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Success

Success: a word that defines us all. Success is to reach, to dream, to wonder. Success is measured neither in one's ability nor in his or her potential, but rather in an end result. Though not always easy, success is possible for all of those who know how to accomplish it.

Hard work is extremely important in becoming successful. This step on the road to success is what I believe to be a test of determination. To put forth the time, the effort, and the self-discipline required to complete the allotted time, to become exemplary, is unimaginable. This step is proof that a person who puts forth such time is one who wants to be successful. When I was in orchestra I certainly did not put forth years of work and commitment, but I did put in the work to accomplish the highest achievement- to be accepted into Regions Orchestra. I practiced for several hours a day, to a point where movement in my fingers and arms was painful. I had private tutors and I had the determination to be accepted. That work paid off and a month later I was a member of Regions Orchestra.

However, it takes more than hard work to be successful; it takes intelligence. Both academic and social intelligence come into play in becoming successful. Academically one can use common sense and outside knowledge. "Book-smarts"

can help you strategize and preplan, but it can only take you so far. Practical intelligence is also needed. In life one must know how to treat others and speak to them in such a way that is kind, yet stern. When I want to get or do something I speak to my mother in a way that makes her want to give it to me. I use clever speech and people skills. However, you need an equal amount of practical and academic intelligence in order to succeed.

On the other hand, intelligence and hard work are not the key to accomplishment. The most crucial attribute is pure potential. One must have the ability, the talent to succeed. Without ability, the likelihood of success is slim. This may seem unimportant, but all of those who are successful have potential and talent. Talent cannot be taught or given, it must be present in the beholder. It is the key to success, and when talent, hard work, and intelligence meet in perfect harmony, success is inevitable.

Several things are required to be successful. It takes determination to have, do, and develop the needed skills. Thought not easy, it is not impossible. Development of such skills can take years. One must study, work, plan, prepare and countless other steps are needed. After reading this many are thinking that there is no way that this is possible. Those are the ones who will not be successful. One must believe in his or herself to become successful. With this knowledge, success can be succeeded.