To laugh often and love much:  
To win respect of intelligent people  
And the affection of children;  
To earn the approbation of honest critics  
And endure the betrayal of false friends;  
To appreciate beauty;  
To find the best in others;  
To give one's self;  
To leave the world a little better,  
Whether by a healthy child,  
A garden patch,  
Or redeemed social condition;  
To have played and laughed with enthusiasm  
And sung with exultation;  
To know even one life has breathed easier  
Because you have lived...  
This is to have succeeded.

Ralph Waldo Emerson