Douglas had been in five blockbuster films, his father, actor Kirk Douglas, wrote him a note. It said, “Michael, I’m more proud of how you handle success than I am of your success.” It’s a note Michael Douglas treasures. *(Bits & Pieces)***

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

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

**Thomas Edison said that success is 10 percent inspiration and 90 percent perspiration. *(Bits & Pieces, 4-1-’93, p. 10)***

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**When professor Albert Einstein and his wife were being interviewed on the occasion of their golden anniversary, they were asked the routine question: “To what do you attribute the success of your marriage?”  
Professor Einstein replied, “When we first got married, we made a pact. It was this: That in our life together I would make all the big decisions and she would make all the little decisions. And we have kept to it for 50 years. That I think is the reason for the success of our marriage.” Then he looked up and added, “The strange thing is that in 50 years there hasn’t yet been one big decision.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

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

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**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)***

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**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), definition of success)***

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**Everyone is enthusiastic at times. One person has enthusiasm for 30 minutes -- another has it for 30 days, but it is the person who has it for 30 years who makes a success in life. *(Edward B. Butler)***

**Why is enthusiasm for work so important to success? Let me tell you about a guy who dreamed he inherited a million dollars. He dreamed he went to take a shower that morning and the shower wouldn’t shower. He started to shave and the shaver wouldn’t shave. He went to get some coffee and the coffee wouldn’t perk, and the toaster wouldn’t toast. He went to get the newspaper, but the newspaper wasn’t there. He went to catch the bus and the bus didn’t come. He waited 45 minutes, and finally a guy came puffing down the street. “What’s going on here?” he asked, and the guy gasped, “Haven’t you heard? Everybody inherited a million dollars! Nobody’s working anymore!” Just then the man woke up. And he went and had a tremendous shower and a tremendous shave and a tremendous cup of coffee and a tremendous piece of toast. He read a tremendous newspaper and caught a tremendous bus to a tremendous job! What a difference it makes when we are learning to get excited about the work we have today! *(Charlie Jones, in Life is Tremendous)***

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**Six essentials for success: sincerity, personal integrity, humility, courtesy, wisdom, and charity. *(Bits & Pieces)***

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

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

**Few people are successful unless a lot of other people want them to be. *(Charlie Brower)***

**The only place you find success before work is in the dictionary. *(May V. Smith)***

**There is no point at which you can say, "Well, I'm successful now. I might as well take a nap." *(Carrie Fisher)***

**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)***

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

**If there is any one secret of success, it lies in the ability to get the other person’s point of view and see things from his angle as well as your own. *(Henry Ford)***

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**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 thinking they can't lose. *(Bill Gates, business leader)***

**One gauge of success is not whether you have a tough problem to handle, but whether it is the same problem you had last year. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**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)***

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**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)***

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**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)***

**People rarely succeed at anything unless they have fun doing it. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**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)***

**Ideals are like stars; you will not succeed in touching them with your hands. But like the seafaring man on the desert of waters, you choose them as your guides, and following them you will reach your destiny. *(Former U.S. Sen. Carl Schurz)***

**If you have lived well, laughed often, and loved much, consider yourself a success. *(Bits & Pieces)***

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**If at first you don’t succeed – so much for skydiving. *(Henny Youngman, Field Newspaper Syndicate)***

**A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER: If at first you don’t succeed, get ready to hear lots of advice. *(Reminisce magazine)***

**If at first you don’t succeed, try, try again. Then quit. No use being a damn fool about it. *(W. C. Fields, in Woman’s Day magazine)***

**If at first you don’t succeed, destroy all evidence that you tried. *(Rocky Mountain News)***

**If at first you don’t succeed, try looking in the wastebasket for directions. *(Roger Allen, in Grand Rapids Press)*  
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How important is imagination to success? Few people accomplish much without it. For example, Charles Goodyear thought up 32,000 uses for rubber. *(Bits & Pieces)*  
Success comes to those who increase their worth. To increase your worth, you have to do more than gain new knowledge and skills. You have to become the kind of person with whom others like to work. *(Bits & Pieces)***

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**One very important ingredient of success is a good, wide-awake, persistent, tireless enemy. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Some ingredients of success: to be able to carry money without spending it; to be able to bear an injustice without retaliating; to be able to keep on the job until it is finished; to be able to do one’s duty even when one is not watched; to be able to accept criticism without letting it whip you.  
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**If I have been of service, if I have glimpsed more of the nature and essence of ultimate good, if I am inspired to reach wider horizons of thought and action, if I am at peace with myself, it has been a successful day. *(Alex Noble, film maker)***

**Success isn’t always about greatness. It’s about consistency. Consistent hard work leads to success. Greatness will come. *(Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson, actor)*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\***

**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)***

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

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**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)***

**The lord gave us two ends – one to sit on and the other to think with. Success depends on which one we use the most. *(Anne Landers)***

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**In the summer of 2020, the series Ted Lasso premiered. When Lasso describes his goals as a soccer coach, he could mention the championships he hopes to win or some other conventional metric of success, hut he says, “For me, success is not about the wins and losses. It’s about helping these young fellas be the best versions of themselves on and off the field.” That is a two-sentence description of moral formation. Ted Lasso is about an earnest, cheerful, and transparently kind man who enters a world that has grown cynical, amoral, and manipulative, and, episode after episode, even through his own troubles, he offers the people around him opportunities to grow more gracious, to confront their vulnerabilities and fears, and to treat one another more gently and wisely. Amid lockdowns and political rancor, it became a cultural touchstone, and the most watched show on Apple TV+. *(David Brooks, in The Atlantic magazine)***

**I never dreamed about success. I worked for it. *(Estee Lauder)***

**Success didn’t spoil me; I’ve always been insufferable. *(Fran Lebowitz, in Forbes magazine)***

**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 one thing. *(Abraham Lincoln)***

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

**To be successful, look for work after you’ve found a job. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**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)***

**People of mediocre ability sometimes achieve outstanding success because they don’t know when to quit. They succeed because they are determined to. *(George Allen)***

**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)***

**Whether you succeed or not is irrelevant, there is no such thing. Making your unknown known is the important thing. (Georgia O’Keeffe)**

**My father always said to me, “Remember, whatever game you play, 90 percent of success is from the shoulders up.” You don’t have to be the biggest and the strongest. Having natural ability can even be a detriment if you take it for granted. Your dedication has to be 100 percent. It won’t happen if you’re doing it because someone said you ought to. You have to have that burning desire. *(Arnold Palmer)***

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

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**Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom. *(George S. Patton, Army General)***

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**The penalty of success is to be bored by people who used to snub you. *(Nancy Astor)***

**Success in business does not depend upon genius. Any young people of ordinary intelligence who are normally sound and not afraid to work should succeed in spite of obstacles and handicaps if they play the game fairly and keep everlastingly at it. *(J. C. Penney)***

**There’s no such thing as a perfect job. In any position you’ll find some duties which, if they aren’t onerous immediately, eventually will be. Success depends not merely on how well you do the things you enjoy, but how conscientiously you perform those duties you don’t. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**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)***

**Success is a poison that should only be taken late in life – and then only in small doses. *(Anthony Trollope, in The Times U.K.)***

**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)***

**A popular singer who recently went from rags to riches was quoted as saying, “I still don’t understand it. If you don’t have any time for yourself, any time to hunt or fish, that’s success.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**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)***

**You are not really successful until someone claims he sat beside you in school. *(Bits & Pieces)*Success is giving more than you take. *(Christopher Reeve)***

**Success is relative: the more success, the more relatives. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**The road to success is mostly via detours. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**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)***

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**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)***

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**A THOUGHT TO REMEMBER: The rules of success won’t work unless you do. *(Reminisce magazine)***

**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) 8239024***

**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)***

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**The founder and owner of a large department store was asked the secret of his success: “Well, you know, I was just a poor farm boy – never did get much schoolin’. And when you don’t know much you’ve got to use your brains.” *(Bits & Pieces)***

**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)***

**The secrets of success are a good wife and a steady job. My wife told me. *(Howard Nemerov, two-time poet laureate)***

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**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)***

**Many years ago, I was holding the tiller of a small boat in the Aegean Sea and listening to an old sailor telling me his story. I must have been quite absorbed, because he had to ask me to be more careful with my steering. “But the following wind is favorable,” I said to him. The old man smiled and said, “It is for just that reason that the danger of going off course is so great.” How right he was! How many times in my life, seeing people veer off course at the moment of success, I have remembered him! *C. A. Doxiadis, Greek architect, remembers a lesson learned in his youth, in Saturday Review)***

**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)***

**They say that success changes a person, but I think it actually makes you more of who you really are. *(Barbra Streisand, in the book My Name is Barbra by Egot Winner)***

**Studies of people in business and industry who have achieved success show that four factors are almost always present. They are:**

**1. The ability to think.**

**2. An inner drive and love of work.**

**3. The capacity to assume responsibility.**

**4. The ability to lead people. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Success is sweet, but usually it has the scent of sweat about it. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**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)***

**Wendy’s founder Dave Thomas dropped out of high school but went on to get his general equivalency degree. His GED class voted him most likely to succeed. *(The Daily Chronicles)***

**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)***

**What makes a truly successful executive is not intelligence, education, lifestyle, or background. The principal factor that determines an executive’s success is his or her ability to deal with people. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**Don’t ever think you’ve succeeded. Always try to do better – otherwise, drop dead. *(Arturo Toscanini, conductor)***

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**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)***

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**Every time a friend succeeds, something inside me dies. *(Gore Vidal)***

**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)***

**A successful person is one who went ahead and did the thing the rest of us never quite got around to. *(Bits & Pieces)***

**When one businessman was asked, “What is success?” he replied, “When you wake up in the morning, jump out of bed and shout, ‘Wow, another day!’ Then you’re a success!” *(John Christie)***

**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's a baby. (Natalie Wood)**

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