

7 Critical Success Skills

Integrity
Self Esteem
Belief
Focus
Commitment
Attitude
Strategy

The key to achieving success is to master all seven of these vital components. They are the seven elements necessary to manifest success. If any one of these seven basic components is absent or out of alignment, then failure is inevitable.

Integrity

Everyone and every thing have its own unique integrity. Integrity is like your genetic code or DNA. That integrity encompasses your personality, ethics, morality, state of mind... even your style. If it gets altered in any way, then it's not genuinely you. That's why maintaining your integrity – or being “true” to yourself – with regard to methods, principles, values and such, is absolutely essential to authentic success.

The key is self awareness.

You have to understand yourself, your ideals and goals – and be comfortable with the choices you make.

Be confident and optimistic that those choices will always serve you when you maintain your integrity.

Self Esteem

Self esteem is the foundation on which we build all of our dreams and ideals. Would you ever conceive of building a house without a foundation – or buy a house with a faulty foundation? No, obviously, because a house with a bad, cracked or missing foundation has no support. So, how come so many of us attempt to create success without first assessing whether our self esteem is intact or even sufficient to hold our hefty dreams and lofty ambitions?

In order to attract success, we must generate a high level of self esteem and maintain a deep desire to take care of ourselves and love ourselves first. We need to treat ourselves like our favorite client or best friend.

Just like people, success warrants respect. If you don't respect yourself, how do you expect those around you to respect you? Treat success like your lover or spouse. If success was your spouse, would it want to be married to you? I hope so. If not, then you've at least identified where your work needs to begin.

Belief

If Self esteem is the foundation of a house, then Beliefs are its structure. The quality and size of that structure is entirely up to you.

It may be time to discard the limiting ones and embrace new beliefs that empower you and move you toward your dream.

Remember, your dream cannot manifest itself without the proper foundation to support it. If you are sure you are properly aligned with your integrity and have high self esteem, then analyze your beliefs to see if your work must begin here.

Focus

Have you ever heard the phrase, "What you focus on expands"? Well, it's true. You can look at a problem and look at it and look at it – and the problem eventually grows into something that seems impossible to overcome. However, if you look toward a solution, the problem eventually becomes irrelevant and goes away... miraculously solved.

If you'd like more money, start focusing on the millions of ways to create it, not your lack of it.

If you desire more love from a relationship in your life, then focus on how to be more loving yourself – or create space in your home for it.

If love or money were to show up at your door today, do you have a place for it to stay? If the answer is no, then you know which component you need to focus on.

Commitment

The dreaded "C" word. A lot of us have incongruous beliefs about commitment that impede us from taking action; but understanding and embracing commitment is essential to creating success.

**When it comes to success, basically all you need to know about commitment is this:
"If we don't show up, we can't go up!"
90% of success is showing up. It's that simple.**

Notice I said SIMPLE, not EASY. If it WAS easy, everyone would already be doing it.

And let's face it: We've all experienced times when our get-up-and-go seems to have gotten up and gone without us. But that's precisely where commitment is most essential. As I said before, success is like a partner in a relationship. If you only showed up when it was easy or convenient, how would your partner feel about the relationship? Would you expect that partner to stick around? Success requires commitment. It's that simple.

Strategy

Once you are committed to success, you have to set up a plan. Set your detailed goals **IN WRITING**. Outline a plan. You can be idealistic; but you must also be pragmatic.

Your plan must be practical and should anticipate problems, so long as you are conditioned to find solutions.

The clearer your vision and the more precise the target, the more likely you are to land on success

Attitude

Attitude is the great equalizer. I cannot say enough about attitude. I saved this for last, because without this component, everything else amounts to nothing. Your attitude determines your altitude. Mary Kay Ash, the founder and creator of Mary Kay Cosmetics Inc. and a personal mentor, said it best. "You can do everything wrong with the right attitude and still succeed and do everything right with the wrong attitude and fail."

Make it your commitment to live your life daily in Abundance and recognize when you are dwelling on Scarcity. Love and Fear can't be cohabitants.

Victimville is a place we've all seen and visited. For some of us it's a comfortable place that we frequent; while, for others, it's just a familiar place to go out of habit. Either way, it's an expensive place to stay, *because it costs us our dreams*.

Attitude is the navigation system that will guide us out of Victimville – and back toward that ideal called success where all who matter are welcome.