

# What It Takes to Be Successful

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What do I expect from life? What do I think it takes to be successful in life? Everybody has his or her own opinion on what qualities are needed to live a happy and successful life. I, personally, have a select few qualities that I think I need to live a happy and successful life. I would relate the qualities I think I need to be successful to what qualities I needed for my first real job. I believe respect, determination and hard work, responsibility, and having a great, friendly personality will help me gain and achieve success.

When I started my job (Cashier/Frontline worker at Happy Daz in Elida, Ohio), I respected everyone that I worked with. Till this day, which is two and a half years later, I still have respect for everyone I work with. I believe it takes respect to get a job, to keep that job and also to get promoted at that job. I get respect because I give respect. I think it is important to respect my fellow coworkers, family, and my friends. This has enabled me to be well on my way to living a successful life.

Along with respecting others, I would also encourage others to do their part and put in the determination and hard work. As I have worked my butt off at Happy Daz, I eventually got somewhere. After about two years as a crewmember, I got promoted to Frontline Supervisor. I didn't receive this because I was lazy. I put in thirty-five to thirty-seven hours per week; working my hardest everyday I walked through the door. While keeping my grades up to stay on A&B Honor Roll, and being involved in NHS, I used my hard work to full effect. Being determined to do this will help me get into college in the future to start pursuing happiness.

I also believe that responsibility plays a huge role in keeping a successful life. If I am not responsible, and never get things done on time, I could lose a job, which would result in a loss of money. I think it is a good idea to be responsible in the perspective of being loyal to family members. It is my responsibility to be there for my family when they want me there. I have many responsibilities at work as well. I deal with all the money at the end of the day, keep my crew members on task, and make sure all of our job duties get done before we leave. Responsibility, I for-see is a key step in living a fortunate life.

I also believe success and happiness will come as a result of my great, friendly personality. As the days go by, and I work more and more, I begin to build friendships with the customers that have become the "regulars." There are several customers that come to Happy Daz just because I am there. I do not want to sound all "big-headed," but I know that they appreciate my personality. Several customers enjoy the fact that I will have a full five-minute conversation with them. I know it doesn't seem like much, but to them it really does mean more than I think. Talking to them makes them feel like they are important, or wanted there. One day I was talking to a customer about my future and what I want to accomplish in life, and she looked at me, smiled, and said, "You know Melissa, I have no doubt that you will be successful at life and what you do." This made me jump for joy inside. This all came about because I am friendly and

people love to talk to me about anything. I believe a great and friendly personality is needed to keep people coming back for more, leading you in the right direction and able to accomplish more goals, with more success.

Overall, I think I am heading in the right direction toward living a successful life. I believe I have developed the four qualities, in my opinion which I need to start off on the right foot. Respect, determination and hard work, responsibility, and have a great, friendly personality are the few key steps I have and will continue to carry out to be a successful person. I DO NOT want to be a failure, and don't intend to be on either. I will continue to respect others. I will continue to work hard and be determined. I will continue to take on more responsibility. I will continue to be friendly and have a great personality. I will be SUCCESSFUL.