

Success

What is success? The answer to that probably has as many answers as there are people. Most of the world looks on achieving success as measured by what we possess, such as money, fame, power, influence or the potential to achieve these things. The primary goal of all educational institutions is supposed to prepare students for a vocation. This is very important as most vocations require a lot of training before one may enter. But the problem is life is made up of relationships. We may be a success in our profession and at the same time be a failure in our relationships. All we have to do is look at the popular people today.

They enjoyed a high degree of success in their prospective careers but are basically failures in life. Also we can see from the high divorce rate that it isn't just those that are public figures, and even some that had been married twenty and thirty years are calling it quits.

Isn't it time to start to look at relationships and see what is missing? Why are so many relationships being dissolved? What can we do to help people develop lasting relationships? Is there any hope? If good relationships are going to be built where do we start? Happy home?

Unfortunately too many homes are now 'the place where family members go when they are tired of being nice to other people.' A salesperson may spend their day treating customer with kindness but goes home and is rude to their family. Or what about the doctor that is caring and compassionate with patients but comes home stressed and exhausted so unloads it all on family. How can we achieve a happy home? A happy home will provide acceptance, appreciation, encouragement and love. This builds strong bonds between family member and everyone feels safe. Well I say, 'It starts first with kindness.' Are we truly being loving and kind with other members of our family?

The goal of the university and the professors is to give students the potential to be successful and then we feel successful as we watch students become successful. I would like to suggest a number of things that would be helpful in establishing harmony in our families and other relationship.