**How to be successful**

We asked professionals, academics, and business leaders.

Here’s what they said:

Your ability to succeed does not depend on:

* What you look like
* Where you come from
* How old you are

Your ability to succeed depends on your character.

Successful people are:

**Tenacious**

They don’t give up, even when life doesn’t go to plan.

**Compassionate**

They’re great at building meaningful professional relationships.

**Self-aware**

They embrace continuous improvement.

**Proactive**

They take advantage of opportunities to develop.

**Strategic**

They understand how to get to where they want to be.

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