

Chapter 15
Success
The Degree of Achievement

Success, what is success? Success is divine. Success is nirvana/bliss/happiness. Success is measured within the eye of the beholder; the components that abet my prosperity may not enthuse yours the same. However one paints the image, success is a staple we should all yearn for.

How does one attain success? Success is imported from *ambition, sacrifice, discipline, and consistency*. Success is not handed out, it doesn't happen on accident, and it cannot be purchased outright, success must be acted into existence. "*When you want to succeed as bad as you want to breath, then you'll be successful*" –Eric Thomas

Is success limited, will it expire? Success has no ceiling; there is no cap to the quantum of success one can assemble. Never mind a critic, we dictate our own success, therefore success will only expire when one perceives that notion as a reality– until then one's success is one's success and cannot be revoked unless *accepted* as the truth.

By systematic design a great number of us have had the odds stacked against our success for a long time now. This muse is what makes *the degree of achievement* that much more delectable once substantiated.

Valuing valueless values was the catalyst that supplemented my search for success in all the wrong places. More recently than not I valued success as being about materialistic items and fruitless "clout". My gullible perception on society enriched the belief that everything *wrong* was *right* and everything *bad* was *good*. If you don't believe me go ahead and take a good look outside, turn on your television, or browse the world wide web and then you tell me what agenda is being fed to us and our children..... I'll wait.

"Wake up and smell the coffee" to ascend from our current state and reign in a true lasting success we have to re-program our intellect and seize the opportunities in which have been hidden from us in plain sight. Our oppressors have been successful thus far because they have *sacrificed* ethics and been *disciplined* to *consistently* promote nonsense and lies to manipulate our minds and free will. "*The best slave is one who thinks he is free*" –Saul Alinsky

Consistency, consistency, consistency! Once consistency is interrupted, success is no more. We as a people have the power to end the “success” and break away from the stronghold of the system by opening our eyes, unlocking our minds, and taking back our **freedom**; both *physical* and *intellectual*. “*For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad.*” –Luke 8:17

A true lasting success is an achievement that cannot be taken away or interrupted by any outside circumstance, person, or group but one’s own. Long as we have our M.V.Ps in check and only sacrifice the bad to reap the good, then the duration of our success can last until we choose to vacate. Being a successful salesperson is admirable; however, being a person who sells drugs is to no avail.

Today I have found my truth as I continue to pray upon my success. It will not be until my **beliefs** are as solid as my **values**, until I know my contribution to the community will **change** the conversation, strengthen, and provide opportunity to the members amongst. I will not label my own success until the **environment** around me is first successful. It will not be until every **goal** that has been imagined has been surpassed and I prove **faith** to exist. I will not be successful until I reserve my power over **addiction**, until my level of **communication** is elucidated with ease. I, Michel Durell Comer will not have true success until my **integrity** is superior to which it was yesterday and/or until **education** is wide spread with the truth. Still I will not claim success until **employment** wages outweigh the cost of living, until **parenthood** is no longer a hindrance for some but a joy to all. My quest for success will linger on until the necessary **finances** are available to fund positive activities and the **health** crisis is fitted with awareness as well as treatment. Only then and there when all of these issues are vindicated will I maybe possibly consider myself a success, but until that day I ask GOD for his guidance and support.