

101 Greatest Quotes About Success and How to Achieve It

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What makes something smart? It can mean many things for many people. But the kind of smart I'm talking about is the smart that inspires, the smart that speaks to us and makes sense, the smart that allows us to move past ourselves and do something about the things that keep us stuck.

Let these smart thoughts inspire you and motivate you to power through whatever is blocking your path to success.

1. Success is the ability to go from one failure to another with no loss of enthusiasm. *-Sir Winston Churchill*
2. There are two things to aim at in life: first, to get what you want; and, after that, to enjoy it. Only the wisest of mankind achieve the second. *-Logan Pearsall Smith*
3. You have brains in your head
You have feet in your shoes
You can steer yourself any direction you choose
You're on your own.
And you know what you know.
And YOU are the guy who'll decide where to go. *-Dr. Seuss*
4. The obstacle is the path. *-Zen saying*
5. Whenever you see a successful person, you only see the public glories, never the private sacrifices to reach them. *-Vaibhav Shah*
6. Success? I don't know what that word means. I'm happy. But success, that goes back to what in somebody's eyes success means. For me, success is inner peace. That's a good day for me. *-Denzel Washington*
7. Opportunities don't happen. You create them. *-Chris Grosser*
8. An inconvenience is only an adventure wrongly considered; an adventure is an inconvenience rightly considered. *-G. K. Chesterton*
9. It is the part of a wise man to keep himself to-day for to-morrow, and not to venture all his eggs in one basket. *-Miguel de Cervantes*
10. To please everybody is impossible; were I to undertake it, I should probably please nobody. *-George Washington*
11. Try not to become a person of success, but rather try to become a person of value. *-Albert Einstein*
12. It is not the strongest of the species that survive, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change. *-Charles Darwin*

13. Great minds discuss ideas; average minds discuss events; small minds discuss people. -*Eleanor Roosevelt*
14. The best revenge is massive success. -*Frank Sinatra*
15. A successful man is one who can lay a firm foundation with the bricks others have thrown at him. -*David Brinkley*
16. No one can make you feel inferior without your consent. -*Eleanor Roosevelt*
17. If you're going through hell, keep going. -*Winston Churchill*
18. What seems to us as bitter trials are often blessings in disguise. -*Oscar Wilde*
19. The distance between insanity and genius is measured only by success. -*Bruce Feirstein*
20. Don't be afraid to give up the good to go for the great. - *John D. Rockefeller*
21. Happiness is a butterfly, which when pursued, is always beyond your grasp, but which, if you will sit down quietly, may alight upon you. - *Nathaniel Hawthorne*
22. If you can't explain it simply, you don't understand it well enough. -*Albert Einstein*
23. There are two types of people who will tell you that you cannot make a difference in this world: those who are afraid to try and those who are afraid you will succeed. - *Ray Goforth*
24. Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can. -*Arthur Ashe*
25. It is necessary for us to learn from others' mistakes. You will not live long enough to make them all yourself. -*Hyman George Rickover*
26. Any activity becomes creative when the doer cares about doing it right, or better. -*John Updike*
27. Eighty percent of success is just showing up. -*Woody Allen*
28. Be wiser than other people, if you can; but do not tell them so. -*Philip Dormer Stanhope*
29. In the field of observation, chance favors the prepared mind. -*Louis Pasteur*
30. The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. -*Eleanor*

Roosevelt

31. One of the advantages of being disorderly is that one is constantly making exciting discoveries. -*A. A. Milne*
32. The bravest are surely those who have the clearest vision of what is before them, glory and danger alike, and yet notwithstanding go out to meet it. -*Thucydides*
33. Fortune favors the brave. -*Terence*
34. One of the lessons of history is that nothing is often a good thing to do and always a clever thing to say. -*Will Durant*
35. It takes less time to do a thing right, than it does to explain why you did it wrong. -*Henry Wadsworth Longfellow*
36. The speed of a runaway horse counts for nothing. -*Jean Cocteau*
37. No one ever gets far unless he accomplishes the impossible at least once a day. -*L. Ron Hubbard*
38. Things turn out best for the people who make the best of the way things turn out. -*John R. Wooden*
39. Genius is one percent inspiration and ninety-nine percent perspiration. - *Thomas Alva Edison*
40. Perfection is achieved, not when there is nothing left to add, but when there is nothing left to take away. -*Antoine de Saint-Exupry*
41. It is true greatness to have in one the frailty of a man and the security of a god. -*Seneca*
42. Success is how high you bounce when you hit bottom. -*George S. Patton*
43. A bank is a place where they lend you an umbrella in fair weather and ask for it back when it begins to rain. -*Robert Frost*
44. The cure for boredom is curiosity. There is no cure for curiosity. -*Ellen Parr*
45. With self-discipline most anything is possible. -*Theodore Roosevelt*
46. It is not enough to be busy.... The question is: what are we busy about? -*Henry David Thoreau*

47. The indispensable first step to getting the things you want out of life is this: Decide what you want. -*Ben Stein*
48. All good things which exist are the fruits of originality. -*John Stuart Mill*
49. The person who makes a success of living is the one who sees his goal steadily and aims for it unswervingly. - *Cecil B. DeMille*
50. The best way to make your dreams come true is to wake up. - *Paul Valry*
51. No illusion is more crucial than the illusion that great success and huge money buy you immunity from the common ills of mankind, such as cars that won't start. - *Larry McMurtry*
52. Never let your head hang down. Never give up and sit down and grieve. Find another way. And don't pray when it rains if you don't pray when the sun shines. - *Satchel Paige*
53. You'll always miss 100 percent of the shots you don't take. -*Wayne Gretzky*
54. There is hardly anything in the world that some man can't make a little worse and sell a little cheaper, and the people who consider price only are this man's lawful prey. -*John Ruskin*
55. The dreadful burden of having nothing to do. -*Nicolas Boileau*
56. Some people believe that holding on and hanging in there are signs of great strength. However, there are times when it takes much more strength to know when to let go-and then do it. -*Ann Landers*
57. It does not matter how slowly you go so long as you do not stop. -*Confucius*
58. I learned much from my teachers, more from my books, and most from my mistakes. -*Anonymous*
59. A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds. - *Sir Francis Bacon*
60. If the only tool you have is a hammer, every problem looks like a nail. -*Abraham Maslow*
61. Measure twice, cut once. -*Craftsman's aphorism*
62. Take calculated risks. That is quite different from being rash. -*George S. Patton*
63. Formula for success: Underpromise and overdeliver. -*Thomas Peters*
64. What is harder than rock, or softer than water? Yet soft water hollows out hard rock. Persevere. -*Ovid*
65. Prosperity is a great teacher; adversity a greater. -*William Hazlitt*
66. If I have seen further than others, it is by standing upon the shoulders of giants. - *Sir Isaac Newton*
67. The spirit, the will to win, and the will to excel are the things that endure. These qualities are so much more important than the events that occur. -*Vince Lombardi*
68. In reading the lives of great men, I found that the first victory they won was over themselves ... self-discipline with all of them came first. -*Harry S. Truman*

69. The best way to escape from a problem is to solve it. -*Anonymous*
70. When in doubt, win the trick. -*Edmond Hoyle*
71. I not only use all the brains that I have, but all that I can borrow. -*Woodrow Wilson*
72. They say that time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself. -*Andy Warhol*
73. It is a paradoxical but profoundly true and important principle of life that the most likely way to reach a goal is to be aiming not at that goal itself but at some more ambitious goal beyond it. -*Arnold Joseph Toynbee*
74. A creative man is motivated by the desire to achieve, not by the desire to beat others. -*Ayn Rand*
75. Know from whence you came. If you know whence you came, there are absolutely no limitations to where you can go. -*James Baldwin*
76. There is no disinfectant like success. -*Daniel J. Boorstin*
77. Nothing succeeds like success. -*Alexander Dumas*
78. If it be now, 'tis not to come; if it be not to come, it will be now; if it be not now, yet it will come: the readiness is all. -*William Shakespeare*
79. The secret of successful managing is to keep the five guys who hate you away from the four guys who haven't made up their minds. -*Charles "Casey" Stengel*
80. A wise man sees as much as he ought, not as much as he can. -*Michel de Montaigne*
81. Being a hero is about the shortest-lived profession on earth. -*Will Rogers*
82. One day Alice came to a fork in the road and saw a Cheshire cat in a tree. "Which road do I take?" she asked. "Where do you want to go?" was his response. "I don't know," Alice answered. "Then," said the cat, "it doesn't matter." -*Lewis Carroll*
84. Spoon feeding in the long run teaches us nothing but the shape of the spoon. -*E. M. Forster*
85. If I have ever made any valuable discoveries, it has been owing more to patient attention, than to any other talent. -*Sir Isaac Newton*
86. Without leaps of imagination, or dreaming, we lose the excitement of possibilities. Dreaming, after all, is a form of planning. -*Gloria Steinem*
87. Nothing is a waste of time if you use the experience wisely. -*Auguste Rodin*
88. What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us. -*Ralph Waldo Emerson*
89. We often discover what will do, by finding out what will not do; and probably he who never made a mistake never made a discovery. -*Samuel Smiles*
90. One thing life taught me: if you are interested, you never have to look for new interests. They come to you. When you are genuinely interested in one thing, it will always lead to something else. -*Eleanor Roosevelt*

- 91.** To do good things in the world, first you must know who you are and what gives meaning to your life. -*Robert Browning*
- 92.** You just don't luck into things as much as you'd like to think you do. You build step by step, whether it's friendships or opportunities. -*Barbara Bush*
- 93.** During my eighty-seven years I have witnessed a whole succession of technological revolutions. But none of them has done away with the need for character in the individual or the ability to think. -*Bernard Mannes Baruch*
- 94.** When clouds form in the skies we know that rain will follow but we must not wait for it. Nothing will be achieved by attempting to interfere with the future before the time is ripe. Patience is needed. -*I Ching*
- 95.** Keep away from people who try to belittle your ambitions. Small people always do that, but the really great make you feel that you too, can become great. - *Mark Twain*
- 96.** A good solution applied with vigor now is better than a perfect solution applied ten minutes later. - *George Smith Patton, Jr.*
- 97.** Next to knowing when to seize an opportunity, the next important thing is to know when to forego an advantage. - *Benjamin Disraeli*
- 98.** The manner in which a man chooses to gamble indicates his character or his lack of it. -*William Saroyan*
- 99.** If you wish in this world to advance
Your merits you're bound to enhance;
You must stir it and stomp it, and blow your own trumpet.
Or trust me, you haven't a chance. - *Sir William S. Gilbert*
- 100.** You can't always get what you want. But if you try sometime you might find you get what you need. -*Mick Jagger and Keith Richards*
- 101.** Clear your mind of can't. - *Solon*

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