

Here are the 10 signs you are succeeding in life even if you don't feel you are.

If you're ambitious, you're bound to feel like a failure from time to time. Lofty goals lead to inevitable moments when you aren't yet living up to your expectations.

Real success is about who you are and how far you've come. If you ever worry that you're not as successful as you should be, you may be evaluating yourself against the wrong criteria. Sometimes you just need a reminder as to what you've really accomplished in life. The success indicators that follow will help you do just that.

1. You stay positive

Hope and optimism are essential components of a happy life. If you dwell on the things that go wrong, you become bitter and resentful. When that happens, you fail—no matter what you may have achieved. Real success means always seeing the bright side and believing you have the power to make even the worst situations better.

2. You don't complain much

Because you know there really is nothing to complain about. Unless you really have gone through some horrific life experience and had unimaginable losses, most of what we all experience on a day-to-day basis is just mundane. And successful people know that. And they live in a space of gratitude.

3. You can tell the difference between drama and excitement

Drama is not maturity. As we age, we should develop maturity. So maybe your relationships were drama-filled in your past, but if you have moved beyond that, then you are successful.

4. You ask for help when you need it

Asking for help does not equal weakness. In fact, it is strength. No person has ever succeeded in isolation. It takes teamwork to accomplish goals. Asking for help is a sign that you have grown as a person.

5. You have learned that setbacks and failure are part of self-growth

Not everyone can have success 100% of the time. That's just not realistic. Life is about victories and losses. So look at your setbacks as stepping stones to something better. In reality, there really is no such thing as setback. It's all just part of a wondrous journey.

6. You keep things in perspective

Sometimes bad things happen. It's part of life. For most of us, however, our very worst day would seem like a vacation to somebody who has real problems—like not having enough to eat, or trying to survive a civil war. Locking your keys in the car—or even getting passed over for a promotion—isn't that bad once you learn to develop perspective. If you've mastered the ability to keep your problems in perspective, mark it down as a huge success.

7. You value your Purpose above everything

Successful people swear by their responsibilities and purpose in life. You are successful if your vision and purpose in life are the driving force behind you and everything else comes second to you. Successful people go for their calling in life and continue to seek answers that give meaning to their lives.

8. You have things to look forward to

If you don't have exciting things going on in your life that you are eagerly anticipating, then you are slowly dying inside. Successful people create goals that they are passionate about pursuing. They let this excitement drive their life.

9. You are Open to Change

Only change is permanent in this world. It is hard for us humans to change, we fight to hold on to things and we fight to let go. If you are ready to face the changes coming at you, you are successful. Successful people are ready to expect the unexpected and be prepared for the same.

10. You are Happy!

The ubiquitous definition of success is being happy the way one is. If you are happy for yourself, you are successful. You are successful if you hold no guilt or angst for yourself

and free from all the prejudices and hold yourself in your high regards. Your happiness and well-being are the only measures of you being successful.