

5 EASY STEPS TO GROOMING YOURSELF FOR SUCCESS

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It's always important to put your best foot forward. After all, a good first impression is the best expression, and it lasts. One good way to leave a first impression that supports your success is to start by being personally and/or professionally groomed.

However, **grooming for success is a lifestyle**. Grooming is not just about how we present ourselves to appear properly attired and hygienically clean, but it's also about taking effective actions to succeed.

Try these tips and set yourself up to achieve whatever you seek in life:

1. Dress for success. Knowing how to coordinate your outfits and wardrobe for a professional presence will make others take notice of you and see you in a more professional light. **It aids in getting that promotion and positions you for the next level.**

- Even when you're not at the level where you want to be at work, still dress the part. It will help you get there!

2. Positive posturing. Confidence (not arrogance) is necessary to project a positive image. This attracts others who see your ability. So, bring your A-game each day.

- If you don't feel confident, act confident anyway. This can help you feel the confidence that you currently lack. Remind yourself of past successes and let yourself be proud of those successes. Soon, you'll build greater confidence and won't have to fake it anymore.

- Maintain humility and gratitude for your job, friends, and family. This goes a long way into placing you in a positive position.
- You've heard the saying, "Birds of a feather flock together!" This well-known saying means that **your actions and the company you keep can either propel you to great heights or hold you back.**

3. **Be in the know.** It's important to keep your eyes and ears open and know what is happening around you. This helps you to contribute to meaningful conversations or makes you alert to valuable information. It's also useful for making strategic decisions to move forward or realign your perspectives.

4. **Be pleasant.** People feel comfortable with others who offer a ready smile, which puts them at ease. They open up more and are willing to help you if you're happy and courteous.

5. **Continue learning.** As you groom yourself for success, keep your mind sharp. Complete courses or certifications that pertain to your field or other fields that interest you – you never know when they will come in handy!

- **Having additional skills makes you more marketable and poised to increase your financial earning.**

Whether you want to succeed at work or in your personal life with friends and family, it's important to first take responsibility for your actions. Set yourself up for success and take action toward your goals. **How you act about attaining your goals will determine if you will achieve them.**

How are you grooming yourself for success? How do others see you? If it's not the way that you want them to see you, take steps to change it. Setting yourself up for success is a continuous process. Just keep at it and you'll soon have the success you seek.