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WHAT IS SUCCESS ?

Two dictionaries differ in the definition of the, for so many people, all-important seven-letter word, "Success".

"The prosperous achievement of something attempted" is one — the other one is "The attainment of an object according to one's desire". The first one puts all emphasis on the money angle — if something is not prosperous it's not worth going for. The second is far more Christian and laudable. Any object worth striving for, a good home, the keeping of peace with oneself and the world, the attainment of an exam and dozens of things not associated with monetary gain are included in the second but not in the first.

However, "Not what men do worthily, but what they do successfully, is what history makes haste to record", writes H. W. Beecher. Think of our missionaries, nurses, the social workers, etc. — for them the attainment of their goal is no less a success than for a business tycoon the skyrocketing of his shares, but it is far more important for the welfare of mankind. Think of our parents who bring up a family of good citizens often against great financial odds. They are no less a success than landing on the moon.

— W.R.

- "Everybody finds out, sooner or later, that all success worth having is founded on Christian rules and conduct". — H. M. Field.
- "I have learned that success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed". — Booker Taliaferro Washington.
- "I can give you a six-word formula for success: 'Think things through — then follow through'." — Edward Vernon (Eddie) Rickenbacker.
- "He that would make sure of success should keep his passion cool, and his expectation low". — Jeremy Collier.
- "The surest way not to fail is to determine to succeed". — Richard Brinsley Sheridan.