

Success | What is it, How do you get it!

What is success; many have different opinions, Napoleon Hill In the book "The Law of Success" gives my personal best choice; quote; "Success is the development of power with which to get whatever one wants in life without interfering with the rights of others" This would validate the following, Success is more than economic gains, titles, and degrees, success is following your dreams. So how do you get there?, why do some seem to have achieved this level of success while others haven't, is the answer in the age old question of "Do you have a Plan"? We have all heard it before and while quite cliché' without a plan we are planning to fail, planning is essential for long term ultimate success, without mapping out your life plans, success is a unlikely, Like a road map on a cross country trip mapping will set you on the way to achieving all that you have dreamed, but where do we start, below is an outline that should help. Starting Point: Who you are All visions have a starting point. Your starting point is who you are right now. Most people when asked to introduce themselves would say, "my name Richard, I'm a 47-years old, Home Loan specialist, and part-time internet marketer." Doesn't tell much about Richard, it only tells you his present preoccupation. To gain insights about yourself, aside from your economic, professional, cultural, and civil status, its time to look closely at your beliefs, you can also reflect on your experiences to give insights on your good and not-so-good traits, skills, knowledge, strengths, and weaknesses. Upon introspection, you may have an epiphany of sorts; many will find that they have been on a wrong path. Destination: who do you want to be? "Who and/or what do want to be?" this is your vision. This is where the importance of really knowing yourself comes into play, having this clear picture of who you want to be, whether they are attitudes, habits, or points of view. If you hardly know yourself, then your vision and targets for the future will also be unclear. Your destination should cover all the aspects of your being, the physical, emotional, intellectual, and spiritual. Vehicle: Your Mission A vehicle is the means by which you can reach your destination. To a great extent, your mission would depend on what you know about yourself. Based on Richard's self-assessment, he has placed limitations on which he is, Home Loan Provider, and part-time internet marketer. Don't place limitations on which you are when building your life plan, reach for the stars and be all that you dream. Your vehicle to success is the dream that you build, Write it down, live it even before you own it becoming a success depends on the vision and looking forward. Landmarks: S.M.a.L.T. goals Landmarks confirm if you are on the right track while the route determines the travel time. Thus, in planning out your life, you also need to have landmarks. These landmarks are your measures of success. These measures must be specific, measurable, attainable, realistic, and time bound. Thus you cannot set two major landmarks such as earning a master's degree and a doctorate degree within a period of three years, since the minimum number of years to complete a master's degree is two years. This is where S.M.a.L.T goals come into play, Short, Mid, and Long Term. Daily, Weekly, Monthly, yearly goals are essential to your success, what will you do today to achieve your plan, what will you achieve in the next month, where will you be in 5 years, if you haven't planned it yet do it now? Anthony Robbins in his book says dream big, write down EVERYTHING that you would like to see, do, accomplish in your life and attach a time frame to these goals, DO IT NOW! Anticipate Turns, Detours, and Potholes The purpose of your life map is to minimize hasty and spur-of-the-moment decisions that can make you lose your way, many times our plans are modified along the way due to some inconveniences, delays, and other situations beyond our control like in any path, there are turns, detours, and potholes thus we must anticipate them and adjust accordingly, like my father always told me about the people that place me in their trust, if the detours, difficulties, trials and tribulations didn't come along I wouldn't have been needed to solve the problems.

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