



The Driving Factors for Success

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Success, at first glance, seems to be achieved at the snap of your fingers. However, every successful person today would not have achieved their spot at the top of society without perseverance, determination, and hard work. For example, Steve Harvey was homeless for three years, trying to find work and mastering his skill, which he uses today to have achieved a high level of success. Perseverance, determination, and hard work are all attributes that lead to one being successful. Although these skills sound easy to attain, it takes much toil and thought to be perfect at executing a plan to become successful.

Firstly, having enough perseverance to overcome inevitable obstacles is an essential skill in order to achieve success. If one cannot overcome their obstacles, they will never be able to get to where they want to be in life. For instance, Bill Gates started in a garage and overcame many obstacles, such as dropping out of Harvard in order to start Microsoft. This led him to become a successful, multi-billionaire engineer. Also, one should stick to their original plan even when faced with challenges, as this perseverance is what will allow that dream to become reality. If the plan is changed too much, one would not be accommodated to it, thus, leading to failure. Finally, if one does not give up, the work will pay off in their favour. The goals will be achieved in the deadline that they have set for themselves, and they will be content with the progress they have made. Without perseverance, no one would ever accomplish anything.

Secondly, there cannot be success without dedication. One must commit to the goals they have set for themselves. One should stay inspired by looking at people who have achieved their success but must keep in mind that “Genius is one percent inspiration, ninety-nine percent perspiration” (Thomas A. Edison). The formal definition of perspiration is that one sweats, which, figuratively, means that one is dedicated and toils until they complete their task. Therefore, Thomas Edison would have had to dedicate himself to the studies of engineering in order to obtain the possibility of ever inventing the lightbulb. This keeps one motivated and inspired to continue to dedicate themselves to working hard. Hence, success without this attribute would not be success at all. One must dedicate themselves in order to ever get the things the desire to accomplish.

Lastly, hard work is an essential skill to attain success as this hard work involves being focused, consistent, and not making excuses not to work. Focusing on what matters is ideal in one's path to success. As Steve Jobs once said, “If you are willing to work hard and ask lots of questions, you can learn business pretty fast.” Jobs’ quote can be applied outside of the business world, meaning that this hard work must be applied on any journey towards success. Therefore, no distraction can be occurring when one is working towards success. Keeping the same work consistently is also key; there is never a moment in time where you do not have the opportunity to achieve your goals. Capture those opportunities and create a life in which it is cherished. Success does not come in an instantaneous manner. One must be willing to be productive even before they even think about getting to where they want to be. Excuses can not be made, nor can one lose focus on the journey to success. When achieving success hard work is the one of the three driving factors that makes one’s dream of success become a reality.



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After considering all the evidence, success will only occur if you are able to embody the traits of perseverance, dedication, and hard work. Overcoming obstacles by sticking to your plans in the face of barriers is essential on the path to success. Determination is needed to succeed, and to remain determined, one must be inspired by others, set priorities, and pursue your goals by using that inspiration from role models. Therefore, one must overcome obstacles, be productive, and stay motivated, in order to complete their goals. Success can be achieved, and it appears to take only the snap of your fingers, but you must be willing to put in the work.