

# What Does Success Look Like?





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# Matthew Wharton

Born and raised in rural Virginia, U.S.A.

First learned game and worked at 9-hole course

## Education

- Bachelor's Degree Industrial & Systems Engineering, Virginia Tech 1993
- Master's Degree Crop & Soil Environmental Sciences, Virginia Tech 1999

## Work Experience

- Greenkeeper, Lake Bonaventure Country Club, Castlewood, Virginia 1988-1991, 1993-1996
- Assistant Superintendent, Augustine Golf Club, Stafford, Virginia 2000-2002
- Golf Course Superintendent, Swan Point Yacht & Country Club, Issue, Maryland 2002-2005
- Golf Course Superintendent, Carolina Golf Club, Charlotte, North Carolina 2005-Present

Certified Golf Course Superintendent 2014

Master Greenkeeper 2016

- President Carolinas GCSA 2019

# Lee Strutt

Born London and raised in the west country, U.K.

First learned to play and work on a 18-hole course 1983

## **Education**

- City & Guilds, NID, HNC, HND, Post Graduate Diploma in Sports Turf Science 1988-2011

## **Work Experience**

- Greenkeeper @ Bath Golf Club, Broadstone Golf Club & Knighton Heath Golf Club
- Deputy @ Dudsbury Golf Club & The Richmond Golf Club 1983-1996
- Course Manager @ The Richmond Golf Club & gWest Golf developments Scotland 1997 - 2015
- Grow in Superintendent @ gWest Golf Developments, Scotland 2008-2015
- Golf Courses Manager @ Royal Automobile Club 2015 – to present

Master Greenkeeper 2001

Certified Golf Course Superintendent 2013

Master Superintendent 2013

BIGGA Board member 2007/8

# What is Success?

As defined by the Oxford dictionary

- The accomplishment of an aim or purpose
- A person or thing that achieves desired aims or attains fame, wealth, etc.
- Someone or something that is successful: a person or thing that succeeds



# A poll



## A poll

- **Course managers/ Head Greenkeepers/ Superintendents show of hands if you feel your are successful?**
- **Has success meet your expectations?**



**“THE SECRET TO  
SUCCESS: FIND  
SOMETHING YOU  
LOVE TO DO SO  
MUCH, YOU CAN'T  
WAIT FOR THE SUN  
TO RISE TO DO IT  
ALL OVER AGAIN.”**

**Chris Gardner**  
[ADDICTED2SUCCESS.COM](http://ADDICTED2SUCCESS.COM)

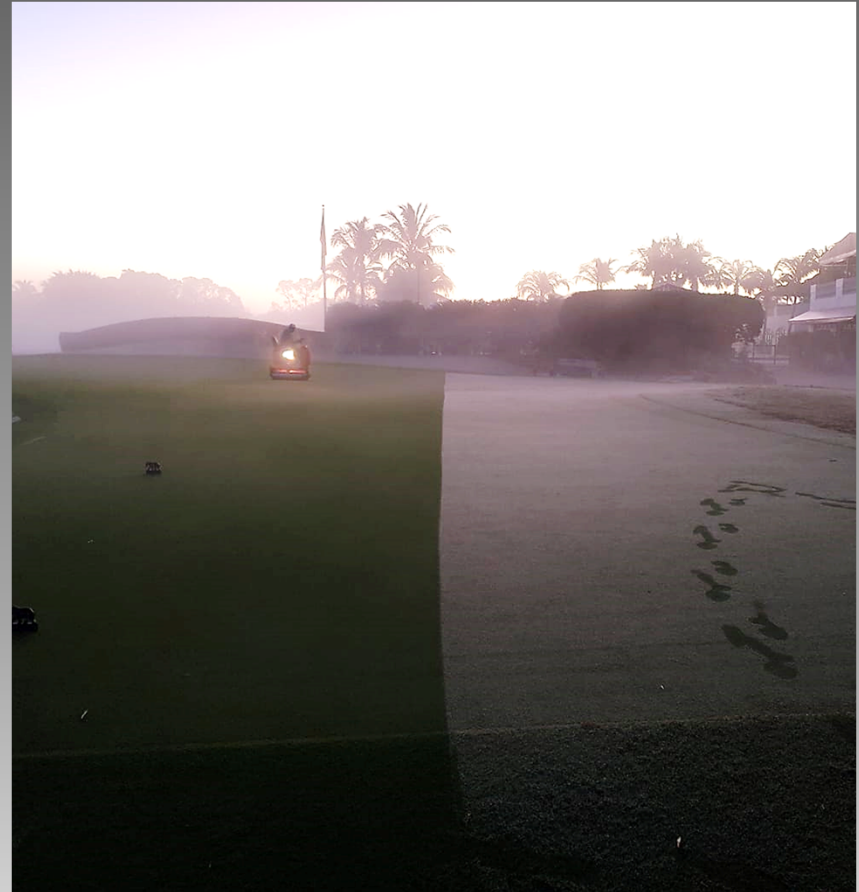
## Is success linked to happiness?

- **The people that voted/ show of hands that they were successful, would you describe yourselves as happy?**

A scenic landscape featuring a two-lane asphalt road that curves through a valley. The road is flanked by golden-brown fields. In the background, there are rolling green hills under a bright blue sky filled with large, white, fluffy clouds. The overall atmosphere is one of openness and possibility.

**Lets see what  
success could be?**

How is success measured ?



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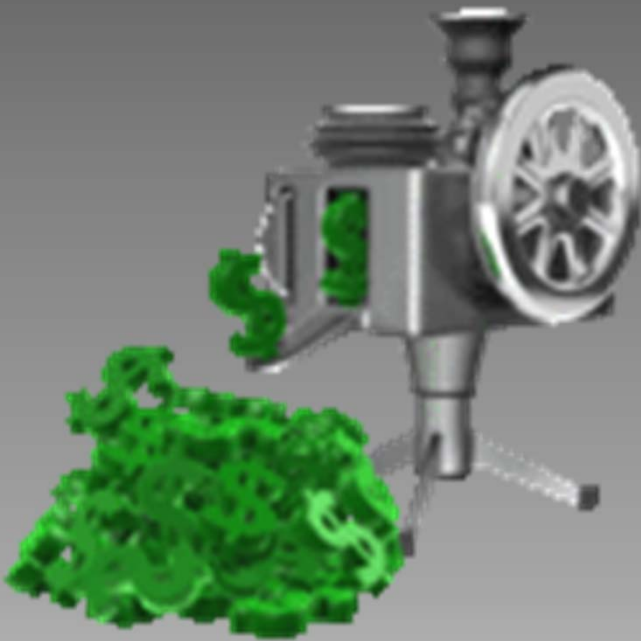
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# Mentoring



How does that apply to our lives?



# Success outside of Greenkeeping



# Success outside of Greenkeeping



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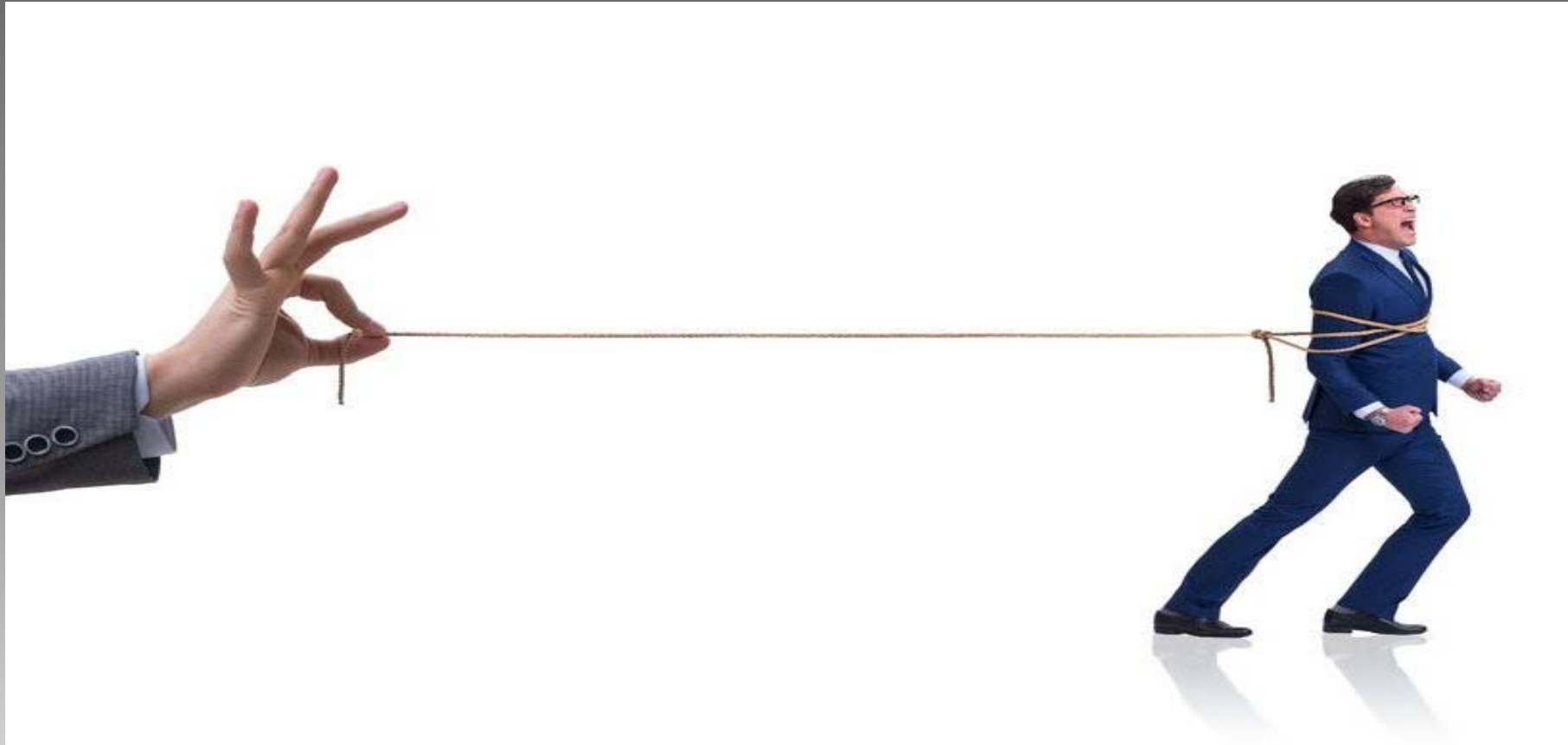
What will impact our Success



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How does that affect to our lives?



# Health warning



How does that affect to our lives?



How does that affect to our lives?



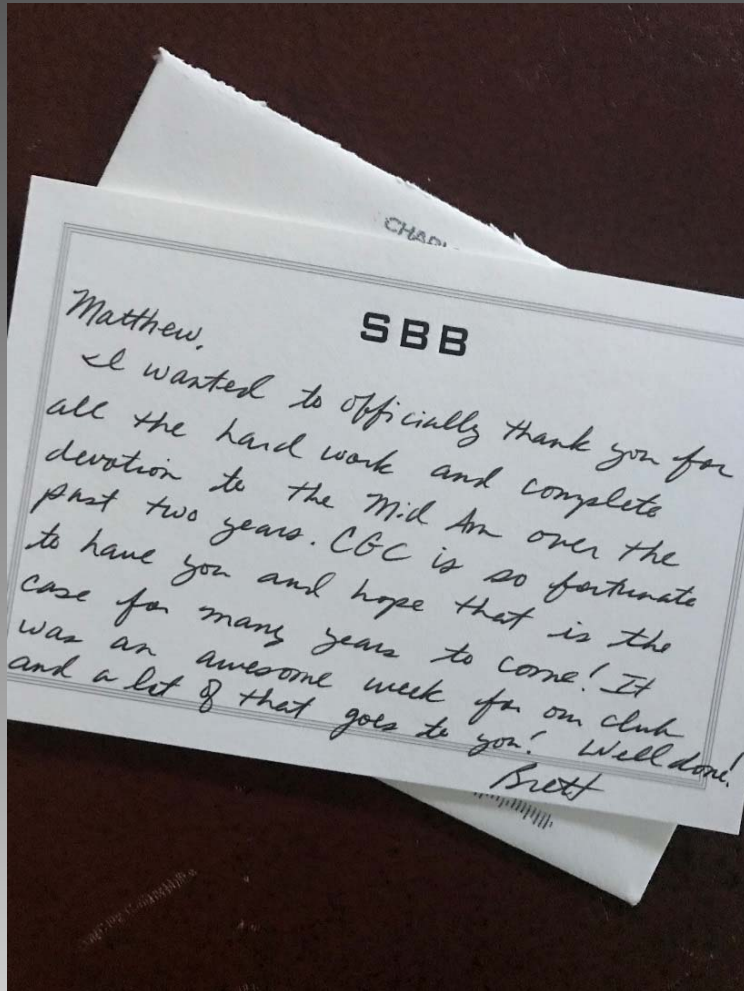
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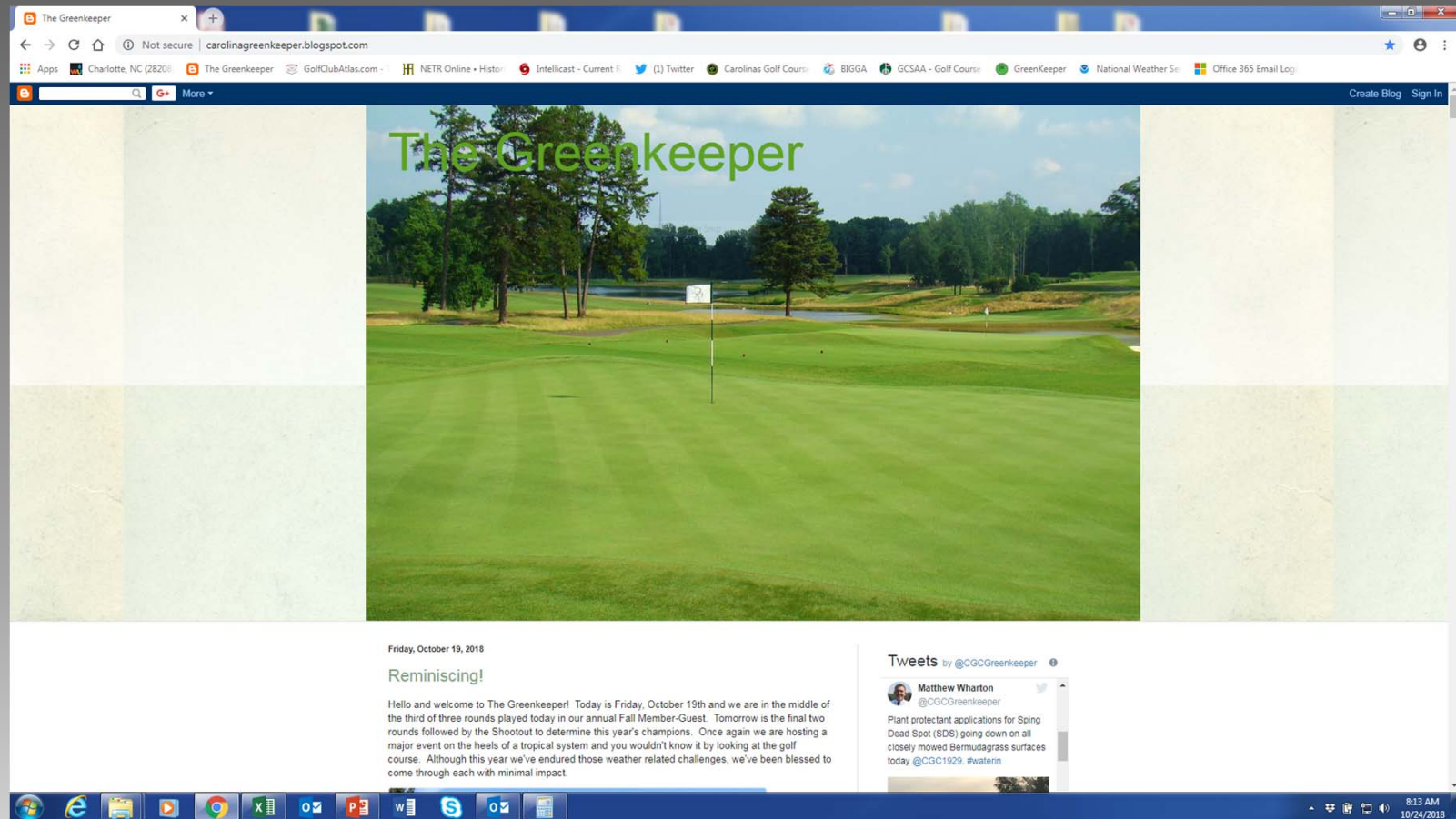
# Accolades



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Joined November 2013

The golf course is closed @CGC1929! Now we hope & pray for the best! 🙏🙏 #Florence



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Replying to @CGCGreenkeeper @CGC1929  
Keep safe, thoughts are with you all 🙏  
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Matthew Wharton @CGCGreenkeeper · Sep 15  
Thanks Tracey! All the best!  
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# Guilty Pleasure



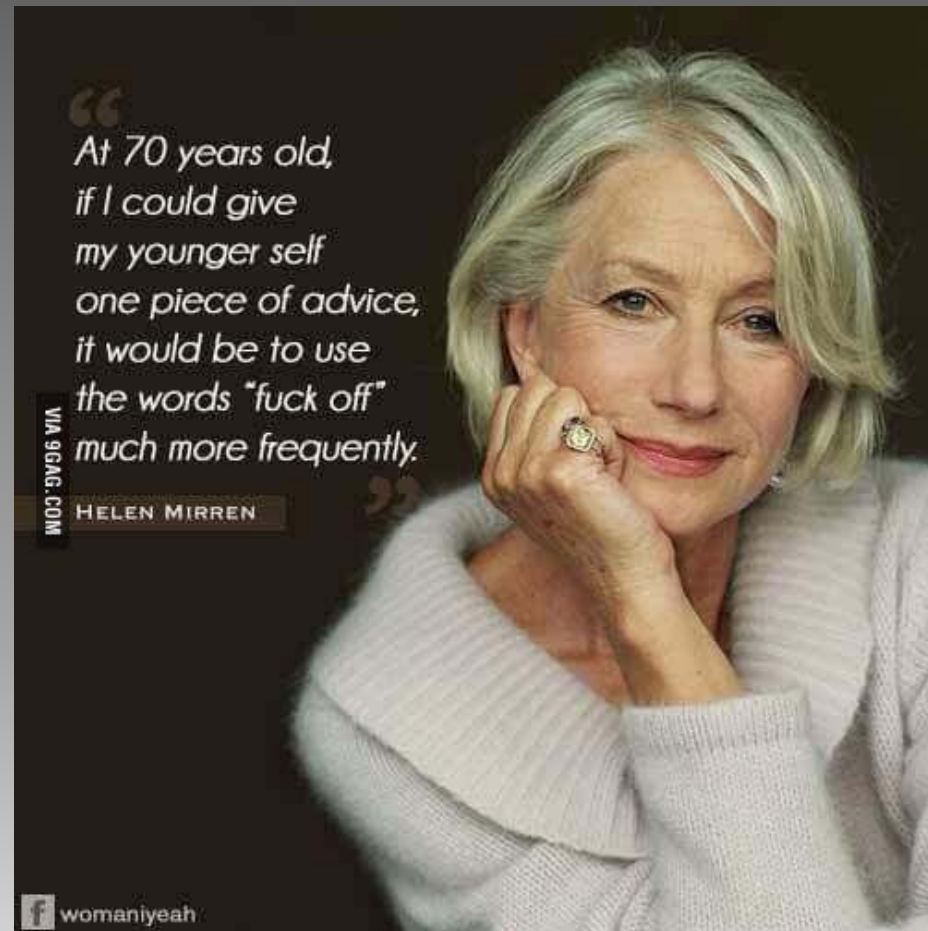
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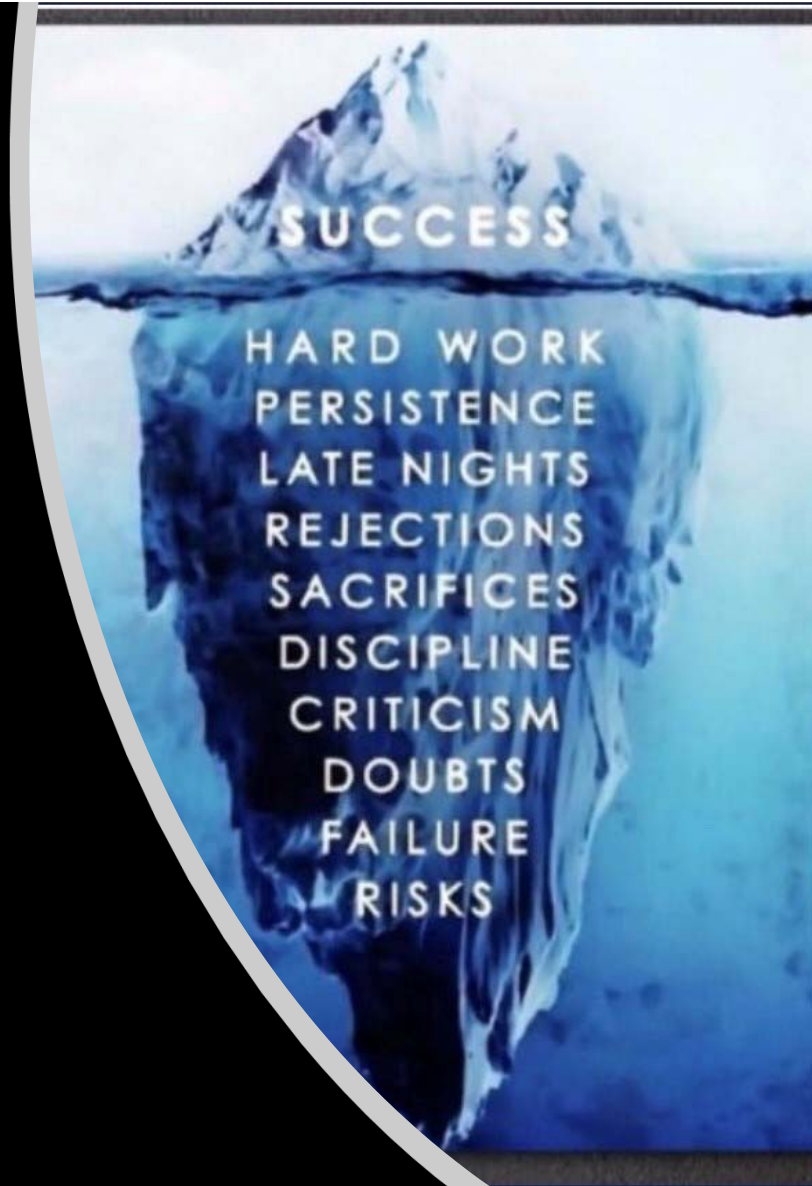
# Summarize



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What Does  
Success Look  
Like?  
It's the tip of the  
iceberg!



**EVERYONE  
WANTS TO BE  
SUCCESSFUL.  
UNTIL THEY SEE  
WHAT IT  
ACTUALLY  
TAKES.**

  
@DOSEOFBILLIONAIRES



# Questions & Answers



# THE SUBTLE ART OF NOT GIVING A F\*CK

A COUNTERINTUITIVE APPROACH  
TO LIVING A GOOD LIFE

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# Thank You for listening

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