

## Quotes To Learn By!

I once heard that the difference between successful people and unsuccessful people is that, unsuccessful people refuse to do what successful people do. This very blunt statement is simple and true. If you refuse to go that extra mile, you will not succeed. This statement is applicable in many situations, from your business to your family.

This got me thinking about the attributes of people who were “successful” in defensive encounters and what they did to succeed. The following is a short list of things every student of defensive tactics should strive for, to maximize their chances for SUCCESS. I have heard many of them from trainers and fighters I have met and worked with over the years and others I put together myself.

### ***Sit back, read, think and “succeed”!***

- *“Always maintain an elevated level of awareness to your surroundings and possible threats. You can not stop or avoid a threat you do not see”.*
- *“All the firearms training in the world will not help you win a gunfight without a gun. If you are legally allowed to carry your firearm and well trained in the operation of it, do it. It is not always comfortable, but it is always comforting”.*
- *“You don’t NEED an extra ammo source, until your weapon runs out. Then what”?*
- *“If you carry a firearm, carry a flashlight. Even with 20/20 vision, you cannot identify a threat in the dark. “It was dark” will not be an excuse in a court of law should you make a mistake”.*
- *“You will fight as you train. If you train lazy in the classroom, gym or range, you will be lazy when the fecal matter hits the rotating oscillation device”.*

- *“Training you mind is as important as training your body. A Lamborghini doesn’t go very fast without a driver behind the wheel”.*
- *“Having an expensive high end “tactical” pistol without training, a proper holster, belt and ammo is like having a table with no legs. Budget your funds. It may be more beneficial to purchase a quality used gun if it leaves you money for a proper belt, holster and most important, training, followed by more training”.*
- *““Better to be judged by 12, then carried by 6” is a phrase I have NEVER heard anyone say who has been sued or criminally charged after a use of force incident. Take the time to learn about self defense and the law”.*
- *“No matter how big and tough you are, there is someone bigger and tougher. If you can avoid a fight by using your verbal skills or your ability to RUN AWAY QUICKLY, you are less likely to be injured”.*
- *“Action beats reaction any day of the week. Choose the right time to take action. The element of surprise can save your life”.*
- *“Failing to train is training to fail”.*
- *“Have a plan”*
- *“Make a second plan, because your first plan will not work”.*
- *“You have learned enough, when you have lived enough. Study accordingly”.*

I hope you enjoyed reading these as much as I have enjoyed writing them. I ask you to think about what you have just read, and if you liked it, pass it on to a fellow defensive minded person. If you have any quotes you would like to add, I would encourage you to email them to me, I may make a supplemental list for next months David’s Corner. Thanks and as always, stay safe.

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