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Editorial

Success and failure – Today we are going to talk about these two words. A huge importance has been placed on these two words in worldly life. We always want success in everything we do, whether it is an exam, sports, a job or a business. We work hard to achieve only success, right? However, even after working hard, we do sometimes come across failure. Everyone must have experienced this to some extent. We must have been proud of our successes and sad because our failures. In addition to this, we may have even become jealous upon seeing someone's success!

It is natural to feel this way since we don't know the main reason behind getting success or failure. But I am sure that after reading this edition of Akram Youth, you will receive the right understanding of the true effort that is required to achieve success. Along with that you will also gain an understanding of how to digest success or failure, which will be helpful in all the circumstances that you come across in the future.

- Dimplebhai Mehta

What Is Success and Failure? According to Youth

What Is Success?

- Money
- Fame
- Achieving whatever you decide on.
- Learning from failure.
- Living life mentally satisfied and happy.
- Dying without any regrets.
- Achieving your goals.
- Fulfilling the dreams of friends and parents.
- Having a happy, healthy family.
- Having time, space, financial freedom, and peace of mind in life.
- Happiness
- To be able to help others.
- Success varies based on age...



- From age 5-10... Walking
- 11-16... Making friends.
- 17-18... Passing the 12th board exam.
- 18-21... Not failing the college exam.
- 22-25... Getting a job.
- 26-40... Successfully staying in that job.
- 40-60... Travelling all over India without any health issues.
- 60-70... Living life without anyone's support.
- 70-80... Living life without any health issues.
- 81... Dying without any pain and burden on others.

What Is Failure?

- Failure is just an experience, to become stronger for the challenges that lie on the path to success.
- Not accepting your mistakes.
- Not having gratitude and a sense of satisfaction.
- No matter how hard you work, the result will be negative. I think this is called failure.
- When we try hard, we may or may not get enough resources and support. Eventually we will not achieve our goal so that is failure in life.
- Losing hope, feeling helpless and having self-doubt about being able to do anything.
- Depression
- Suicide
- Failure is a part of success.
- Believing that 'I have failed' is failure.



What Is Success and Failure? According to Parents and Teachers

What Is Success?

- Peace and prosperity.
- You can face any situation without fear and tackle it courageously; that is the ultimate success in life.
- Achievement of a goal.
- To experience the Self.
- All the time to learn new things, adopt, and go forward from where you stand.
- Daily progress towards moksha.
- To help others.
- Success means solving difficulties in one's life, overcoming one's limitations in times of hardship and reaching the goal successfully.
- Being happy in doing what you want to do.
- Contributing to society.
- Various principles and qualities, including knowledge, devotion, self-realization, association with saints, pure thoughts, pure speech, virtues, forgiveness, prayer, wisdom, pure character, etc.
- Nobody is hurt by me and everyone is happy with me.
- Happiness
- Good income
- Job satisfaction
- Following the Five Agnas given by Dadashri in every situation is true success.
- Balance between material and spiritual life.
- Even if you fail in any field, without getting discouraged or anxious, if you give your heart and work hard in that field, success will come one day.



What Is Failure?

- Something desired and not achieved.
- To be afraid of any situation or not being able to face it is a major failure in life.
- Failure is nothing but a step towards success.
- Not knowing oneself.
- Making decisions with a short temper without considering the long-term vision leads to failure.
- Failure is giving up, quitting, and losing hope.
- Failing to attempt is the biggest failure in life.
- Not achieving education, wealth, and humanity.
- Ignorance
- Not being able to help others.
- Failure means to be irresponsible in life and not care about it...
- Blindly chasing success and being overly ambitious, and losing health and family in the process.
- There is no failure; it is called learning.
- Failure to strive for a goal but not succeed in it.
- Losing confidence is the biggest failure in life.
- Having no satisfaction is a failure.
- Not finding peace in old age due to guilt and regret.
- A life without any spiritual goal is a failure.
- To lose hope.





There are numerous stories and examples which provide a special viewpoint on the concept of success in the Zen Buddha religion. This viewpoint is truly different in comparison to the traditional definition of success. Today, we will read about one such Zen story, which depicts the concept of success in a unique way.

How Intense Is Your Desire?



Once, a young and ambitious disciple approached his Zen master and asked, “Master, what is the secret to success in life?”

The Zen master, a venerable and wise old man, looked at the disciple and replied, “Come with me.”

He led the disciple to a nearby river and gestured for him to sit by the water’s edge. Then, unexpectedly, the master grabbed the disciple’s head and pushed it underwater. The disciple struggled and tried to break free, but the master’s grip was firm.

As the disciple’s struggles grew weaker, and he felt that he couldn’t hold his breath any longer, the master finally released him. Gasping for air, the disciple emerged from the water, coughing and sputtering.

The Zen master calmly asked, “What

were you thinking about when you were underwater?”

The disciple, still catching his breath, replied, “Air, Master, I was thinking only of air.”

The master nodded and said, “When you desire success as intensely as you desired air while underwater, then nothing can stop you from achieving it.”

This Zen story illustrates a profound lesson about success. It emphasizes the importance of unwavering determination and focus. Just as the disciple’s single-minded focus on air was the key to his survival underwater, similarly, success often requires an unwavering dedication and a singular focus on one’s goals. In Zen philosophy, success is not necessarily about material wealth or fame but about the commitment, determination, and mindfulness one brings to their endeavors.



Winning Attitude

An Interview With a Businessman

Host: What kind of attitude should today's youth have to be successful in business?

Businessman: Young people between the ages of 18 and 21 these days often think they know it all. They feel their seniors are out of touch, their juniors are clueless, their parents are outdated, and their teachers are irrelevant. They believe that they alone know what's necessary to succeed in the world, what they should do, and how the world should be run. The general perspective of today's youth is quite self-centered.

Having enrolled in college but not attending classes makes no sense. Let me be honest, when I was studying in Grade 11, I had a 100% attendance record. In my opinion, today's youth is losing a lot by thinking they know it all.

If you are absent in one place, it's crucial to be present in a better place. If you're absent from the classroom, then where are you present? If you're learning something more valuable elsewhere, gaining better knowledge, teaching yourself something new, or acquiring a new skill, then that's great. But sitting idle in the hostel or at home, and wasting time watching movies with friends serves no purpose...

If there is no sincerity towards your goals, then how can you expect to succeed in life?

The Ethical Triumph

His journey began.

His friends and family were also amazed by his creation and began to believe that he was destined for great success.

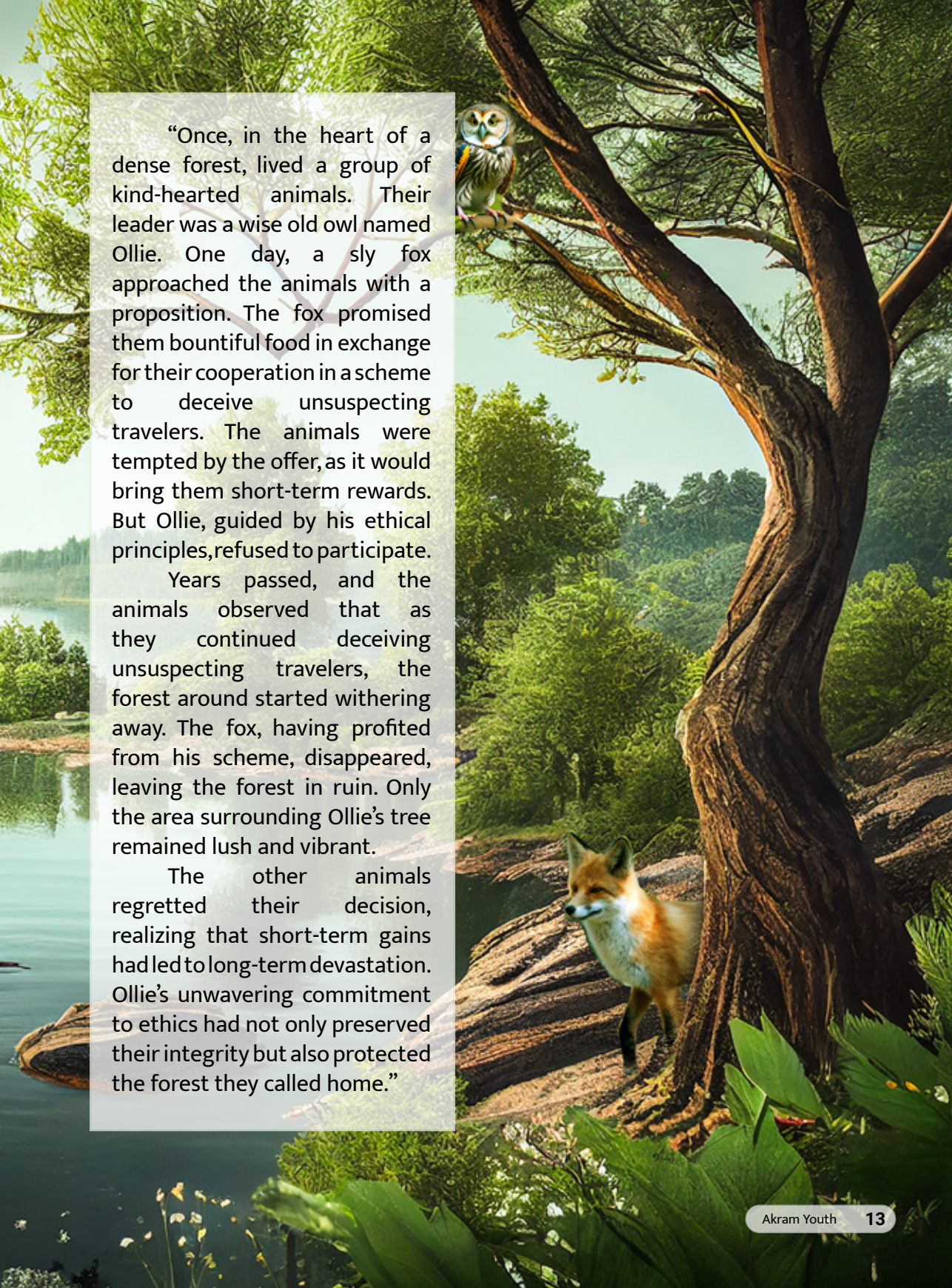


In the bustling city of Ethica, where values were held higher than material gains, lived a young man named Arjun. Arjun was known for his exceptional skills in technology and innovation. He was highly ambitious and dreamt of becoming a successful entrepreneur.

Arjun's journey began when he developed a ground-breaking app that could revolutionize how people connected with each other. His friends and family were amazed by his creation and believed he was destined for great success. As the app gained popularity, Arjun's fortunes started to rise, and he was offered a lucrative deal by a large tech company.

However, as Arjun delved deeper into the contract, he realized that the company's terms were ethically questionable. They wanted to exploit user data and compromise users' privacy for financial gain. This presented a moral dilemma for Arjun. He faced immense pressure from his family, who saw the financial benefits of the deal, and his friends, who encouraged him to stand by his principles.

Conflicted, Arjun sought advice from his wise grandfather, who had always emphasized the importance of ethics. His grandfather shared a story from his own youth:

The background of the page is a vibrant, detailed illustration of a forest. A large, gnarled tree trunk dominates the right side of the frame. An owl with blue and white feathers is perched on a branch high up in the tree. In the lower right, a red fox stands on a rocky outcrop, looking towards the left. The forest floor is covered in green foliage and flowers. In the distance, a body of water is visible under a clear sky.

“Once, in the heart of a dense forest, lived a group of kind-hearted animals. Their leader was a wise old owl named Ollie. One day, a sly fox approached the animals with a proposition. The fox promised them bountiful food in exchange for their cooperation in a scheme to deceive unsuspecting travelers. The animals were tempted by the offer, as it would bring them short-term rewards. But Ollie, guided by his ethical principles, refused to participate.

Years passed, and the animals observed that as they continued deceiving unsuspecting travelers, the forest around started withering away. The fox, having profited from his scheme, disappeared, leaving the forest in ruin. Only the area surrounding Ollie’s tree remained lush and vibrant.

The other animals regretted their decision, realizing that short-term gains had led to long-term devastation. Ollie’s unwavering commitment to ethics had not only preserved their integrity but also protected the forest they called home.”

Arjun's story became an inspiration for the youth of Ethica. He showed them that success achieved through ethical means was not only more fulfilling but also sustainable in the long run.

Arjun's eyes were opened by his grandfather's story. He realized that compromising his ethics for success or money would only lead to a hollow victory and long-term regret. He turned down the unethical deal and decided to build his own company, one that valued user privacy and ethical practices.

Despite facing challenges and setbacks, Arjun's dedication to his principles paid off. His company grew, attracting like-minded individuals who believed in his vision. Together, they developed innovative solutions that positively impacted people's lives while upholding their ethical standards.

The youth of Ethica learned from Arjun's story that compromising ethics might lead to momentary gains, but the lasting impact of doing what's right far outweighed the allure of quick success.

The youth came to understand that success achieved while upholding one's values was the true measure of triumph.

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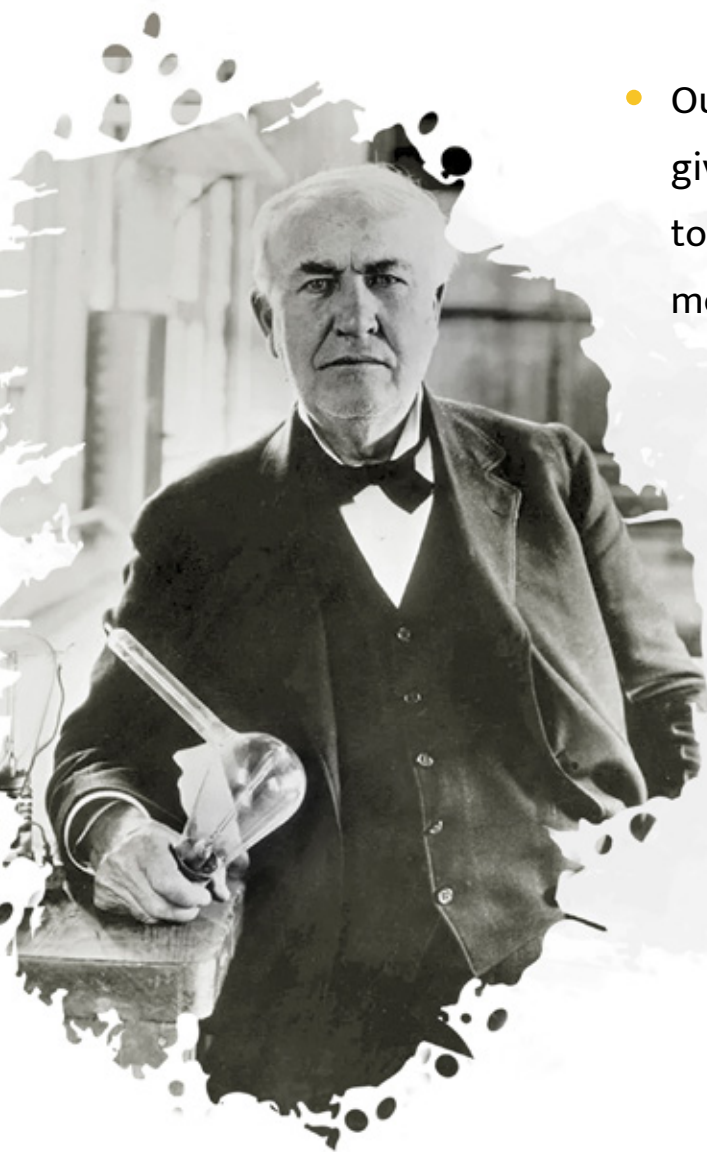
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Failure is not the opposite of
success; it is a part of success.

Thomas Edison



- Our greatest weakness lies in giving up. The most certain way to succeed is to try just one more time.
- When you have exhausted all possibilities, remember this: you haven't.
- Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up.
- I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.



Gnani With Youth

Questioner: Do we achieve success through hard work? Or through merit karma?

Pujyashree: Actual success is the result of past merit karma. If one does not have merit karma, then he will get failure and if his merit karma is on the rise, then even with less effort, he will achieve success. If one does not have any merit karma, then he will get failure, even if he works very hard. If you want to understand even further... Live for the happiness of others. There is no need to live for the benefit of our own self. If you take benefit by hurting others, then you will definitely bind demerit karma. Dada says, "If you give happiness to others, then you will bind merit karma and if you hurt others, then you will bind demerit karma."

The result of demerit karma is failure, difficulty, obstacles and obstructions, whereas the result of merit karma is happiness, peace, wealth and success.

Stop hurting others. Don't commit any offences. Our life today is the fruit of past life's seeds, which will either give us success or failure. Don't go out of control with pride if you achieve success. Understand that it is due to good circumstances and past merit karma. If you get failure, try again and understand that you are settling your past life's account. Try more and slowly finish that worldly dealing.

Questioner: Pujyashree, I have seen for many people, that they do not achieve success even if they work very hard, and some just achieve success without any effort.

Pujyashree: This is all due to the past life's account of merit and demerit karma. What do people do? They run after success. What do we teach? We teach you to live your life without hurting others. The result of which will bind merit karma and that will automatically yield benefits as per your wish. We can never achieve happiness by hurting others. So, live your life with just one goal, 'I do not want to hurt anyone.' If you give happiness to others, that is best. If not, at least don't hurt others. Do not hurt anyone for your own benefit. Decide that 'I do not want to hurt anyone for my own selfish reason, for money, or for my own comfort.' The result of which you will gain everything, including success, happiness, peace and wealth.



Success or Failure?

Are the following people a success or a failure? And why?

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Amitabh Bachchan

☐ Success ☐ Failure

Why _____



Nick Vujicic - Motivational Speaker

☐ Success ☐ Failure

Why _____



Sudha Murthy

☐ Success ☐ Failure

Why _____



Sant Kabir Das

☐ Success ☐ Failure

Why _____





Safin Hasan - First youngest IPS officer

☐ Success ☐ Failure

Why _____



Captain Vikram Batra

☐ Success ☐ Failure

Why _____



Dada, Niruma, Pujoyashri

☐ Success ☐ Failure

Why _____



Karna - (Mahabharat)

☐ Success ☐ Failure

Why _____



Mahendra Singh Dhoni

☐ Success ☐ Failure

Why _____



Anil Ambani

☐ Success ☐ Failure

Why _____



Pramukh Swami Maharaj

☐ Success ☐ Failure

Why _____



Bhupendrabhai Patel

☐ Success ☐ Failure

Why _____



Sundar Pichai

☐ Success ☐ Failure

Why _____



Ranveer Allahbadia

☐ Success ☐ Failure

Why _____



Poem



Sahuni potani, alag alag vyakhya chhe...
Sahue mapdand, alag alag ankya chhe...

Koi mane, safaltane purusharth jaruri chhe...
Koi mane, safalta prarabdne abhari chhe...

Nishphalatane koi pachave, koi dur bhage chhe...
Koine nasib, koine potani bhul lage chhe...

Gnane anusarva, samajvu jene satya chhe...
Safalta nishphalatanu mul, pap-punya chhe...

Sansare kharo safal, je sukh bijane aape...
Swa-par kalyan kaaje, bhav potano kaape...

Baki karvun etlu, koine dukh desho nahi...
Sukh shanti safaltathi, vanchit rahesho nahi...



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