

# Successful People do these things

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This is a great list created by LifeHack, of qualities that successful people have, which have been noted in many books on the subject.

1. They look for and find opportunities where others see nothing.
2. They find lessons while others only see problems.
3. They are solution focused.
4. They consciously and methodically create their own success.
5. They may be fearful, but they are not controlled or limited by fear.
6. They ask the right questions, i.e., those that put them in a positive mindset and emotional state.
7. They rarely complain.
8. They don't blame others, and take complete responsibility for their actions and outcomes.
9. They always find a way to maximise their potential, and use what they have effectively.
10. They are busy, productive and proactive.
11. They align themselves with like-minded people.
12. They are ambitious.
13. They have clarity and certainty about what they want.
14. They innovate instead of imitate.
15. They don't procrastinate.
16. They read educational books and are life-long learners.
17. They are glass half full people, while still being practical and down-to-earth.
18. They consistently do what they need to do, regardless of how they are feeling on a given day.
19. They take calculated risks.
20. They deal with problems quickly and effectively.
21. They don't believe in, or wait for, fate, destiny, chance or luck.
22. They take action before they have to.
23. They are more effective than most at managing their emotions.
24. They are good communicators.
25. They have a plan for their life and work methodically to turn that plan into a reality.
26. They become exceptional by choice.
27. They work through the tough stuff that most would avoid.
28. They identify what is important to them and do their best to reflect those values.
29. They have balance. They know that money is a tool and ultimately, it's just another resource.
30. They understand the importance of discipline and self-control.
31. They are secure in their sense of self-worth.
32. They are generous and kind.
33. They are happy to admit mistakes and apologise.
34. They are adaptable and embrace change.
35. They keep themselves in shape physically.
36. They work hard and are not lazy.
37. They are resilient.
38. They are open to, and more likely to act upon, feedback.
39. They don't hang out with toxic people.
40. They don't invest time or emotional energy into uncontrollable things.
41. They are happy to swim against the tide.
42. They are comfortable with their own company.
43. They set high standards for themselves.
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47. They are more interested in what is effective than in what is easy.

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53. They don't aim to be average, they aim to be best.

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There is more one could add. If you have some, please send them to [support@grazinginfo.com](mailto:support@grazinginfo.com) and please say if you'd like source recognition.

Things to help you succeed -

Your health is the most important thing you have. It comes first. Look after it. Don't just listen to your body, do something about it. If you damage it when young, you'll pay for it when old. See Human Health and Elements.

Your wife and her health come next, followed by your family.

Aim to get on well with everyone and don't burn any bridges - you never know when you may have to go back to someone. Also, nasty retaliation is increasing, so avoid making enemies and don't blow whistles unless you have to.

Don't blame anyone for being late until you know all the circumstances. A death could have occurred.

Be a good listener.

Try to not interrupt people mid sentence. If you do (there are times when it is necessary), later say, "Sorry, you were saying."

Make people feel important - without creeping!

Avoid favouring individuals at the expense of others, except for your spouse who always comes first.

Help everyone.

Thank and help those who help you.

Look for and find opportunities.

Save all you can from young forever, you'll need it when old for retirement, health, luxury and trips. Keep 100% control of it, or you could lose it, as thousands have in shares and finance company investments.

Never take risks in any way or with anything. Be sure that what you do is 100% safe and secure in every way.

Don't wait for your ship to come in, swim out to it, and catch it.

Read Investing.

### **Successful farmers do these things**

There is only a week between a successful farmer and one not so successful. This means that the good ones prioritise and get things done on time. The week can be a day if it is rain, making it too wet to do something, or pasture or crops not sown before rain.

After the urgent things such as attending to a sick animal, they aim to do the greatest good to the greatest area, so when deciding what to do each day, they keep this in mind. If there is no difference between cleaning a drain and fixing a fence, do what you prefer doing, but if it won't rain for a month, fix the fence.

When developing land, surface drain (NOT tile or Novaflow), lime, fertilise in that order.

Two weeks before fertilising do a pasture analysis. Don't trust sales people doing them. They may not know how to do them correctly.

Don't waste money on soil testing. I found in 1956 that it was a waste of time and money. They have improved slightly since then, but pasture analysing was always more useful and has improved more. The accurate levels of all 15 important elements can't be measured in soils. See [Analysing Tissue versus Soils](#).

Avoid allowing pasture to get too long. Doing so can kill legumes, and when grazed can damage soils by pugging. In spring long pasture slows the warming of soils.

Avoid pugging of soils under pastures. Some farmers will complain that their soil is wet. Drain it with half metre deep drains 30 metres apart, not with underground drainage. Read Soils > Drainage.

Avoid over grazing, except once in spring and once in autumn to clean up pastures, and because they have lean times.

Avoid allowing pasture to get too long, unless for good reason such as limited deferred grazing in summer. Bealey NEA2, the best ryegrass I currently know of, does best when grazed every two weeks. In cutting trials in our garden, it died out after four years of cutting monthly.

Spring weather and cows producing less and/or losing condition. Correct action must be before, not after pastures and cows show it.