

Achieving **ABUNDANCE**

In general, we all want to be our best. We want to feel successful. Happy. Abundant. Yet, it's one thing to want to maintain a happy, abundance mentality, and it's another to actually live it. Problem is, sometimes we look for success in the wrong places or we try to achieve it in the wrong ways.

Sometimes we get on the wrong road in life, and don't want to turn around or ask for directions. To help you redefine, recognize, and achieve abundance, here are 55 truths that will keep you focused and moving forward:

1. The acquisition of knowledge doesn't mean you're growing. Growing happens when what you know changes how you live.
2. You can't have good ideas unless you're willing to generate a lot of bad ones.
3. A good idea without action is nothing at all.
4. It's not so much about finding opportunities as it is about creating them.
5. 10 percent of our lives is decided by uncontrollable circumstances. 90% is decided by how we react to those circumstances.
6. What we don't start today won't be finished by tomorrow.
7. If you're waiting for the perfect conditions, ideas or plans to get started, you'll never achieve anything.
8. You can raise the bar or you can wait for others to raise it. Either way, it's getting raised.
9. Oftentimes, the only reason they want you to fit in is that once you do they can ignore you and go about their business.
10. If you keep doing what you're doing, you'll keep getting what you're getting.
11. Change is often resisted when it is needed the most.
12. Discipline is choosing what you want most over what you want right now. Read *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People*.
13. The harder you work, the luckier you get.
14. Kindness and hard work together will always carry you farther than intelligence.
15. Life is not easy, especially when you plan on achieving something worthwhile.
16. Tough times don't last, but tough people do.
17. Lots of successful people have failed as many times as they have succeeded.
18. Nobody succeeds alone.
19. Right now, there's a lot you don't know.
20. Having a plan, even a flawed one at first, is better than no plan at all.
21. In the beginning, you need to say "yes" to a lot of things to discover and establish your goals. Later on, you need to say "no" to a lot of things and concentrate on your goals.
22. No matter how you make a living or who you think you work for, you only work for one person — yourself. The big question is: What are you selling, and to whom?
23. We all have different strengths. What worked for someone else might not work for you.
24. To be great does not mean you have to dominate others. It means you have to dominate your own potential.
25. Being successful is a journey, not a destination.
26. Being happy and being successful are two different things.
27. Being busy and being productive are two different things.
28. Life is full of opportunities to feel exactly the way you want to feel.
29. It's usually only as good or bad as you think it is.
30. You have every right to be happy, but it's up to YOU and only YOU to exercise that right. Read *The Happiness Project*.
31. Results are more important than the time it takes to achieve them.
32. Your success isn't just about you. It's about how you positively impact the lives around you.
33. When caught up in the moment and your emotions are soaring, you're bound to make poor decisions.
34. Any fool can criticize, condemn and complain, and most fools do.
35. Holding onto anger is like grasping a hot coal waiting to throw it at someone else — you're the one who gets burned.
36. Life isn't always logical.
37. When you spend time worrying, you're simply using your imagination to create things you don't want.
38. You have the ability to clear negativity from your mind with a single thought.
39. There is a lesson in everything you do, and learning the lesson is how you move forward.
40. No matter how smart you are, you will make mistakes.
41. There's no such thing as 'risk free.' Everything you do or don't do has an inherent risk.
42. Saying "no" to right people gives you the time and resources required to say "yes" to right opportunities.
43. Just because you can doesn't mean you should.
44. Simplicity is often a major factor of success. But the process of simplifying things is rarely easy.
45. Cutting your losses is often better than the alternative.
46. We are all multi-dimensional human beings with simultaneous dimensions of success and failure in our lives.
47. Confusion isn't a bad thing. It means you're growing and thinking.
48. If your child grows up wanting to be like you, you matter.
49. Good looks attracts the eyes. Personality attracts the heart.
50. It's uncomfortable to challenge the status quo, but it's worth it.
51. Sometimes you just have to do your own thing your own way, no matter what anyone else thinks or says about you.
52. If you awake with the thought that something wonderful will happen today, and you pay close attention, you'll often find that you're right.
53. If you want love, give love. If you want friends, be friendly. If you want money, provide value. It really is this simple.
54. If there was ever a moment to follow your passion and do something that matters to you, that moment is now.
55. An abundant life is when you assume nothing, do more, need less, smile often and realize how fortunate you are right now.
56. And remember, on the road to abundance, the extra mile is the stretch of road that's never crowded. As long as you follow your heart and never stop learning, you'll turn not older, but newer every day.

