

2) The many faces of success

Being successful is something everyone strives after and that goes without exception. Everyone has dreams and no one likes to fail at achieving them. The word success itself can be defined if we take a look at the dictionary; "Success is the achieving of the results wanted or hoped for" (source: Cambridge Dictionary). However, can the act of success itself be defined? How can it be, if not everyone has the same vision of achievement? And if the personal definition is so varied, can success even be measured? Can we judge, whether or not someone is successful, if there isn't a general rule as to when it has been achieved?

While there is an existing definition for every word in the english language, there are certain things that cannot be defined and then applied as a general rule, one of these being the act of success. One can say that to be successful is to reach one's hopes and goals, however the hopes and goals vary between all humans, so it is not in fact possible to define success itself. What may seem like a regular occurrence to some, may actually be a great success to others. Especially if we view the extreme difference in scale of success itself. It can be viewed in respect to the entirety of a person's lifespan, yet simultaneously just simple day to day occasions. This large variety in all different aspects of success makes it impossible to specify the achievement of success.

The undefinability of success therefore leads to the impossibility of measurement of it. Whether or not a person is successful depends on their own personal view of it and it

lays in their hands, and only their hands alone, whether success has been achieved or not. A general rule and measure of accomplishment cannot exist. Of course there are certain phenomena that may be viewed as success by the majority of the public eye, yet many accomplishments can only be personally measured. For example, in an olympic event, the gold medalist will be seen as successful by probably the entirety of the public and the athlete who came in seventh will rarely be considered triumphant. Yet what if he who came seventh just beat his own personal best time? In comparison to the gold medalist this may be no great victory, however in the personal eye it can without a doubt be considered a success. There is no objective measurement that can be applied to the achievement of success.

Although it cannot be defined nor measured, there is not a single person that does not strive to be successful. Whether it is large or small, short term or long term, achieved through lifelong work or simple daily efforts, to be successful is what everyone wants. Because everyone has dreams and hopes for life and without the will to succeed, life isn't given any purpose. The heavy question of "what is the meaning of life?" can't be given an answer, however I believe that the envisionment of goals and the determination to achieve them is what truly makes life worth living and the act of success is what most exceedingly determines how we direct our life's path.