Zaid Albirawi

Professor Kennedy

Writing 2101F-003

22 January 2013

Success

"Your beliefs become your thoughts. Your thoughts become your words. Your words become your actions. Your actions become your habits. Your habits become your values. Your values become your destiny." (Gandhi) I consider success my most important value, because with it comes financial peace-of-mind, happiness, and self-actualization. Therefore, the fulfillment of this value will be like lighting two candles with one flame.

Financial peace-of-mind is a value that can be achieved through success. A successful person will secure a good paying job and manage his money properly; which may maximize his fortune. Success in school will result in achieving a higher education, attracting the interest of larger companies that will offer me greater job opportunities. Also, managing money plays a key role in becoming wealthy. Through life experiences, an intelligent individual will learn to manage his resources to maximize their potential. Therefore, high education and well-managed resources will gain me a financial peace-of-mind.

Likewise, happiness, another important value, will increase my optimism and self-esteem and result in success. Being optimistic will change my point of view on life helping me see the positive in every negative and take full advantage of it. I will accept my failures, analyze them, find the source of error, improve and adapt. Also, as my self-esteem grows stronger, I will trust in my problem solving ability and believe in the decisions I make with no hesitation. Thus, happiness positively affects my optimism and self-esteem which are important factors to success.

Lastly, self-actualization is the attainment of one’s potential. I trust that being a successful person will bring the best out of me; it will help me become a better judge of the situations I face, and help me accomplish goals I set for myself. Through the journey to success, I will acquire experience from education, career, life situations, or learn from the mistakes that I have made along the way. These experiences will help me evaluate and solve the situations I face. Moreover, as I stated earlier, my goal in life is to succeed; and I believe that my hard work will pay off. Therefore, self-actualization can be achieved through success.

Unmistakably, success has a big influence on financial peace-of-mind, happiness, and self-actualizing; and as a result, these values also influence the success value. Achieving success is my mean of achieving my potential. Financial peace-of-mind contributes to my financial success. Happiness increases my optimism and self-esteem resulting in physiological success. And lastly, according to the Pyramid of Maslow, self-actualization derives to morality, creativity, spontaneity, problem solving, lack of prejudice, and acceptance values which are fulfilled as self-actualization is.