

Shortcuts to Success

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Are there any shortcuts to success? Nope. None that I know of. However, you can be on the fast-track to results, if you first, embrace some powerful principles or core values. This is the kind of stuff that I often think about. For I am a firm believer, the right beliefs and values are the greatest influencers of success and achievement.

While what you do is crucial. That is merely a reflection of who you are.

And perhaps, the best summation of these principles, I found unexpectedly.

Last Wednesday night, Sheryl and I attended Amanda, (our youngest child's), first-grade curriculum night. On Amanda's desk, was a simple sheet, titled: Lifeskills by Susan Kovalik & Associates. It said:

- **Integrity:** To act according to what is right and wrong.
- **Initiative:** To do something because it needs to be done.
- **Flexibility:** The ability to alter plans when necessary.
- **Perseverance:** To keep at it.
- **Organization:** To work in an orderly way.
- **Sense of humor:** To laugh and be playful without hurting others.
- **Effort:** To do your best.
- **Common sense:** To think it through.
- **Problem-solving:** To seek solutions.
- **Responsibility:** To do what is right.
- **Patience:** To wait calmly.
- **Friendship:** To make and keep a friend through mutual trust and caring.
- **Curiosity:** To investigate and seek understanding.
- **Cooperation:** To work together toward a common goal or purpose.
- **Caring:** To show / feel concern.
- **Courage:** To act according to one's beliefs.

Kind of funny, the lessons you can learn when you sit at the desk of a six-year-old.

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