

## *It's Called Success*

No doubt, every person wants to be successful in his or her life upon this earth. How should success be described? There are many books and magazine articles written on the subject. A poem I found recently – its author is anonymous – captures the spirit of a successful life very well. Read it to see if you agree:

*Success is speaking words of praise  
In cheering other people's ways.*

*In doing just the best you can  
With every task and every plan.*

*It's silence when your speech would hurt,  
Politeness when your neighbor's curt.*

*It's deafness when the scandal flows,  
And sympathy with others' woes.*

*It's loyalty when duty calls;  
It's courage when disaster falls.*

*It's patience when the hours are long;  
It's found in laughter and in song.*

*It's in the silent time of prayer,  
In happiness and in despair.*

*In all of life and nothing less,  
We find the thing we call success.*

And therein are principles we all should seek to live by.

– Beecher Hunter