



SUCCESS DOESN'T HAPPEN
OVERNIGHT

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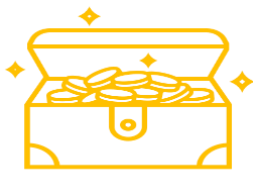
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SUCCESS DOESN'T HAPPEN OVERNIGHT – BE PATIENT AND PERSISTENT

I'm tired of hearing about overnight successes, aren't you? Sure, it makes for a great headline when an unknown band has a hit song, an author hits the bestseller list, or a guy at the office moves up into management in record time. It makes for an interesting story. In an ideal world, we all want to reach our goals and become smashing successes overnight without all the hard work, tears, and sweat. But there's a problem with that narrative.

Nine times out of ten, that overnight success was decades in the making. We just don't often hear about it because it's not the exciting part of the story. The authors who hit it big with their first published book have spent years crafting their skill. They've had dozens of manuscripts and drafts rejected before hitting it big with their overnight success. The same goes for your favorite band, actor, director, and even the guy doing what you're doing, who seems to climb the ladder of success much faster, skipping rungs along the way.



GOLDEN NUGGET: Success doesn't happen overnight, and you shouldn't expect it to happen for you.

It takes work and time. That's why some of the best basic success skills you can develop are patience and persistence. The two work hand in hand. If you can make yourself chip away and make a little progress

every single day, and have the patience to wait for that work to accumulate, you will be able to reach even the loftiest goals.

Be prepared to be in this for the long run. Go ahead and set those lofty success goals for all areas of your life. Then draft a roadmap that will lead you to your goal. You'll need one for each major goal you want to accomplish. Work in some milestones along the way to mark your progress.

With that done, your next step is to determine what you need to do on a daily or weekly basis to work towards that first milestone. Next, your patience and persistence come into play. Get in the habit of working towards your goals regularly. Having the roadmap and steps will help you figure what you should do. Patience and persistence will help you make sure it gets done.

Milestones help you realize and celebrate your progress. Think of them as frequent reminders that persistence pays off and that it requires patience to reach those really big goals.

OVERNIGHT SUCCESS ISN'T A LUCKY COINCIDENCE

Some people seem to get all the lucky breaks, don't they? While there are probably times and circumstances where luck seems to come into play, more often than not, success isn't a result of being lucky. It's just that we don't see all the hard work and focus that's gone into it. We aren't aware of the long hours that someone put into that side business or the additional project that resulted in the promotion. We don't see others working through the night and giving up fun weekend excursions to make progress on the tasks they've set themselves.

We also don't see all the failures and setbacks that happen along the way. We don't like to talk about those, and neither do successful people. As a result, we assume that it was smooth sailing for the person who's successful. Usually, the opposite is true.



GOLDEN NUGGET::

We learn best from our mistakes and often make the most progress after a major failure or setback.

When you face a setback or failure, you have two choices. You can call it quits, or you can figure out what went wrong, adjust, and move forward. Can you guess which choice successful people make? That's right, they learn from their mistakes and get right back to work.

This kind of persistence and discipline doesn't come easily to most people. It takes effort, and it requires you to build habits that reinforce these skills on a daily basis. Make yourself work towards one of your goals on a daily basis. Don't give up when you fail or when things simply

aren't working out. Instead, reflect on what you've done and what you could have done differently. Implement those changes and get back to work.

Persistence and discipline are skills you learn. We are not born with these abilities. Some people were lucky enough to acquire them in childhood and others learn them much later in life. But that's ok. They are essential skills and ones worth getting better at if you want to become successful and build the life of your dreams. There's no time like the present to start working on that "overnight" success. What can you do today to help you make progress? Go and do that. Then come back tomorrow and take the next step, and the next, and so forth. Get in the habit of doing something every single day to move in the right direction, even if things don't work out. Getting back on that metaphorical horse right away and trying again is an integral part of being persistent. Keep practicing discipline and persistence, and they'll quickly become habits that are part of who you are and how you work.

NO MATTER HOW LOFTY YOUR GOALS, FOCUS AND DISCIPLINE CAN GET YOU THERE

One of the secrets to success is to set big goals. We have to stretch ourselves and move past our comfort zone to truly become successful. Working towards lofty goals can help us do just that. Of course, that's easier said than done. The good news is that if you can work on improving two personal traits or skills, it will become much easier. Those skills are focus and discipline. They work hand in hand to help you reach those goals, no matter how far out of reach they seem.

WHAT IS FOCUS

Being able to focus is the ability to concentrate on one particular task at a time. It keeps you from getting distracted and helps you make progress on what's most important. Focus gives you clarity and purpose.

To get better at focusing on the important task at hand, write them down. Limit yourself to about three things that you should be working on and accomplish today.

WHAT IS DISCIPLINE

Discipline is just as important when it comes to avoiding distractions. It's the skill to make yourself get things done even when you don't feel like it. Power through and you'll feel better for it.

To get better at discipline, you need to practice it daily. Make it a point to not stop for the day until your three important tasks (that give you focus), have been checked off.

WHY YOU NEED BOTH



GOLDEN NUGGET Discipline helps you work on something day in and day out. Focus helps you stay on target and not get distracted.

Think of it like going on a long walk towards a specific destination. Let's say it's a hike through the woods at the base of a mountain, and the end goal is to make it to the top of that mountain. Discipline will help you make sure you keep walking even when you're tired, and when you don't feel like hiking anymore. Focus on the other hand helps you make sure you pick the best route to get to the top of the mountain. Without focus, you could end up walking around in circles without making any real progress. Without discipline, you won't be able to take the thousands of steps (and make it through any setbacks or difficulties you encounter along the way) it will take to make it to the top.

HOW BEING ON TIME AND ORGANIZED CAN HELP YOU SUCCEED

There are a lot of different factors that come into play when it comes to being successful. Today, let's focus on two of them (being organized and being on time) that can make a huge difference in your day-to-day life. Think back on some of the most successful people you've met in your own life. The chances are they were good at both of these - organized and on time. There's a reason why both of these factors will make such a big difference when it comes to being successful.

Both being on time and organized can help you make the best possible use of your time and energy. When referring to energy, it includes both mental and physical energy. We have a limited supply of both along with being restricted to 24 hours on a given day. In other words, both time and energy are limited resources. What being on time and staying organized helps with is making the most of those resources and focusing them on tasks and activities that help us reach the goals that define success.

There are two different ways in which being both on time and organized will help you succeed. Let's look at both of them and then briefly discuss how to get better at them.

BEING ON TIME AND BEING ORGANIZED SAVES YOU TIME

How much time have you wasted this week looking for a misplaced item or file? How about your car keys? How much time have you wasted because you didn't show up on time for an appointment and ended up

having to wait? Making an effort to be on time and staying organized helps you save precious time and energy. Being on time is all about time management and awareness. Work will always stretch out into however much time you give it. Becoming more aware and better at time management will help you work more efficiently. The same is true for being well organized.

BEING ORGANIZED AND ON TIME HELPS YOU LOOK PROFESSIONAL

Showing up late for an appointment or interview makes you look bad. So does not being prepared or having to dig around for a few minutes to find something needed. That is particularly true when it comes to first impressions. Work on getting better at both, so you get the chances you deserve, and people see you as the respected person or expert in your field that you are.



GOLD NUGGET: What it comes down to is getting into the habit of being conscious of time and staying on top of organizational tasks.

Yes, if you're exceptionally disorganized, it will take some up-front work to clear things up. Once completed though, you have to make an effort day in and day out to put things back in their place and stay organized. That is true for physical items, digital items, and even thoughts and ideas. The short answer then is to practice both being on time and staying organized on a daily basis until they become habits.

ARE YOU READY TO MAKE THE TOUGH DECISIONS THAT SUCCESS BRINGS?

A big part of being successful and productive is being able to prioritize what you should be doing and what you shouldn't be doing. Those can be tough decisions to make, particularly when it involves other people or giving up on a project that you've put a lot of hard work and soul into already. It also isn't always easy to see the right path forward and determine what the best call is. Here are a few tips to help you make the best decisions possible.

- **KEEP THE BIG PICTURE IN MIND**

It's easy to find yourself stuck in the details. We are working on one little part, and that's all we can see. It's hard to notice progress and make sure you're on the right track in that frame of mind. Keep your big goal or your unique definition of success front and center. Write it down and post it in front of your desk or on your bathroom mirror. Not only will this keep you motivated, but it will also serve as a sort of compass that will keep you on the right path.

- **STAY ORGANIZED**

It's easy to get confused and be unable to make decisions when your surroundings and your mind are cluttered. Staying organized when it comes to what you're working on is key. Keep your files in order, so that it's easy to find the information you need to make an important decision. Make sure you're clear on your goals and the path to reach them. Getting in the habit of getting and staying organized instead of functioning from a place of clutter will make it much easier to prioritize the important tasks and work efficiently.

- **MAKE THE TIME TO REVIEW**

It's not always easy to see what's working and what isn't when you're in the middle of things. Set aside time each week to step back and analyze your progress. Decide what's working well and what isn't. Correct your course as needed and decide if it's time to change things up or pull the plug.

The more often you make those tough decisions, the easier it will become to make them. With time and experience, you'll also get better at judging what the best choice is.

The road to success is full of learning opportunities. Don't be afraid to fail or make the wrong decision. You'll learn from every single one. Failing fast and failing often can be the quickest way to success.