

## Tips for Success

There are no recipes for success in life, yet there are things that everyone can do to improve her or his chances of success. Such things include the following:

1. Knowing what you would like to have from life or to be; for example: a satisfying professional career, a good housewife, an ambitious politician, or a businessman.
2. Identifying the particular things you would like to achieve or have while living and enjoying your life.
3. Prioritizing goals, which mean deciding what comes first and what comes next, and what the requirements to reach each goal are.
4. Pursuing desired goals without hesitation; actions undertaken should focus on targeted goals, and perseverance should be an article of faith. No one should lose hope, get distracted or give up.
5. Realizing that life is a learning process from start to finish; every decision, every accomplishment, and every failure has its own lessons; life therefore should be viewed as a unique experience that will never be repeated; history never repeats itself or stops changing.
6. Realizing that life is a challenging personal journey with its ups and downs; it must be seen as an interesting, sometimes fascinating experience; no one should discount life as boring or meaningless. Since life is a personal journey, it is up to the individual to make it more interesting and more rewarding.
7. Traveling along the road of life, the landscape that lies behind becomes, with every turn, less visible and therefore less relevant and important, while the landscape that lies ahead becomes more visible and relevant and therefore more important to watch. Consequently, more attention should be given to what lies ahead; to understanding the future and its potential; and less to what lies behind that represents the past and its less relevant, often outdated wisdom and experience.

8. Recognizing that life is a journey implies acceptance that life is neither a destiny nor a destination; nothing in life should be considered a fate to be accepted without challenge.
9. People, while traveling along the road of life, compete with others, function under the influence of good and bad conditions and memories, and take decisions that affect, not only their lives but the lives of others as well; they therefore, must keep in mind:
  - The need to adhere to ethics and moral responsibilities in order to make the journey safer and the fruits of work clean and more enjoyable;
  - The need to praise the virtues and intelligence of competitors; competition has to be aimed at enriching personal and communal and national life, and building bridges between competitors as well as between divided peoples and cultures;
10. People need to think positively, not negatively in order to free themselves from bad memories and painful experiences; they also need to avoid thinking of revenge, which is a tool to destroy the self before destroying the other. Whoever thinks in negative terms is incapable of thinking in positive ones; and therefore he or she is engaged in a process of time-wasting and self-destruction that brings more misery, invites more enmity, nurtures more hatred and bitterness and ultimately wastes rare opportunities.

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