

This Week's Message: Succeed By Ellie Lingner

Succeed: v. 1. a) to come next after another; follow; ensue b) to follow another into office, possession, etc., as by election, appointment or inheritance 2. to happen or turn out as planned or attempted (a plan that succeeded) 3. to achieve or accomplish something planned or attempted (to succeed in persuading someone) 4. to have or enjoy success; realize a goal or goals, esp. in becoming wealthy, winning fame or approval, etc. (to succeed in business).

Measuring success by the amount of money you have accumulated or the fame or prizes you have won is a shallow definition of an important word. Take a look around at the real world. There is no denying the momentary high when you win an Oscar; a lottery; a race for public office. Then what? You have succeeded. Where do you go from there? For so many in our society, success has been accompanied by pain, conflict and loss. Movie stars, rock stars, sports stars get caught up in the low life that the high life can bring with it: alcohol, drugs; sex scandals. They may lose their health, life, family, and the excitement that comes with the struggle for success. How many of them do you believe have truly “been made happy” by their success?

The success of those in political power may bring many things (including a lot of frustration and disappointment), but does it bring happiness? If you would trade places with a politician, it had best be so you can effect positive changes in our society and not for the perks you imagine come with it.

The postal worker who loves what he is doing is a success. So is the waitress who enjoys her interaction with people and takes pride in a job well done.

It has been said: **“Do what you love and you’ll never have to work a day in your life.”**

That is why so many people who work hard to achieve success find emptiness once they achieve it unless they adore what they are doing on a daily basis. Make sure that the goal you are pursuing is what you truly consider success and not the trappings that come with it.

Week's Quotes:

“You don’t have to lie awake nights to succeed—just stay awake days.

“Accept the challenges so that you may feel the exhilaration of victory.” George S. Patton.

*“Lincoln’s road to the White House:
Failed in business in 1831
Defeated for legislature in 1832*

*Second failure in business in 1833
Suffered a nervous breakdown in 1836
Defeated for speaker in 1838
Defeated for elector in 1840
Defeated for Congress in 1843
Defeated for Senate in 1855
Defeated for vice president in 1856
Defeated for Senate in 1858
Elected president in 1860!"*

"Recipe for success: Study while others are sleeping; work while others are loafing; prepare while others are playing; and dream while others are wishing."

"Success is the child of audacity." Benjamin Disraeli.

Success often comes from taking a misstep in the right direction.

"If at first you don't succeed, you're running about average."

"It takes twenty years to make an overnight success." Eddie Cantor.

"You have reached the pinnacle of success as soon as you become uninterested in money, compliments or publicity." Eddie Rickenbacker.

"If you want to be successful, it's just this simple: Know what you're doing. Love what you're doing. And believe in what you're doing." O.A. Battista

"It's not a successful climb unless you enjoy the journey." Dan Benson.

"You will find the key to success under the alarm clock."

"There are no secrets to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work, and learning from failure." Colin Powell.

"Success is never final and failure never fatal. It's courage that counts." George Tilton.

"A lot of people owe their success to advice they didn't take."

"Elbow grease is still the best lubricant for success."

"The toughest thing about success is that you've got to keep on being successful." Irving Berlin.

"Success consists of getting up just one more time than you fall." Oliver Goldsmith.

