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Know the Basic Principles of Success

Everyone aspires to garner successes and achievements in life. In one word, everyone wants to be successful in life. There are certain basic principles and requirements for achieving great things in life and garnering accomplishments. Consistent hardwork with gaze fixed on the aim to be achieved is one basic tenet of a successful life. Patience, perseverance, perspiration are said to be the corner stones of efforts to reach the top. These must however be supplemented by an ethical or moral view of life. A life bereft of morality, character, good conduct and of certain fundamental eternal values is a life not worth living at all. Whatever material attainments we achieve, they are worthless if they are not leavened with the eternal principles of truth, good and beautiful. In fact, only ethical life, ethical thought and ethical action are a sine qua non for success in life. Man must also endeavour to cultivate in himself a strong will and capacity to face struggles, hurdles and problems in life because they alone unfold to us the mysteries of enduring success in life. A penchant for altruism, a will for helping others, nationalism of an enlightened character and a positive approach are also important factors that help us in reaching the high watermark of excellence.

How to develop one's personality and add new dimensions to it? The answer is simple. We have to struggle in life at every step as life is said to be a continuous struggle. In order to be victorious in the struggle we are expected to possess firm will power and qualities of human character.

All agree that sincere efforts must bear fruits and bring success to the candidate. One must start well-planned programme of one's work and serious studies from the moment one decides to take an examination and at the same time to face problems that come in one's way.

You have to face problems at every step in every walk of life. As a matter of fact, problems put us in new situations and force us to find ways and means to solve them. Not help, but obstacles, not facilities, but difficulties make great personalities. Difficulties, obstacles and hardships put the muscles to test and teach self-reliance. Besides this, they strengthen our will power.

It is a well known fact that at the bottom of every creation there is a thought. Who would not agree that great personalities are creations of great thoughts. Some go to say to the extent that the thought creates character and then ultimately it creates destiny. Let us remember that the thought power of man is capable of accomplishing even what looks impossible at a certain point of time. Mahatma Gandhiji is a glaring example of how a man's thought power overcomes difficulties. They provide us opportunities to bring out our hidden powers, and thus they take us on the path of evolution. Sup-

pose, there were no problems in our lives, then would we be able to know about new situations and enrich our knowledge? When one overcomes a difficulty or solves a problem, he or she feels like a triumphant person and develops self-confidence. Let us remember that every problem must have a solution. All the researches and inventions of life are but the solutions of problems that faced those persons.

In short a man who aspires to be great must always think that he is always proceeding on the road to success. Those who don't do so remain where they are and success eludes them.

After thought the question of going into a right direction arises. If the aim has not been fixed, the person has to grope in the dark and does not know where to go. This happens with most of our young graduates who after getting university degrees go into the world facing new problems and ultimately break down.