

Success, Failure, and Satisfaction



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“For those who are successful, be always on your guard. Success walks hand-in-hand with failure, along Hollywood Boulevard.” (Ray Davies)

Success...

- Do you consider your life a success? What does it mean to be successful? (wealth, love, fame??...)
- What advice would you give a young person today about success?
- What are you proudest of; what do you think are your successes?

And on the other hand...

Failure...

- Do our failures make us stronger?
- Is success really 99% failure? Who said that?...
- Why do we say failure “builds character?”
- Do we need to fail to become successful?
- What about your failures? Have they made you stronger?...

And finally...

Satisfaction... (“I can’t get no...”)

“Carl Jung tells in one of his books of a conversation he had with a Native American chief who pointed out to him that in his perception most white people have tense faces, staring eyes, and a cruel demeanor. He said: ‘They are always seeking something. What are they seeking? The whites always want something. They are always uneasy and restless. We don’t know what they want. We think they are mad.’... This collective dysfunction has created a very unhappy and extraordinarily violent civilization that has become a threat not only to itself but also to all life on the planet.” (*The Power of Now*, Eckhart Tolle)

- Are we never satisfied/never at peace? Why not?
- Doesn’t dissatisfaction bring progress, though?
- Haven’t some of the best creative endeavors stemmed from dissatisfaction?
- On the other hand, doesn’t dissatisfaction breed violence and greed?
- Are you satisfied?
- Has your life been successful, so far?
- What are you seeking? Are you happy?

