

NOTHING SUCCEEDS LIKE SUCCESS

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THE PUN, "The man who wakes up one morning to find himself famous has not been asleep," has more truth than humour in it. For certainly the fame that may come with success does not come to one sitting back—or lying down—and waiting for it. True success is never a fickle, haphazard thing that comes to one by whim and by-passes another for the same reason. Just as there are settled laws that rule the physical and spiritual universe, so there are firm laws that rule in the realm of success.

The reason why we can so dogmatically claim that there are laws that govern success is because generations of successful people have discovered them, and have recorded their discoveries for our benefit. Let us examine the most important ones briefly.

1. **HAVE AN AIM.** You can't hit a target unless you have one, and aim for it. Can you expect any less of success?
2. **PREPARE FOR SUCCESS.** Sharpen your tools carefully and diligently; God will give you a job. If your tools are properly sharpened, the job will be done properly. This is success.
3. **GRASP OPPORTUNITIES.** Don't ignore the little ones that come along while waiting for the big ones. If you by-pass the little ones, you probably will not be able to tackle the big ones.
4. **BE WILLING TO DO ANY JOB.** Pride, status sensitivity, and a host of other attitudes steal success from many because they will not do certain tasks they consider below them.
5. **BE ENTHUSIASTIC.** Controlled enthusiasm recommends us to those that count, and releases latent powers within ourselves.
6. **APPLY YOURSELF.** Momentary enthusiasm is of little use. It is steady effort that gets you to the top of the hill.
7. **GET ALONG WITH OTHERS.** Research has shown that, other things being equal, this is the most important requirement for success. So, pour the oil of pleasantness on the little areas of friction that develop. Be willing to overlook the unpleasing characteristics of others as—might as well face it—they may have to overlook some in you.

The one who serves God, and trusts Him for success, may well remember these lines:

*"Behind me is infinite power;
Before me is endless possibility;
Around me is boundless opportunity.
Why should I fear?"*

