

## **What is Success?**

To laugh often and much;

To win the respect of intelligent people  
and the affection of children;

To earn the appreciation of honest critics  
and endure the betrayal of false friends;

To appreciate beauty;  
To find the best in others;

To leave the world a bit better, whether by  
a healthy child, a garden patch  
or a redeemed social condition;

To know even one life has breathed  
easier because you have lived;

This is to have succeeded.

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882)