

## WHY WE SHOULD NOT FOLLOW SUCCESS?

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“Don’t follow success, follow excellence and success will follow you,” this has been one of the most famous lines on the award-winning Indian film, 3 Idiots. This renowned movie is about a group of college friends who learn a lot about life and the value of real education, then eventually succeed in their own lives. But why we should not aim for success? How can we say that a person is successful?

In the movie, an antagonist named Chatur claimed that he is more successful than the main character by bragging about his house, his expensive car, his beautiful wife and the lavish school allowance of his child. However, the movie ending does not say so. The main character instead of becoming like Chatur, pursued his dreams and make his passion his profession, he became a scientist-teacher instead. He, in the movie, evidently is the more successful. But why is it so?

By definition, success is the accomplishment of an aim or a purpose. It is when a person or a thing achieves its desired aims or attains prosperity. But these are just two of the hundreds of denotations about success. As a matter of fact, it seems that there is no universal definition to it, so why does the world keep trying to tell what it is?

Some people might argue that success is getting rich – being able to buy all you want, not only what you need. Getting expensive things such as a fancy car or a big house. Few might respond that it is when you get a degree, work in notable companies and get paid extravagantly. Success for some is marrying a beautiful partner and have beautiful kids.

Nowadays, social media platforms gave us myriad appearances of success. Our friends in Facebook, Instagram and Snapchats with the glass skin faces, curvy bodies and OOTDs may give us an impression of a successful and happy individual. Their travel goals and eating spree may envy us and make us question our own success. But we have to understand that it is not always what it is. Sometimes, photos have backstories concealed with those smiles. We need to quit being hard on ourselves just because others look happy and snappy on those posts.

There is so much argument over what it means to be successful. Everyone can give his own meaning to it. The problem lies when we try to impose our own idea of what success is on someone else, because the truth is, success is relative.

A person may consider himself successful by simply living for another day. Being able to eat three times a day could be an accomplishment for a person who struggles to put food on his table. For someone who is happy and content, he is successful.

So when you feel like you don't reach your ideal success, just keep trying and do not lose heart. Keep in mind that failures are just temporary setbacks. The only true failure is giving up. Remember that success is relative. You and not someone else define your success. In a world full of Chatur, be like Phungsukh Wangdu. Let success follow you.

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