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Four Success Myths

Myth 1. On the road to greater life success, achievement and satisfaction begin with a big-bang of creativity energy that expands into a realistic, practical, and compelling dream. This powerful image motivates and sweeps one quickly and easily to stardom.

Reality: To make the dream a reality, one must accept a mandate to learn, grow, and work persistently to overcome everyday challenges and setbacks. Disappointments often precede progress. Why is this so? For the simple reason that if no personal growth and change were needed, the dream would be a reality all ready. Or conversely, as James Allen, *As a Man Thinketh*, elegantly wrote, "You cannot travel within and stand still without."

Myth 2. Being successful means enjoying a life of fun and ease.

Reality: The bottom line of professional and personal development seems to be that the mental and emotional changes that must occur to attain new levels of success are harder for most of us than the required physical labor. Success at one level, is a stepping stone for new and more difficult challenges. Success is indeed a journey, not a destination.

Myth 3. The path to success is straight up.

Reality: Living, hiking or skiing in the mountains seems to be a more accurate metaphor for attaining success. You climb one peak and celebrate, but the trail from there is down and perhaps across a wide valley with yet another higher and steeper peak to climb on the other side.

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Myth 4. Success comes from knowing the shortcuts and taking advantages whenever possible and being lucky.

Reality: Success demands taking the long, slow road, building character, adopting the highest standards, continuously learning and assessing one's strengths and weaknesses, and most importantly, producing results.

Is the choice to teach for success worth it? That's a choice we each have to make.

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