

The Highway to Success

Life is like a road trip that never ends. I, of course, use a road map. That map is my Laws of Life. Four of my Laws of Life that I use are respect, integrity, self-discipline, and determination. Without these, I could not take the exits that lead me to where I want to be in life.

My first exit on the road of life is determination. As soon as I was old enough to learn, I began trying new things. I was bound and determined to learn how to walk, talk, and become as independent as possible. Shifting gears to my years in school, I'm always determined to be the best student that I can be and learn as much as I can about different subjects. Now as my thoughts go racing ahead to the future, I'm determined to reach my goal of getting into a good college and becoming a teacher. Of course, I could change my mind between now and then and choose another highway to travel. I know that determination will be one of the keys to my success in whatever I do.

My next exit on the highway to success is self-discipline. Self-discipline teaches me to be responsible and to be accountable for my actions. When I was younger, I learned quickly not to blame someone else for my bad choices. For example, when I wrote numbers all over the wall with permanent markers, I admitted to that mistake even though I knew I was going to be in trouble. Self-discipline helps me work to the best of my ability. It helps me keep my grades up in school and give one hundred percent to the sports I play. I have to juggle a full schedule, but by using self-discipline I manage to get everything accomplished. As I focus on the future, I can see how self-discipline will help me to plan and organize my time so that I will be successful in college and other future actions.

The next exit on the highway to success is respect. Respect makes my life go so much smoother because when I show respect to someone, they will most likely show respect back. Even when I was younger I had respect for others. I have always listened to my mom and tried to make her proud of me. I do mouth some but I'm working on getting over it. I still have my moments though. I've always shown respect for my teachers and never mouthed back to them. I always say please, thank you, or may I. I know that shows great respect to others. I try to say sir or ma'am when I'm speaking to a person, but sometimes I forget. Showing respect to others will help me get a good job because when I go to fill out an application and need a letter of recommendation, I don't think any of my teachers will have trouble writing one for me. Respect is one of the roads I will be taking all through life.

Another exit on the highway to success is integrity. Integrity allows me to be trusted by others. For example, teachers trust me not to cheat on a test because I've always be honest with them. I don't lie because when you do you have to keep lying for that same lie and sooner or later, I would be in so deep I couldn't get out. When I was little, I was taught not to lie. That says a lot about a person. I am not known to be a liar. I know without integrity, my life would be a wreck. That is a major key to my success.

Those are just four of my laws of life: integrity, respect, self-discipline, and determination. There are many more, but when I finally thought about it, those were the ones I felt were most important to me.