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# Making A Successful Career In Life: A Challenge To AAT

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# The Concept Of Career (1/2)

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- ✓ *A career is an occupation undertaken for a significant period of a person's life and with opportunities for progress.*



- ✓ *A career is an occupation or profession, especially one requiring special training, followed as one's lifework.*

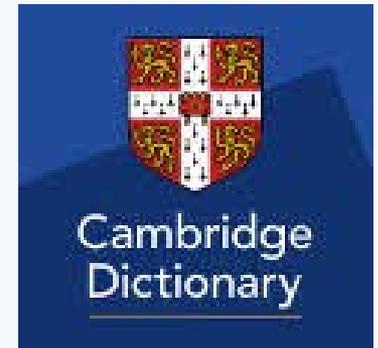


# The Concept Of Career (2/2)

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- ✓ *The job or series of jobs that you do during your working life, especially if you continue to get better jobs and earn more money.*



# Thoughts On Success... (1/2)

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☁ Success is the progressive realization of predetermined, worthwhile, personal goals.

*- Paul J. Meyer*

☁ Let it never be forgotten that glamour is not greatness; applause is not fame; prominence is not eminence. The man of the hour is not apt to be the man of the ages. A stone may sparkle, but that does not make it a diamond; people may have money, but that does not make them a success.

*- Anon*

☁ To succeed in life you need not only initiative, but also finishiative

*- Zaida Jones Blaine (Chicago Tribune)*

# Thoughts On Success... (2/2)

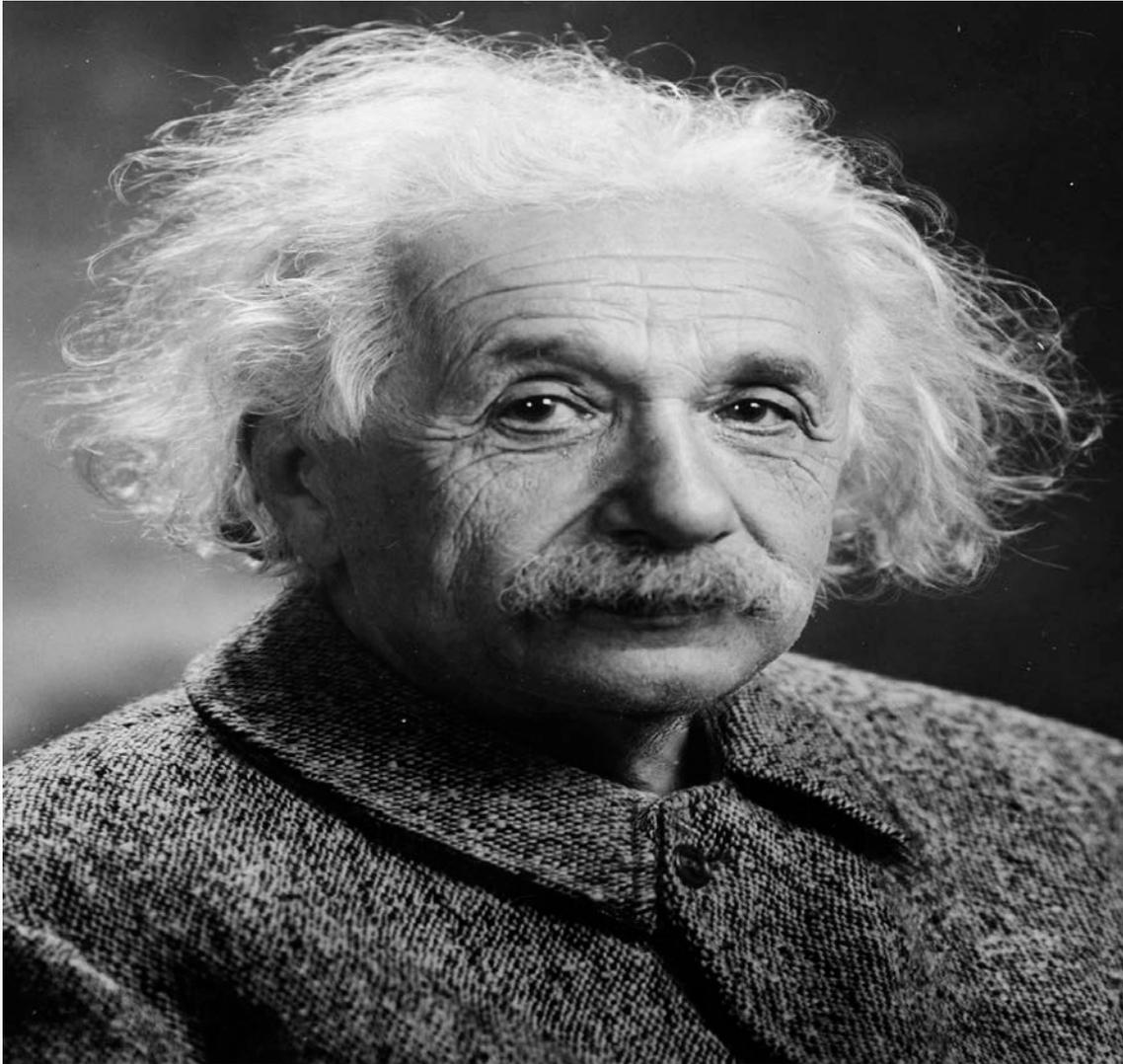


☁ All roads to success are uphill.

*- John Mason*

☁ There are only two creatures that can surmount the pyramids, the eagle and the snail. The eagle is never tired, the snail will never give up. If you must climb that hill of success – don't be tired, don't give up.

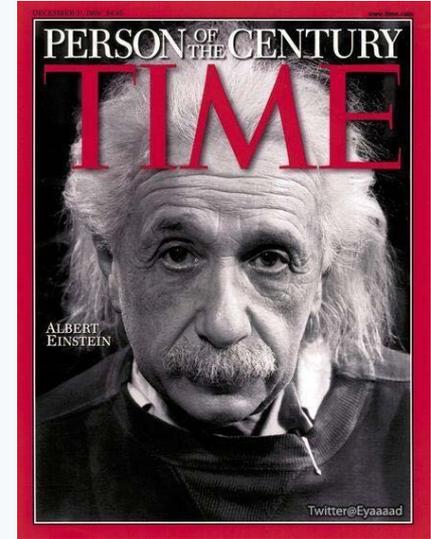




**Who is  
this  
man?**

# Extracts From Albert Einstein On Career Tips

- ✓ Time Magazine awarded Albert Einstein as the “Person of the 20th century”. He has long been considered a genius by the masses.
  
- ✓ He gave seven (7) tips to building a successful career and we shall consider some of these.



# FOCUS

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- ✓ This is the number one key to obtaining a successful career. As the world keeps evolving, the number of distractions keeps increasing. You need an anchor to get you to the right place at the right time because life is too short to start experimenting on different paths.
- ✓ In his book, the **Outlier**, Malcolm Gladwell submits that there is really nothing special about all the heroes, mentors, icons and celebrities that we admire. These guys are just extremely focused individuals who discovered their purpose earlier and gave it the full attention it deserved.



**“Successful people maintain a positive focus in life no matter what is going on around them. They stay focused on their past successes rather than their past failures, and on the next action steps they need to take to get them closer to the fulfillment of their goals rather than all the other distractions that life presents to them.”**

**- Jack Canfield**

# CURIOSITY

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- ✓ You must be passionately curious about your purpose. You must learn all you can about it. Attend conferences, read the latest publications, interact with people of like--minds and if possible, get a mentor that you can shadow.
- ✓ Curiosity also pushes you to try new things in the field you have chosen and gives you more exposure than your competitor.
- ✓ Curiosity may kill the cat but it makes you stronger and establishes you to a new frontier of specialization.



“I have no special talent; I am only passionately curious.”

*- Albert Einstein*



# PERSEVERANCE

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- ✓ Curiosity makes you stand out but it exposes you to a lot of risk – you could be ridiculed and labeled a misfit. Stick with your curiosity till you are vindicated. Perseverance is what got the turtle to Noah's ark.
  
- ✓ In every line of career you venture, there will be negative circumstances like discouragement, disappointments, failure, setbacks, painful periods, chastisements and discrimination; you must learn to suffer long, persevere and pursue your career.



**“It’s not that I am so smart; it’s just that I stay with problems longer.”**

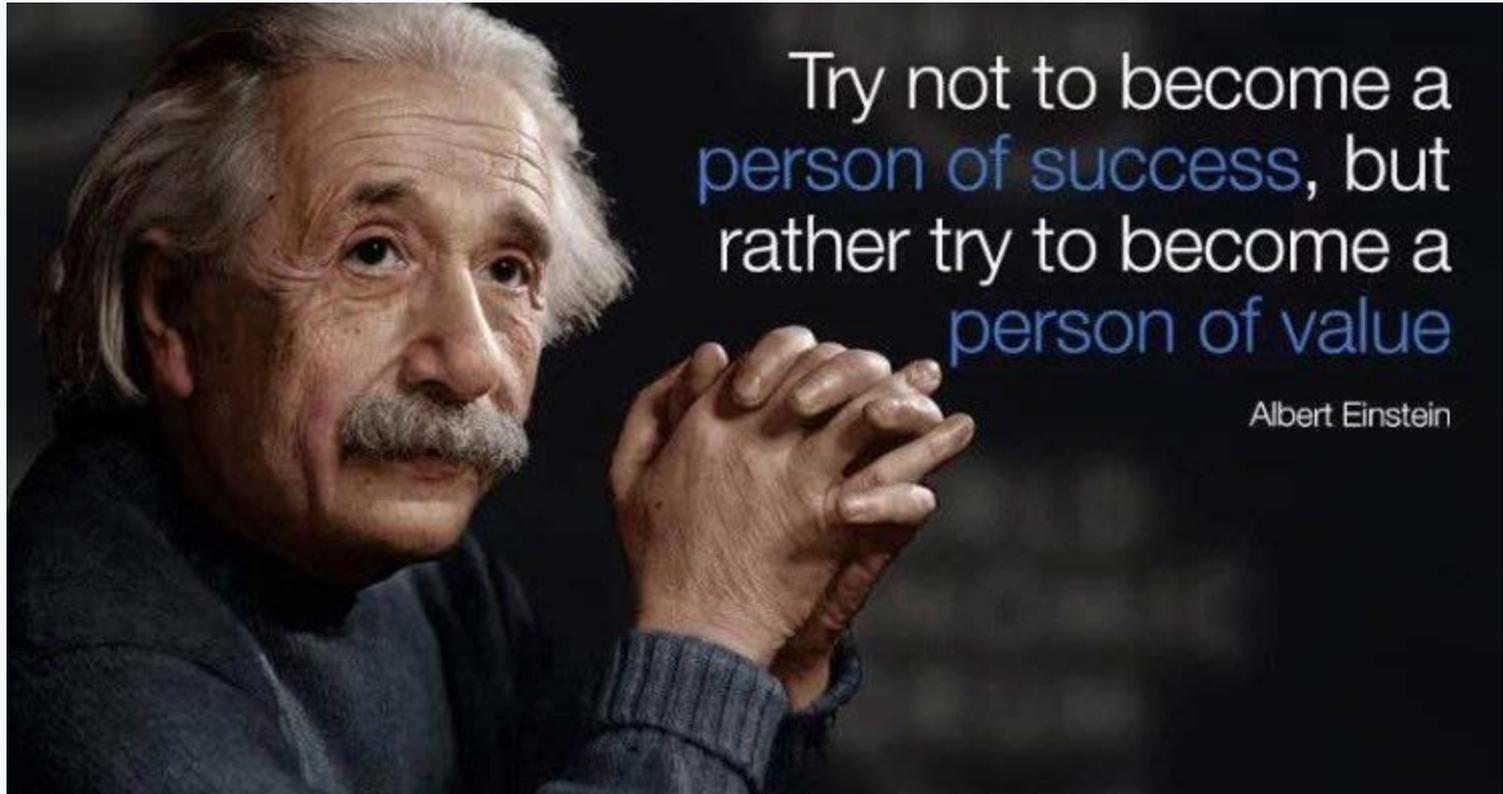
*- Albert Einstein*

# VALUE

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- ✓ There is a wrong perception that success is a point to be reached and when that point is reached, it plateaus and you live happily ever after. Success is never-ending– if you are not hot, you will be getting cold.
- ✓ Success is a journey that has no finish line so it is unwise to strive for it.
- ✓ Replace “attaining success” to “creating value”, then you will become very successful. Your purpose must be solving a human perceived problem – if humans don’t perceive what you are solving as a problem, you will not create value and if you do not create value, you will not be successful



Try not to become a  
person of success, but  
rather try to become a  
person of value

Albert Einstein

# LEARN THE RULES OF THE GAME

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- ✓ Good grades might get you to the starting point but what keeps you in is your ability to “buy” into the organization’s values. You need to develop a life’s skill called diplomacy. You must learn the rules of any industry you aim to succeed in.
- ✓ You will soon realize that your network will determine your net worth.
- ✓ Every single person you meet in life is very important to your success. You must treat everyone courteously because you never know where or in what circumstance you will meet the person again.

**“You have to learn the rules of the game. And then you have to play it better than anyone else.”**

*- Albert Einstein*



# The Pivotal Role Of An Accounting Technician



- ✓ The job of Professional Accountants has become more challenging in the face of globalization, regional integration and advanced technology. In performing these functions, the Professional Accountant requires the assistance of trained and able accounting technicians



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# The Pivotal Role Of An Accounting Technician (2/2)

The Accounting Technician would be required to perform the following functions:

- ❖ Play supporting role to the Professional Accountants
- ❖ Maintain the accounting system already designed by Professional Accountants
- ❖ May sometimes work independently without supervision
- ❖ Meet the needs of the:
  - Public sector (including Local Government and Inland Revenue)
  - Industry, Commerce, and Audit practice
- ❖ To advance to the Professional Examination level



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# Take Away

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- ✓ As you grow in your career, be abreast of the following:
  - Character
  - Confidence
  - CANEI (Constant And Never Ending Improvement)



Thank

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