

## How to Succeed in Life Against All Odds



Success is not measured by what you accomplish, but by the opposition you have encountered, and the courage with which you have maintained the struggle against overwhelming odds. To know how to succeed in life, it is imperative to know at first hand what success actually is. Let us understand some definitive terms used in the article, before proceeding to look into the requisites to achieve success. *Success*: It is something you achieve (or) conquer. Success is a relative term and it differs from person to person. Example: Becoming a Chartered Accountant is one of the most successful events of an aspiring CA's life. *Odds*: Odds are the roadblocks/obstacles which come in the success path. *Succeeding against all Odds*: It means to achieve what you are desirous of even when others are trying to ensure you don't do so.



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Just like there are two sides of a coin, the success strategies consist of four components. This article classifies the topic into four parts (the first two are the positive ones and the next two are the negative ones).

### The Positive Components

**1. Dreams/Goals:** Dreams/Goals are yardsticks, which you would want to achieve in your life. It brings purpose to your life. If you want to succeed in life you must know what to succeed at and you must write

them down. **“Unless you write down your goals it remains just a Wish”**. It is difficult to understand as to how it happens, that wishes are nurtured without undertaking any actions for the achievement of the same. This is when wishes come from the mind and not from the heart. If the heart is not in harmony with the mind the wish will not come true, as any mental discomfort will push away the desired events from you. When the mind finds something, that is in sync with your heart, you are ready to work and put your efforts towards achieving your dream. Then you simply stop wishing, and start acting. You realise that it is already yours, but when it appears in your physical reality is just a matter of time. The belief becomes so strong that you start realising that your desire is on its way to you. Your goal tells you the destination to reach. Unless you know where you would want to go, no road will take you there. So write down your goals and make a habit of reading them at least once in a week so that you would be constantly reminded of your purpose in Life.

#### **A Quote to Ponder**

**“The Future Belongs to all those people who believe in the Beauty of their Dreams” – George Washington.**

**2. Belief/Confidence:** Once you know your desired Destination, its time to ensure that you are

**F**our components that revolve round success are dream, belief, criticism and worry. If you have a Dream and if you Believe in that dream no matter how much Criticism and Worry is thrown at you, it won't cause you much trouble in the achievement of your goals.

**A**s you are on your road to success you will have to face a lot of Criticism. So you better be prepared for it. Why should someone criticise you in the first place? The answer is very simple you are doing something which all these critics have never ever dreamed of doing in their lives. However, it is suggested to take criticism positively, as someone who is testing your Determination to the achievement of the Goal. **“If you don't want to be criticised be nothing and do nothing”**

confident enough of reaching there. This is what is called as “Believing in yourself” (or) “Backing yourself”. The Question you might want to ask is why should I believe in myself? The answer is extremely simple: “If you don't believe in your ability and talent, who else will”. As long as you believe in yourself you will be doing all the necessary things to reach your destination. Belief is what separates the Successful people from the Talented Ones.

#### **A Quote to Ponder**

**“You have to have belief in yourself when no one else does, that's what makes you a winner” – Venus Williams.**

#### **The Negative Components**

**1. Criticism:** It means expressing an unfavourable judgement or giving the expression of disapproval. As you are on your road to success, you will have to face a lot of criticism. So you better be prepared for it. Why should someone criticise you in the first place? The answer is very simple you are doing something which all these critics have never ever dreamt of doing in their lives. However, it is suggested to take criticism positively, as someone



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**2. Worry:** We often worry about what others think about us. What others think of you is none of your business. To be practical, there are seven billion people in this world and if you were to worry about what these people think about you, you will have no time living your life your way.

#### **A Quote to Ponder**

**“I would rather be alone at the Top rather than to be at the Bottom with crowded mediocre people”**

#### **Conclusion**

To conclude the above discussed positive and negative components of success strategies in a single sentence, it may be put as; “If you have a Dream and if you believe in that Dream no matter how much criticism and worry is thrown at you, it won't cause you much trouble in the achievement of your goals.

**“We often wait for the ideal path to appear in front of us, but what we forget is that paths are made by walking and not by waiting”. ■**