

What is Success?

*To laugh often and much;*

*To win the respect of intelligent people  
and the affection of children;*

*To earn the appreciation of honest critics  
and endure the betrayal of false friends;*

*To appreciate beauty;*

*To find the best in others;*

*To leave the world a bit better, whether by  
a healthy child, a garden patch  
or a redeemed social condition;*

*To know even one life has breathed  
easier because you have lived;*

*This is to have succeeded.*

*– Ralph Waldo Emerson*