

A person stands on a long, narrow stone pier extending into the ocean. The person's arms are raised in a gesture of triumph or joy. The scene is set during a sunset or sunrise, with the sun low on the horizon, creating a golden glow over the water and sky. The sky is filled with soft, white clouds, and the sun's rays are visible breaking through them. The ocean waves are breaking against the pier, creating white foam. The overall mood is one of achievement and hope.

**More than**

# **101 definitions of SUCCESS**

**by top coaches, successful  
speakers and authors all over  
the world**

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## PREFACE

In my life I have met many unique and talented people who were unable to accomplish what they most wished for in life. This is a pity because one of the most important motives of man is the realization of goals. For most people a life without dreams and purposes is meaningless, dull and hopeless.

The desire for success, self-development, self-improvement and self-fulfilment is as old as mankind. We all wish to be healthy and happy and full of energy. We may wish to be a good father or mother, or a successful musician, singer, painter, writer, artist, therapist, architect, lawyer, inventor, manager, director, dancer, actor, sportsman, speaker or mountaineer. And deep in our hearts, we all long for peace and quiet. But how exactly we can accomplish this, we often don't know.

This book shows you many different definitions of success. All written by successful people: top coaches, great speakers and talented writers all over the world. Reading these definitions will help you to find the right attitude to attract and create success!

I wish you much joy in reading this book and discovering your true potential. May these wise words make your inner diamond shine more brightly...

Hope to meet you one day!

All the best,

Roeland Suylen, November 2009

# INTRODUCTION

## WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE SUCCESSFUL?

According to the definition I use in my newest book 'Make your dreams come true' ['Maak je dromen waar' (Uitgeverij Andromeda 2009) / 'Mach deine Träume wahr' (verlag Via Nova 2009)], your real success is the satisfaction and happiness you experience from manifesting your dreams. As you will understand, that doesn't necessarily have anything to do with earning lots of money, buying a bigger house, a more beautiful car or having the best relationship you can get. It has to do with your consciousness, that is: what kind of person are you, what are your talents, which goals do you have and how can you reach them? View also [www.3G-methode.nl](http://www.3G-methode.nl) (scroll down the homepage and click the button English or Deutsch).

## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS BOOK?

Before you can begin to be successful, it is necessary to have the right attitude. What do I mean by that? It means that you undertake the right actions and that these actions are supported by your thoughts and feelings. In my book 'Make your dreams come true' this is called coherence. When you are coherent, you think, feel and do exactly what is needed to achieve your goals. You have the right attitude to create the highest and the best in your life. Not only for yourself, but also for the people that surround you. Of course, success is always a win-win situation!

This e-book helps you to create the right attitude to enhance your inner and outer success. In this book you will discover several different definitions of success. All by worldwide professionals in the field. You can choose the definition that suits you best. I wish you lots of pleasure in reading and studying the various definitions. May you be truly inspired by these wise and powerful words...

## **REFLECTION 1.**

Being helpful to others is the best way to gain trust.

*Roeland Suylen*

## **FRANK (FRANCESCO) S. ADAMO**

*Contributor to "Yes You Can!"*

*Frank S. Adamo is a communications coach, int'l trainer/instructor and a published author of "31 Tips to Becoming an Effective Presenter."*

If you love your family, your career, your life and you can do what you want to do -- then you are truly successful!

## **ANIL KUMAR AGARWAL**

*Sr Consultant-Banking and Financial Services at iGATE Global Solutions*

Successful I think is converting our dreams to reality and taking everyone who matters to us along the way.

## **SANDIE ALLAWAY**

*Project/Production Manager*

I've defined "successful" in two ways - personal and professional. In my life's experiences many of those successes have interconnected since my passion, which is performing arts, actually requires the same types of skills as managing projects. Best of both worlds.

## **LINDA ARMSTRONG**

*Freelance writer*

Success is stepping out the door of a comfortable living space on your 99th birthday, smelling the sweet morning air, hearing the birds sing, watching the sun rise, and feeling glad to be alive.

## **RON AUERBACH, M.B.A.**

*Job search advisor, author, trainer, and speaker*

I've never measured success by the amount of money or power somebody has. Instead, I always did it by the looking at the level of personal satisfaction and pride one has!

A janitor for example, may not have the most glamorous job in the world. Nor make the most money and rise up the corporate ladder. And yes, he or she might even be ignored by the people around him or her. Or worse, looked down upon by them!

But that lonely janitor may be more successful than you can imagine. He or she can take great pride in doing a good job of keeping things clean and safe. That janitor can be very loyal and stay with the company much longer than someone else with a higher-level and very well-paying job.

And yes, that janitor can be a very decent person who doesn't thumb his or nose at others. So in the end, that lonely janitor can be someone who should be admired and respected. That's true success!

Ron Auerbach, M.B.A.

1. Author, "Think Like an Interviewer: Your Job Hunting Guide to Success"
2. Instructor who's taught subjects from literally A to Z, including job hunting
3. Someone who's worked in variety of fields in the business world
4. Book website: <http://thinklikeaninterviewer.tripod.com>

## **NANCY BAKER**

*Life Coach, Mentor & Consultant*

Creating and living the life we want.

## **LEE BARNATHAN**

*Writer/Reporter/Editor*

Success is an offshoot of Descartes: I think I'm a success, therefore I am. And then it becomes a self-fulfilling prophecy.

## **LUCIA BARTOŠOVÁ**

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Success is being at least satisfied; better: HAPPY about the outcome of work or activity.

And this shall be coming from both SELF and also from OTHERS!

## **ARNOLD VAN DER BEEK**

*Interested in Leadership? Discover Self Leadership first!*

I believe that being successful is always connected to accomplishment and could be of both smaller or bigger matters. Another questions is whether satisfaction as such is a success or the manifestation which gives satisfaction. In my life I have been successful many times, but over time growing in myself success or being successful is not really important, though accomplishing what is important to me and my environment is contributing to fulfillment of purpose. Dreams coming true are contributing to this fulfillment of purpose.

## **ERWIN DE BEER**

*Success is how \*you\* define it*

<http://www.plaxo.com/profile/showPublic/eddebu>

I completely agree. Success is how \*you\* define it. My definition of success is anything that brings me joy. It could be the opportunity to spend a day at the beach or a sailing trip. But also a satisfied client or making someone happy. In all: for me success is leading a fulfilling life and having the possibility to do what I like to do.

## **STEVEN BOLLINGER**

*Custom Publishing Consultant at Jenkins Group*

Building meaningful relationships with your friends and business partners.  
Sleeping well at night.  
Giving back to others.

## **KATHLEEN BOYLE**

*Facility Rehab Director at Ambassador rehab*

Success is knowing your inner self and being present in that place of oneness while living in the world.

## **BETH DOTSON BROWN**

*Freelance Writer and Editor at Beth Dotson Brown Writing and Editing*

I think it's different for each person and it might change from day-to-day. For me, it's feeling like I've made a contribution to my family, community, world.

## **DUKE BUTLER MBA, MASC, CMC**

*Strategy and Corporate Development at Duke Butler*

I agree with all the comments - success is multi dimensional and varies by individual. Some believe it is necessary to have it all - strong career, financial rewards, family, health, travel, home, etc. Nevertheless, you can be very successful in business yet fail in relationships, health and character.

For me, success equates to a balance of quality time for family and friends, strong health and fitness, interesting and challenging work, travel, spirituality, financial stability, developing new knowledge and giving back to the community. When one of these is out of balance I am not truly happy and it impacts how successful I feel.

## **DOLORES CALAF**

*Director, Education and Workforce Center for Success at La Alianza Hispana*

For me, SUCCESS is about helping others becoming successful with their attainable goals, whether to learn English as a second language or learn to dance salsa! It's about getting the satisfaction of successfully influencing positively in other lives of people that trust that we are "successful" and thus believe in our motivation and modeling.

## **JASON W. CARD**

*Vice President, Dreyfus Investments*

While still in college and interning at a local radio station, I was convinced that I would feel "successful" once I had hit a certain income milestone. Many years later (and just a few years ago), that income milestone was reach and, low and behold, my definition of "success" had already changed.

Of course, life changes and alters our perception of what is important (and not). From my naive college years until now I have met and married the woman of my dreams, have two amazing children, a dog, a cat and a mortgage... Reality shifts and priorities change and suddenly I find myself looking at those who are still trying to "keep up with the Jones's" a little differently now. Perhaps with a bit of sadness...

A quick read called "The Holy Man" was truly inspirational to me and addresses this very subject at a "Philosophy 101" level.

## **LIANE CARTER**

*nlp practitioner at Liane Carter*

I so agree. Living your dream. Enjoying the process and being in the pleasure of it all. It *means* bashing through personal fears and limits and it's taken me a long time to get there some of the time yet when I am it's like flying. And I'm there more and more.

## **ALVIN CHENG**

*CEO at PST Management*

Success is when you receive services from others who feel honored and not out of fear or frustration.

## **MARLENE CHISM**

*Founder of Stop Your Drama*

Own the success you have and then you can really experience it. If we wait for others to tell us whether or not we are successful we are "striving" instead of experiencing. Recognition must come from within. And... just because you want more does not mean you are not already successful now. I do love the idea that success is manifesting your dreams.

Before I published my book, *Success is a Given*, I struggled with the success question. Even though I believed that it was ultimately about happiness, peace, and loving your life, there was still a little bit of the old "stuff" entering my consciousness. (Material wealth, education, what others think, or that when X happens then I can finally claim success.) That's when it came to me, that if we can just take the "success question" off the table, and OWN the success we already have, then we can really find that peace and happiness so that we EXPERIENCE the success instead of strive for it. That's how the title and concept "success is a given." came to me.

## **DR. ARTHUR CIARAMICOLI**

*Clinical Psychologist/Author/Speaker*

Success is determined, in my humble opinion, by character more so than possessions and status. If you are able to do meaningful work, maintain proper self care and most importantly maintain intimacy with family and friends you are leading a healthy, balanced life few attain.

## **STEVE COOPER**

*Marketing Communications Manager at Chamberlain Access Solutions*

Who said: "Success is the progressive realization of a stated goal"?

## **LAURA COULTER**

*Owner, ADL #786*

Success is loving what you do and the ability to do it. Make a cake, create a beautiful necklace, hug your children, pay your bills and laugh with friends at good times and all things that happen around you.

## **CINDY DARO**

*Information Technology and Services Professional*

To love and be loved. The rest is gravy...

## **ROSEANN D'ELIA**

*Designer/President at Tre-Femmes Accessories, LLC*

Believing in my self not worrying what other people think I should or should not be doing. Learning from past mistakes. One of my favorite quotes is...

"Dont let what you cannot do interfere with what you can do" -John Wooden.

## **RENÉ VAN DINTEN**

Success can be measured by the part of realisation of your goals, whatever they may be. What is meaningful depends on the person, his situation, the time he lives in and many other variables. The question `what is your definition of success` is likely the right one to ask for first. (Succes is de mate waarin je in staat bent je doelstellingen te realiseren ongeacht de aard daarvan. Wat belangrijk is verschilt per persoon, z`n situatie, de tijd waarin hij leeft en een heel stel andere variabelen. De vraag `wat is jouw definitie van succes` is waarschijnlijk de juiste om iemand als eerste te stellen.)

## **CHRISTINE DODD**

*Experienced writer/editor*

For the longest time, I had a quotation about success pinned to my bulletin board. Thought it was from Emerson:

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.

I've since found out it wasn't from Emerson at all, but a female poet who wrote it circa 1905. . .

Regardless of its origin, it's a lovely sentiment. As a writer, and a reader, I appreciate beauty in a well-turned phrase, a thoughtful exploration of a subject, a skillfully produced book. Doesn't have much to do with making a best-seller list. . .

## **BOBBIE DONALDSON**

*at EDS, an HP Company*

I define success as feeling deep down peace from knowing I am living in line with my beliefs and values, and knowing I am on the path toward realizing those dreams and goals that continue to be important to me. I take at least one step each day in the direction of my dreams, and it is exhilarating!

## **REFLECTION 2.**

Being thankful to others generates more and more success.

*Roeland Suylen*

## **AMIT DUBEY (AMIT27DUBEY@GMAIL.COM)**

*JD Edwards CNC Admin at Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.*

I would like to add one more successful quote for "SUCCESS"

Success is only Ability, Break and Courage and nothing else.

If you perform the task with ability and courage that breaks the general assumption about what people think about it.  
Then probably you are known as "SUCCESSFUL".

This ability and courage can be considered in any area/interest of your personal as well as your professional life.

So if you can consider the same then people used to say about the person as "SUCCESSFUL"

## **DIVYA DUBEY**

*Publisher at Gyaana Books*

Being able to do what you are passionate about (in spite of everything) is the biggest achievement.

## **GÁBOR ERDŐHEGYI**

*Independent management consulting guru (generalist and specialist).  
Management expert. Professional artist.*

In my experience, the statement that a particular person is "successful" is always interpreted at least in three different ways (see below) depending on the particular situation, the relative position of the person who wants to interpret the statement to himself/herself, and the full context of the text that contains this expression.

1) If someone is said to be "successful" by other people, this usually means that he/she has an attractive professional career (inc. increasing reputation, higher position, lots of money, etc.). So, for the "outer world" (e.g. business partners,

clients, colleagues, friends, the whole society), it seems to have much more to do with material benefits than with personal dreams or personal spiritual equilibrium.

2) If the person who is said to be "successful" and the one who wants to explain its meaning to himself/herself are the same person, in this case Suylen's original interpretation seems for me to be the true solution.

3) However, "success" is a very subjective term to interpret it to oneself. I would tend to say that, at the end of the day, "success" for a wise man is the actual maintenance of his/her personal spiritual (and thus health) equilibrium which clearly is derived from a few key factors and many more components of those. In my understanding "spiritual equilibrium" (accompanied by goal-oriented short/long term ambitions) is a fundamental long term personal resource which is a precondition to both realising your personal dreams and having an attractive professional career effectively.

## **MARY ELIZABETH EVANS**

*Publisher of Tea Break a quarterly insight into the World of Tea*

Well I agree it is a lovely thought that success is manifesting ones dreams. Not much good if you are homeless. Unfortunately, as a reality check one does need recognition, through payment I would suggest.

## **PETER J. FLIERL**

*Marketing & Business Development, Grant Writer, Researcher, Cause Related*

A great vertical alignment of God, Family and Everything Else. An income that keeps on coming after it is in place, i.e., residuals, that gives you real lifestyle. You have both money and time. Money is not number one, but it is necessary just like oxygen.

## **RYAN FOLEY**

*Internet Marketer; Advertising Consultant at Alcove Direct*

Well success is all relative. What is successful to you may not be success to me. I find the fact that I am a business owner, the first to graduate from an accredited university of my entire extended family and that I am no longer dependent upon relatives successful. Some may view making at least a six-figure net income annually successful and others may view the fact that the job they are doing is affecting others in a positive (or in some morbid cases negative) as success.

There is no right or wrong answer. To illustrate this, there is a man in one of the groups I network in who is a dishwasher, makes about \$300/week at most and lives in a hotel. However, he sees no reason to pursue "higher living" because in his mind he is successful. He has achieved his sought out goal.

I believe people often mistake and attempt to intertwine success and ambition unjustly. One could be the most ambitious person in the world and never attempt what they think of as "success".

## **FRANK GARTEN**

*Owner of Garten & Pacanda BV, Consultant Organisational Change and Development*

The definition I work with in coaching and training is that "he/she is successful, who organizes his/her life such that personal goals are realised". Agree with Sander that most people need help setting their goals (my experience is that most people have a good feeling/intuition about what they want to achieve, but that they need help translating that feeling/intuition into words and actions).

We all agree there is no universal definition of success, and that it's a very personal thing. I fully agree that success has nothing to do with earning lots of money, beautiful cars and good relationships, unless you personally have goals which have to do with money on the bank, cars in front of your house and the quality of your relationship. Very personal.

## **PATSY GOMEZ**

*Vice President - Relationship Manager WaMu/JP Morgan Chase*

Eileen Loh, you hit the nail on the head! Because until "we are living our passions free from the binds of the results of our actions", we are not really expressing our true potential and giving the universe what we are here to do...our purpose.

## **PETER H. GREGORY**

*CISA, CISSP, DRCE. Security / Risk Manager, Published Author, Public Speaker, Instructor, Mentor, and Strategist*

In my opinion, it means setting goals for things that are meaningful to you, things that represent personal growth in some regard, and then meeting those goals.

## **J. CONRAD GUEST (J.C.GUEST@ATT.NET)**

*Business Development at ACS Healthcare Solutions*

Winning a five million dollar lotto is luck; not being broke five years later is success.

Seriously, I find success each and every time I sit down to write. Small successes in crafting good sentences, in completing a scene or a chapter; greater success in completing a novel (I've written three and am working on a fourth). But ultimate success is finding publication for them. Would achieving best-seller status for any of them define success? I'm not sure that wouldn't amount to luck, as most assuredly that is what is required: the perfect alignment of the stars. Like a well-aged single malt it would be delicious, but the ultimate success is having completed the project, without which nothing would come of it.

## **CHRISTOPHER HART**

*Author and Cartoonist at Random House, with over 2.5 million books sold*

My definition of success is a huge house with a four car garage, several German cars in the circular driveway, and enough money in the bank to make my neighbors envious. No, wait, that's not the definition of success, that's the definition of happiness. I think success has to do with a pretty wife and expensive clothes.

## **LEANNE HOAGLAND-SMITH**

*Chief Results Officer*

Success needs to be defined by each individual. A colleague and I developed this shared definition: "Success is a continual self-discovery of new positive attitudes and strategies that tap our limitless energy by connecting our passion, purpose and performance. Through written goals and action plans, we will direct our behaviors to achieve our dreams and support our core values."

A written definition provides clarity and the more specific the better it is for that individual. Recognition must first come from within you because if you do not believe in yourself no one else. You then would stop and not continue to move forward. I do not need recognition from others to achieve success. The Master Artists of Old had success, but recognition for their artistic efforts did not come until after their deaths.

## **JANICE HOFFMAN**

*Relationship Expert at Relationship Solutions*

*Janice Hoffman: "Relationship Rules": [www.JaniceHoffman.com](http://www.JaniceHoffman.com).*

Living a life with no regrets. Being true to who you are and grateful for what you have and do. Being at peace with the world around you. That is success to me.

## **KEVIN HOSEY**

*Successful strategic marketing and advertising professional, and author.*

[www.kevinhosey.net](http://www.kevinhosey.net)

Being successful is achieving your goals -- professionally and personally. The money usually (hopefully) comes as a result of the professional achievements.

And while the money is not THE most important aspect of my life, it is a VERY close second. After all, no matter how many goals you achieve, it doesn't matter if you don't have the money to survive.

Having money is like the old adage about sex and marriage: When you have money, it's 10% of your life. When you don't, it's 90% of your life.

## **ROBLYNN HUNNISETT**

*Owner, Touchstone Event Management*

Knowing I have made one person breath and live easier is my definition of success. My personal mission is to encourage and inspire others to be their personal best.

## **C.F. JACKSON**

*Organized Thoughts Publishing, LLC. - [www.WebsiteMakeoverWorkshop.com](http://www.WebsiteMakeoverWorkshop.com)*

Great topic... Good food for thought.

With thought, success for me will have results in the here and now, yet the greatest level of success is when I pass on and the lives I've touched for the better will continue on.

To leave an everlasting footprint where others are rewarded because of something I was able offer to better their lives.

Success...

## **ROBY JAMES**

*Independent Writing and Editing Professional*

Making the world a better place by being in it, perhaps by influencing someone else's life for the better. Sometimes this happens in completely unexpected ways. For example, I wrote my first book, which was science fiction, because I wanted to, and loved what I was writing about. At one of my first book signings, a woman said she kept it beside her bed, because it helped her cope with her chronic illness. I was rather stunned. Then, at another, a woman told me she had sent a copy to her sister, who was an incest survivor, because she thought she should read it. Another, who was a nurse, said that she had bought copies for everyone in the support group she ran, and she believed that everyone in recovery should read it.

But it was *\*science fiction.\** Lots of people turn off the moment they hear that. So it never had that many sales, and though the sequel did get published, right after that the bottom fell out of the midlist.

So, my first book is not deathless; it did not make me much money; my name hardly became a household word. But I believe it was a success, which makes me a success, because somewhere there are people I touched with it, whose lives I made an impact on. I never intended it to happen that way - I wanted a bestseller. Didn't happen. And perhaps it's better this way.

## **SUSAN JAMES**

*Self Discovery Techniques Trainer, Human Potential Strategist & Researcher,  
Speaker at Self Discovery Group LLC*

We believe that True Success is Effectiveness + Well-Being.

Another way to put it is - I believe that without having peace of mind with oneself, all "trappings" are just that ... traps! When one is trying to fill the hole that is inside with more and more stuff, the more the ego wants and it is insatiable - that's it's job!

As a person develops the ability and skill to operate from a quiet mind (source awareness) then coming from peace of mind, they can easily and effortlessly create great success, but from preference, not need!

There are many people who are very effective, but don't feel good, or aren't enjoying the life that they are working so hard to create.

Then there are people who feel good, but they aren't effective or able to manage certain areas of their life!

My father-in-law has been very successful in life. Last week he said the way he's been doing things over the last couple of years, which is how he was so successful in the past, just don't work any more.

What worked yesterday is not what works today or for tomorrow.

More and more people are realizing that what has happened is gone ... and it is a new moment, and time to create something new.

Everyone is trying to figure out what to do to be more successful. What I know is that part of them is really trying to figure out they can be more connected ... with themselves!

I am happy to say that is exactly what we do - train people in a very simple strategy that gives them effective techniques to manage themselves and their life ... the results are miraculous :)

Here's another viewpoint: success is the capability to handle whatever comes up (whatever you create) if you believe you create your reality.

We believe those who are the truly successful are the few who go after the challenges and what they resist the most (the shadow / negativity). It is the conquering of the limitations and/or boundaries that brings us to true greatness.

Historically those who have overcome incredible adversity are our heroes! The ability to acknowledge and embrace adversity and then see past it and transcend it is true greatness and defines our success!

As Maslow said only about 1% of humanity ever attains "self-actualization".  
PS Here is a link to an article that may be of interest: Skills of the Future that Guarantee Success!

<http://selfdiscoverytechniques.com/articles/72-skills-of-the-future-that-guarantee-success-.html>

## **CARL JENKS**

*Equipper/Coach for Exceptional People*

Hi Roeland Suylen and Dan Marvin. I like what both of you have written and agree that success is an elusive creature to fully define. For me it has both internal and external components. The internal part is the most important and comes to me from a clear sense of having done what I have been called to do to the best of my ability, for God, my family, and any other stake holders in whatever the undertaking is. The external part has to do with my efforts achieving enough recognition to be able to help and influence others in their pursuit of success. Our company motto for Mountain Takers Inc. is "Your success in our passion" and we mean it. Thank you for letting me join in the discussion. I look forward to following along.

## **BRIEN JONES**

*President at Jones Harvest Publishing*

You walk into a bookstore you never heard of, in a town you've never been to and see a copy of your book for sale.

## **SONYA CARMICHAEL JONES**

*SEO & Direct Response Copywrite and Internet Marketing Consultant*

My definition of success is walking two feet to do a job I love.  
I'm a freelance copywriter celebrating 10 years of success.

May you celebrate yours today, tomorrow and always.

## **SUNIL KALA**

*Manager at Oralce India Pvt Ltd*

I feel success and satisfaction are two different axis. Success is a continuous process, You felt succeeded once you have achieved your dreams and that doesn't last there as you have next dream on line. Satisfaction is something lasting and you feel fulfilled. I really don't agree with that statement because success comes from achievement and mere manifestation is not enough whereas you can be satisfied without achieving anything. At the end day what matter is your contribution to the society however small it may be. That gives you real sense of satisfaction and fulfillment. In today's materialistic environment more and more people dream about possessing worldly material. Manifestation or achievement of such dream may give you sense of being successful initially but does that really last? I feel in spiritual terms we should be judged more on satisfaction than success.

## **RANDY KEMP**

*Technology Copywriter, Motorola Six-Sigma BB, Computer Scientist, Writer, Certified*

Inbound Marketing Professional

It means different things to different people. For some, it's money. Others recognition. Still others, internal satisfaction. If you query any online dictionaries, like <http://www.thefreedictionary.com/> , we see three definitions.

1. Having a favorable outcome: a successful heart transplant.
2. Having obtained something desired or intended: was successful in stopping the leak of oil.
3. Having achieved wealth or eminence: a successful architect.  
My definition is internal satisfaction, but throw in the money for good measure.

## **MARIAN KERR**

*Managing Director of Marian Kerr Consulting Limited trading as Contemplate Life Coaching and Write With You. Marian Kerr: [www.mariankerr.co.nz](http://www.mariankerr.co.nz)*

I often ask my clients what success means to them. The answers tell a lot about their core values and their sense of purpose. For some it is money - but the important thing to find out is what they want the money to provide - is it a sense of security, of power, or comfort, etc? For others it is knowing that they are fully expressing their talents and abilities and yet others see success as having made a contribution.

It is interesting to sit quietly and ponder the question. My feelings of success come when I am drawing on who I really am and interacting with others to help them discover and achieve their dreams and live their best life. For me success is enjoying who you are and living that out on a day to day basis in a way that has meaning for you.

## **THOMAS KESSLER**

*Partner at Revendex GmbH*

Success means to me when I can be in the here and now, experience life in its fullness and not drift away into the future or the past. Defining the goals I want to go, what to reach is extremely important. Living in the now is for me the only way to see what I can do right now, this second to achieve those goals. Shifting my attention from "daydreaming - not being in the now" back to the now is the hardest, as it requires me to be present constantly and this I experience as a difficult thing. I agree it is not only about material wellbeing (you need a basic level whatever a basic level is from the respective perspective) it is more about conscious, ethical decision making.

## **KIMBERLY KING**

*Behavioral Training and Consulting/Author, children's books*

I definitely agree that success is a form of measurement and you have the ability to change your scale at any point in time. Measure your accomplishments against your goals. If your goal is to be a couch potato and you do it well, you have achieved success. For me personally, I measure my success against the goals I set for myself every year. I make a point of setting goals in all areas of my life (physical goals like walking the 60 mile breast cancer walk, educational goals like getting my masters degree, amount of writing completed like finishing my third children's book, and connecting with friends and enjoying time with family) that way if I fall short in one area it usually means it's because I have exceeded in another area. Success is definitely relative!

## **PHIL KLEINGELD**

*Professional Networker, business coach, writer, trainer, public speaker*

The dictionary provides a limited definition of success, probably because there are so many different interpretations of it. In Roeland's book success is the pleasant happy feeling you get from making your dreams come true. But how do you define your success when you don't have any dreams and still the people around you think you are successful? Of course it is also possible that you think you are successful, while others don't agree at all. In 2004 I tried to analyse 24 entrepreneurs to discover a successformula. I was amazed to actually find some sort of successformula, but it was not what I expected. Please read my book 'Secrets of success' about this (Free download from the website of De Netwerkmakelaar). In the eyes of others, your personal success is contemporary and perishable, while your personal experience of success can cause you to feel happy and pleasant for the rest of your life. Think of Al Bundy for instance. He visibly revived each time he remembered that particular game in which he made 3 goals. I myself experience the same sensations when I think of overcoming my fear of height and my decision to finally stop smoking, after 25 years of steady addiction. In that context I certainly agree with Arnold van der Beek.

Success also has a 'shadow side'. It is often a source of jealousy and selfcomplaint: 'Why does she succeed while I don't?' Sometimes, other people's success can also act as a drive to transform our own dreams into deeds; and then the circle is reasonably closed again. (Van Dale geeft een beperkte definitie van succes en mogelijk dat dit komt omdat er zoveel interpretaties van zijn. In het boek van Roeland is het meer het plezierige gevoel dat je krijgt als een droom realiteit wordt. Maar wat nu als je eigenlijk geen droom had en men je toch als succesvol ervaart? Je kunt natuurlijk zelf iets als succesvol ervaren terwijl derden daar totaal anders over denken. In 2004 heb ik een poging gedaan om via een analyse van 24 ondernemers een succesformule te ontdekken. Er kwam tot mijn eigen verbazing zowaar een soort succesformule uit, maar niet datgene wat ik had verwacht. Lees mijn boek 'Geheimen van succes' er maar een keer op na. (Het is gratis te downloaden van de website van De Netwerkmakelaar.)

Succes heeft een beperkte houdbaarheid voor derden terwijl datgene wat jij als succesvol ervaart je je hele leven plezier kan verzorgen. Denk maar eens aan het typetje Al Bundy. Hij leefde elke keer weer op als hij terugdacht aan die ene wedstrijd waarin hij 3 goals maakte. Zelf heb ik dat als ik denk aan het overwinnen van mijn hoogtevrees en na 25 jaar stevig roken in staat bleek te zijn daarmee te stoppen.

Wat dat betreft ga ik graag met de opvatting van Arnold van der Beek mee. Succes heeft ook een keerzijde. Het is vaak een bron van jaloezie en zelfbeklag: 'Waarom lukt het haar wel en mij niet?'

Het succes van een ander kan ook onze drijfveer zijn een droom in realiteit om te zetten; en zo lijkt de cirkel weer redelijk rond.)

## **REFLECTION 3.**

Enthusiasm, helpfulness and thankfulness are irresistible to success. They attract success like a magnet attracts iron...

*Roeland Suylen*

## **VIKAS KUMAR**

*Business Development at Pyther Innovations Pvt. Ltd.*

I believe that there is no any perfect definition of success. Its perception varies person to person. It may be the experience of satisfaction, earning lot of money, holding a top brass position in a company, running a business, becoming a hard politician and so forth.

Though when we minutely examine the purpose of being successful, it is really the feeling of contentment. No matter what big thing you are doing but you are truly successful when you have feeling of merriment.

## **DR. TINA MARIE LAMB, CCEP**

*Vice President, Academic Affairs, Marco Polo International University*

To be successful means being happy with your life.

## **PAGE LAMBERT**

*Connecting People with Nature and Writers with Words*

Actually, success is stepping out the door and smelling the sweet morning air, hearing the birds sing, watching the sun rise - at any age! Yesterday's article, "Why Vultures Lie in Wait, and Deepak Chopra's Law of Least Effort" might interest some of you, especially in regards to writing:  
[www.pagelambert.blogspot.com](http://www.pagelambert.blogspot.com).

## **JOE LANGEN**

*Non-traditional author/Owner-Sliding Otter Publications*

I think manifesting your dreams is a good definition of success. There is satisfaction in achieving them, regardless of their content. Still, using that definition, it would seem possible to be successful and yet not happy. Some people are slaves to their dreams and fail to notice all the little pleasures along their paths. To me, happiness in finding a way to enjoy whatever circumstances you find yourself in. Thanks for getting us started on this discussion.

## **DUSTY LAUN**

*Professional Services/Technical Sales - You name it, I can do it*

Success might also be viewed as giving every moment you have to live in this life equal opportunity no matter if the moment is one of extreme happiness or one of extreme pain.

## **BOBBI LEDER**

*Freelance Writer at Bobbi Leder*

I was just contemplating this because I was happy I found out an article of mine is going to be in a magazine - that's my 4th magazine this year when I had set a goal of getting published in one in 2009. But then I received my monthly payment from one of the websites I write for (and work hard for) and it was lower than the previous month, so I was feeling unsuccessful. It's six in one and half dozen in another :-)

## **CAROLINE VAN LEUVEN**

*Owner, Indivisible, consultant Video strategy analysis and Education Management Specialist, business coach*

That depends on one's goal and values: if materialistic goals and values are involved, then that's what it is about. Besides this, I can agree with your statement.

## **GEORGE LEWIS**

*Owner at Mastering the Light*

I have come to understand success as getting a handle on my spiritual life, bringing my thought life, my emotional life, and my relationship life into a balance of balance. I find peace of mind in thinking less of myself and more of how I can help others. When I leave this life I will not take any of the things others may judge my success by. I can only take my personal vibration in the form of my character, which is far different than when I was a player in the rat race, attempting to be the head rat.

## **EILEEN LOH, RYT**

*Owner, Head Over Heels Yoga*

Success is a state of wellness. When we move beyond the ego and past the conditioning of past successes and failures, when we are truly living our passions free from the binds of the results of our actions; when we are driven by something greater than our own motives and act with compassion towards others, we are free to swim in the ocean of our purest potential. That ocean is what and where I would consider success to reside.

## **JEANIE MARSHALL**

*Personal Development Consultant at Marshall House*

To me, being successful is being happy, feeling good, and doing what I most love.

It's possible that if I did not also have financial/career success that I might define success differently.

## **DAN MARVIN**

<http://www.danmarvin.net>

Interesting topic, I'm not sure that there is any one definition of success, it's different for each person. There are probably some baseline definitions we could agree to such as having enough food to eat, shelter of some sort, and not being addicted to anything or in constant pain. Above that, your results may vary.

I guess my definition of success is to be a good enough parent that my kids have an opportunity to be whatever makes them happy, to be healthy, to have enough money to enjoy my free time, to be valued at work and in a loving, committed relationship with my wife. I also want to be right with God and to go to bed at night feeling comfortable with who I am.

## **SHARON RIEGIE MAYNARD**

*founder of the TAG Matrix Healing system, author of The Ancient Ones, Out of the Shadows and radio show host*

Success is a term that I seldom have used. I think that it would equate to my sense of stillness and presence. Being is the term that most would use, I think.

it is not about wishing, missing, achieving, accomplishing.

It is Being.

## **JIM MCDONALD**

*Author, Lecturer, Motivational Speaker, Facilitator*

Wonderful words by all. A few from me?

Success is realizing I do not know.

One can not become successful.

I am successful in those brief moments when I am willing to let go of concepts and identity, in those moments when my essence is free to emerge - success is a moment of true presence to you on your path of discovery and personal fulfillment!!

## **EDITH PARHAM MELTON, MBA**

*President & CEO at Edith Parham Melton Leadership Institute*

*edith@epmli.com*

Great Question...I'm very excited to see the responses. For me, I'll make the following comments:

1. Finding my passion and purpose and pursuing them with all my might and being, giving each day everything that I've got and not leaving anything in the bag, has to be the most rewarding set of experiences for me. This approach has led me down many successful paths. If you can make a living doing this...all the better!
2. Filling up my cup with personal growth and development so that I am continually removing "self limiting" barriers is also a way that I've found to be a key to living a life of gratitude so that I have something very positive to give to others. This gives me a sense of achievement on a rather large global stage.
3. Last, from what I've experienced in life, the best way to help the poor is not to become one.

Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity to express myself on such an important topic!!

All the best to you on your path of discovery and personal fulfillment!!

## **LIANA METAL**

*Language teacher, writer and artist*

Success to me means personal satisfaction-nothing to do with material things, but if material benefits come along too... I won't say no!

## **RONALD MOLENDIJK**

*The driving force behind Wonen in Oude Sfeer*

I always remember Sicco Mansholt when talking about being successful, This guy reformed the agricultural industry by introducing in Europe the strategy of exploring agricultural grounds and live stock on larger scale. This is still going

on. At the end of his life he had such a sincere regret of what he had done to the world, that he could not sleep. He had his success moments in life, but then it all collapsed. I even recall it was his dream to professionalise agricultural work life! The side effect of his achievements destroyed this dream and his feeling of being successful.

So I never think too much of achieving my success milestones in life (but I do celebrate them :-)), I rather continue to follow my (simple) dreams and try to keep balance in life. My dreams are (still) based on what I imagined to become when I was a kid of 10/12 years old. Were those dreams based on culture 40 years ago? Did I adjust them along the way? Are/were my dreams ambitious enough? These are interesting questions raised by Roeland!

We need dreams to picture the future as a direction to aim at. And isn't life great because we know what we have done yesterday, know what we need to do today to move on, and can only guess and hope what will be there tomorrow.

## **SANDER MUYLLE**

*Director & founder en Studio Inúa*

I agree with the comments. Each person's motivation is different, one will pursue materialistic goals, while others are interested in personal growth. Success depends how you fill it in, for me success means having realised your personal goals. However finding & really know what you want is a challenge, once the goals are set it is a matter to work on it to realise them. Often we will relate material gains and apply our own standards to other persons.

## **SHRADHA NANAVATI**

*Investment Banking Professional*

Yes, success is the satisfaction and happiness you experience when you manifest your dreams... but what if you have not yet been able to do that? When success, according to me, lies in the knowing that you are closer to manifesting your dreams than before. Even if you are not, then, it is in the knowing that you still have your dream. And what if you don't? Then, it is in the fact that you have come a step further than what you were before.

## **HANS NEUIOMM**

*Creator at Cyberspace Ashram*

Success for me is to achieve in a peaceful and loving way what I love to do and enjoy to do - including all my goals I set for this lifetime. This automatically includes helping others to success in their own life as well.

## **BHARATKUMAR PAREKH**

*AHMEDABAD*

Act of man, dream of life, goal to achieve: all means to be successful!

## **CHRISTIAN NOWAK**

*Business and Personal Mentor*

My definition is similar. I believe our level of success is measured by our level of happiness. We don't need to achieve goals, dreams or anything to be successful. Just be happy and we're being exactly what we're meant to be.

## **RONALD PETERSON**

*Complete Writer*

Success is being able to acknowledge your strengths (gifts) and weaknesses (faults) so you can develop the one and minimize the other, then finding true happiness by sharing your gifts and keeping your faults to yourself.

## **RENATE PRANDL**

*Alternative Health And Wealth Professional, Educator*

To me it is enjoying every single step on the way towards my "big" goals and dreams.

## **RAAKESHMOHAN KS**

*Neeyamo Enterprise Solutions*

I totally agree with Terry Viney! Success is not an end. It is a stage in which your mind is happy because you have achieved something. I also think there is always some amount of recognition involved in success. Without recognition there is no success! I totally agree that "Recognition must first come from within you". All am trying to say is that success majorly depends on the recognition we give to ourselves for our achievement. That is the KEY! When you compare yourself to the best in the field and your achievements always fall shorter than his, you will never feel happy or successful as you never see your progress but always see that you are lacking behind!

## **MELVIN REED**

*VP Marketing at My Service and Support*

Unless you are going to live forever or have met the requirements to be admitted into Heaven... it means nothing. Achieving success is driven by money and as the world gets older the message becomes clearer and clearer... money is the means by which every great society was destroyed.

## **LEE RICHMOND**

*Novelist, copywriter, information architect, at [www.leerichmond.com](http://www.leerichmond.com)*

For me, success is where I am now: living in a beautiful home in New Hampshire, with two great kids graduated from college, a wife whom I love very much, and not starving to death. I've managed to eke out a meager living as a freelance writer, and also have written 3 novels, one of which got published to good reviews back in 1971, the next one which everybody hated, and the latest one being actively reviewed by 3 different agents. The fourth is being written. I guess the summary for me would be success = love, energy, optimism, creativity, and surrounding yourself with beauty. I think if you get all those together, then what happens with your career is secondary.

## **DICK ROCHAT**

*Senior Programmamaker en docent/trainer/begeleider in leiderschap, strategie en cultuur at NCOI*

For me, success means trust in people and being a servant. Therefore it is not necessary to be in a management position. Having trust in people and acting like a servant means also: seeing the whole, be aware of the values, motivations, capabilities and talents of people and connecting them out of your heart. In a businessmodel you need both management and leadership. In a nutshell management means topdown structure, power centralised at the top, being in control and employees who likes routinework. Leadership means facilitating the working community, stimulating creativity and innovation, challenging people and learning from eachother. I call this model 'The reverse piramide'. The leadership part is an open learningspace connected by personal and professional networks. In the centre where both piramides comes together the energy of people is centralised and focused to create happiness, wisdom and healthyness, based on a common vision. In my vison, this is a meaningful success.

## **REFLECTION 4.**

Creating without plan is like travelling without destiny.

*Roeland Suylen*

## **MARCY RUBIN, C.P.C.**

*Certified Personal Life Coach at Make-Life-Rewarding*

Success is the ability to unconditionally be content at any given moment. On the other hand, you also need some form of "what's in it for me" to be successful.

## **PONNARY SAMVAN**

*Fund administrator at Natixis Global Associates International*

Being successful means to me => to be good with yourself through searching for happiness in your personal life and achieve the goals that you'd like to reach professionally speaking. But the essential key is to be conscious of what we are and have and be mature enough to know what you want in your life.

## **REENA SAXENA**

*Product Head*

To live by a honorable value system, and achieve success, without compromising on the same. Needless to say, psychopathy, manipulation and unfair practices are not a part of this.

## **ANTHONY SCHMIDT**

*Safety & Training Officer Principal, James Walker Facility Safety Supervisor, at City of Atlanta, DWM*

Hi all, I think the statement: "your real success is the satisfaction you get and the happiness you experience from manifesting your dreams" seems to be on target, along with Lee Barnathan's "I think therefore I am."

The problem with this is the ambition that one may have. Because time obviously doesn't stop, change takes place; and the influences in life that one confronts manifests into knowledge, thus changing your thought processes. Because we have emotions, feelings will change. I can remember on many occasions when I thought myself as being successful- obviously it was at that particularly junction in my life that I came to that thought. At this point, since I

obtain knowledge each and every day, I am becoming more and more successful.

Life itself is my teacher, and there are still many levels of success that I have not reached. Obvious failures will be included in my path.

Sometimes we don't even realize that we are successful. I hope that I was successful in writing my impression of what success is.

## **DEBORAH SCHNEIDER**

*Chief Administrative Officer, Staffing for Hire*

Truly believe in your dreams, hard work, determination, enjoy what you do and just do it!

## **JAY SMAYDA**

*Consultant at Isagenix International*

Success is personal achievement or personal development and it is relative. It is measured on a yardstick of your own making. Do you have dreams? Are you suggesting that your dreams and your definition of successes are "of nil value"? I don't believe that you would do that. I would imagine, or at least hope, that you are proud of where you are in life and of your achievement. I also Googled it:

“Success is the progressive realization of a worthy goal or ideal.”

“Success is the progressive realization of worthwhile, predetermined, personal goals”.

## **ALISON SMITH**

*Helping you find a paddle when you're up the creek without one*

Success for me is being authentically me daily and loving and accepting this person.

I also think success is also about offering my authentic self to be of service to others. I certainly know that when I allow that to determine my actions I find more energy, passion and happiness for what I do.

## **RUDOLF SNEL, DSC**

*Owner at SnelConsult / Senior Trainer, Coach, Empowerment Builder /*

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The more one uses his powers of manifestation, the more energy is generated, energy that by far surpasses a 'feeling good' feeling or one of satisfaction. Using one's highest aspirations (dreams) for manifestation, as I describe it in several of my books on empowerment, brings an inflow of energy that generates a feeling that cannot be described in words, but starts with what is generally understood by the word happiness.

I wish you much success with the manifestation of your dreams!

## **RENÉE SNIDER**

*Wellness Coach, Hypnotist, Speaker, Visionary*

Success is when we realize we already have everything within us and we want for nothing outside of us. It is a place of creating and allowing and experiencing in pure joy, the highest part of ourselves realized. I find it is a journey that many unconsciously denies themselves of.

## **DEEPAK SONI**

*Head - Strategy & Alliances (International Business) at YWC Consultants (P) Ltd*

Success is all about feeling complete. When I say complete it does not mean end of the road, it just means whatever, where ever one is it is complete and there could be as is famously said "Miles to go before I sleep" An analogy may help - In a parent's world a child is complete and he may have so much to learn and grow but at the very moment he is complete in all respect.

## **WILL STEARN**

*Technical Author, Scribe @ Stearn.ca*

Success is the act of being able to sit back and actually enjoy something you've accomplished.

Otherwise it's just another check mark on a list.

## **JAMES C. TANNER**

*Entrepreneur, Writer, Public Speaker*

While many place a great deal of significance on success being measured by the attainment of external things, true success is the attainment of inner peace and contentment in life, no matter where it brings you.

## **OTTO THAV**

*Envisioneering Consultant at THAV LLC*

Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote the following poem:

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.

## **KRISTI TOIA**

*CEO of Glendale Builders' Supplies and CFO of Chevy Chase Properties*

I am already successful. I was born that way. There is nothing to do or to be. I just do not always know it. My personality and higher self are not always intergrated on this plane. This is not to deny my ego by any means but to not be governed by it. I deserve no less than my very best is my solgan for life. However, I am not always in that state of awarness.

## **STEVE TRIVETT**

*Change Coach at The Change Zone*

Success is waking up and looking foward to the day. Beyond that it's about being grateful for every experience. If we can fill it with curiosity and wonder the day ends with appreciation. Beyond that everything else is a bonus. The legacy you leave to those who love you is the joy of your presence.

## **CAROL TROESTLER**

*Independent Writing*

I agree, especially with the quotes about satisfaction. Most of my successes have been from doing my best at whatever I am pursuing, sort of like "do what you love and the money will follow" but more "do what you love well and satisfaction will follow."

## **KIN TUE-FEE**

*President at Lifesaver Books and Seminars*

It means living your life purposefully and virtuously, and having loving and fulfilling relationships.

## **STEVE UHLENBROCK, M.ED., M.A.**

*CEO, Feel Great Coaching; author, motivational speaker, law of attraction expert, creator of the "My Ideal Life Program"*

To me success means doing what I love and being fairly compensated for it. It also means helping people create more abundant lives for themselves; whether it be physically, financially, healthy, socially, etc. I expect to be fairly compensated and that is what I put out to the Universe. I am not looking to attract millions of dollars. I am looking to receive for the value I give.

Abraham says it is okay to be "selfish". I look at it more as "self-caring". I love doing for others and I do a LOT for free as a way to give back.

## **DEMION VAN DER VEGT**

*SAS Performance management Consultant - Project at ZGA*

Brainstorming about succesfull, actually it's quite some skill to see a future, without you having been there. I think success and change are narrowly connected to each other.

But is success based on a dream or imagination? You need a framework to dream or to imagine a certain future.

I think more of a culture-projection. I am afraid that our culture drives us to be who we want to be or at least has a big influence. Bigger car associated with succesfull, I want to be a pilot like my father. I wish I could be as good as that CEO. The speaker on that forum, if I could speak like him/her.

Succesfull is to understand what the value of your life is and dare to think out-of-the-box, but better is to think out-of-culture.

I think that succesfull is only there if you planned success in advance. Success is a choice. Only planned success is measurable and you can experience success.

Success is like giving something and sometimes you get something back. Don't hurt people with your ambitions. Success for me also motivates and stimulates the happiness or satisfaction of people around me.

Without 'giving' you can have success, but it doesn't feel like and most of the time you didn't plan this kind of success. Success is connected to environmental influence. The feeling after a success of really being able to change something is priceless. If that success is closer to who you want to be, then the success is bigger.

### **DONNA VETTER**

*Marketing and Advertising Consultant and Contractor*

Great question that we should all reflect on. In my opinion, success is not about the tangibles or wealth we manage to acquire; rather, it's about the person we become--the courage to continue trying after failure, the capacity to show respect and empathy toward others, and humility since luck (being in the right place at the right time) is often a factor.

### **JUANITA ROSE VIOLINI**

*Author of Almanac of the Infamous, the Incredible and the Ignored*

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Freedom from identifying with definitions☺

### **TERRY VINEY**

*Plus Factor Your Partner Positive Change*

Success is the progressive realization of a worthy predetermined goal, because success is a journey -not a destination. This thought is from "Paul J. Meyer" and I speak on this subject.

## **LAURA WALSH (LAURA HELEN WALSH)**

*Marketing/Sales Writer, Researcher and Content Strategist.*

Do you need compelling content for your high growth business?

Great question! You are successful when your actions align with your values.

I'm fascinated by this topic too.

Smith Mag started a now famous project asking people to describe themselves in 6 words: <http://www.smithmag.net/sixwords/>

I'm kicking off a Twitter project, asking people to define success in 140 characters.

Up to the challenge?

Tweet me @definesuccess and use hashtag #definesuccess in your response.

## **PEACE WARDEN**

*CEO at Herbal Healing Garden*

Blessed love, thank you for sharing your thoughts with InI, for Iself as a wombman, and a woman of color, InI dreams have manifested over and over again. I have used I mind creatively to create the life and lifestyle that InI wanted. I know that thoughts have energy and the mindset that I keep determines the levels of my reality. Being able to tap into that ability has created in InI a total knowing that InI am spirit with a creative mind to give InI the world of InI thoughts. InI have recreated Iself in many distant lands from America, learning so much and able to transcend culture and language by the will of the Jah to give His perfect Love to InI to give InI imagination and patience to manifest the dream of a business, but a handcrafted one at that. Creating something out of Iself each time, to create InI liberty and declare InI right as a humanBEING to manifest only love and life on this planet at this time. You have stated a truth when you get right to it. Each must come to see their own worth and ability to create something besides what is expected, To reach for that something that stands deep in our minds calling us to an awareness of Words, Actions, Deeds. To really try to create from a place of love that will

uplift all Humankind. Again thank you for opening a way to help InI speak on this topic, hopefully with clarity. One Love.

## **JACQUELINE DE WEERD**

*Coach at Coaching Praktijk Zoekenderwijs*

Being successful is a life attitude.

I think I'm successful when I'm able to follow the flow in my life. And not trying hard to fight the facts of my life. If you don't fight with life, life will simply help you, take you on its shoulders!

I think I'm successful when I know my purpose, my destiny, my mission and still be open towards everything what happens in my life. Free to respond on what happens every single moment. And during this process stay faithful and balanced. Being focused on my goal, but not be obsessed by reaching it in the time and the way I think it should be reached. Maybe I'll reach my goal in an totally different way I imagined before.

Relax, unwind and enjoy! That's my summer slogan. If you do what you like and what makes you happy, peaceful and fulfilled without harming other people, I think you are very successful!

As the Buddha said; 'Success is not the key to happiness. Happiness is the key to success. If you love what you are doing, you will be successful.'

To discover your talents and destiny; you can play the Reflection Game with me. To expand your horizons and to explore your playground. To find out your unique reason for being.

## **MARK WILLOUGHBY BSC**

*Volunteer at Leeds Citizens Advice*

Well this is a very open ended question and can be interpreted in any number of ways, and can only be answered according ones own personal experiences and what the individual interprets as "There Dream" on a personal viewpoint I have nearly attained my dream, which is a wife who is more than just a woman or your best friend, to find fulfillment in your work life, and to have worked hard and planned ahead to make sure your dreams do come true. My end

game (for the last 20 years anyway) has been to find my ideal in Spain, where I can relax, enjoy life and have the means to do it.

If you know what you want and how to get it, and you do not deviate from this no matter how hard life becomes or what is thrown at you, then this can mean more than fulfillment and not just as an end in itself but I think gives you a game plan, an end objective and a goal to aim for in life, I have seen so many people go through life not knowing where they have come from, what they are doing now, or where they are going, they are lot like a mirage in the desert searching for something that is not there.

### **JONATHAN WILSON**

*Owner Anabasis Consulting, Member Association of Coaching*

I like all the above and I like Marcy Rubin's view very much.

I feel you are successful when you feel you are continuing to succeed.

It is purely subjective. Sometimes you succeed simply by not accepting others imposing their definition of success on you.

## **REFLECTION 5.**

As long as you keep thinking what you've always thought, feeling what you've always felt and doing what you've always done, you keep getting what you've always got until today.

Change your thoughts, feelings and actions NOW, if you are not happy with that!

*Roeland Suylen*