

Today's Trends



The Key to Success?

Inspirational Snaps from DJ Khaled

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Over the past few months, the music producer and rapper DJ Khaled has been providing tips for a successful life over the app, Snapchat. He dubs these the “Keys to Success.” In an effort to make my life more successful, I followed these tips over the past few weeks.

His 10 keys and my experiences with them:

1) Opening Closed Doors- I opened a lot of doors over the past couple weeks and found that more often than not, they ended up getting me where I needed to go, whether it was the bathroom, or my house, or work. Overall, I felt more successful the more doors I opened. Opening doors=getting into places=more success.

2) Mouthwash- Adding mouthwash to my daily routine actually made a huge difference. If hygiene determines success, then I’m definitely twice as successful already. Mouthwash= clean mouth= fresh breath= more success.

3) Dove Deodorant- I only had Old Spice deodorant so I ended up having to borrow my mom’s Dove deodorant and I definitely felt softer and more fresh under the arms. I felt marginally more successful with these new soft pits. Dove deodorant=less smelly=more freshy=more success.

4) Cocoa Butter- Walking up to the Walmart checkout line with nothing but cocoa butter is not an experience I’d like to relive, but the appli-

cation of cocoa butter on the skin is. Everything instantly felt softer and a soft success glow emanated from my skin thanks to the Cocoa Butter. Cocoa butter= healthy skin= more success.

5) Naming Plants- I don’t own any plants, so I named the one in Mrs. Espinoza’s room Jerry. Not sure if I’m any more successful but I definitely like walking in the room and seeing Jerry every day. Naming plants=better mood=more success.

6) A Jet Ski- This one I couldn’t test...mainly because it costs money to rent or buy a jet ski but also because it was 32 degrees this week.

7) Clean Face- A clean face is one of those things that seems so simple but is obviously a lot more complicated. Washing my face a couple more times a day made me feel fresher all throughout the day, which I guess correlates with success. Maybe Khaled is on to something with this one. Clean face= less dirt and blemishes= more success.

8) More Pillows- I ended up pulling out all of the pillows in my house and sleeping on them for a week. I felt like I was drowning in wool and dog hair but ultimately slept a lot better and I’m guessing had a more successful week thanks to the better sleep. More pillows= better sleep=less tired during the day= more success.

9) Manicures- This one was difficult to test...mainly because 17 year old

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boys don’t typically walk into nail places and ask for a manicure. So, I decided to go with an alternative. I simply just sanded them down using a nail file from my mom’s closet. Overall, they felt a lot smoother and I found myself accidentally scratching less stuff, which I guess can mean more success. Smooth nails= less scratches= more success.

10) Apples- I’ve been following this key for a lot longer than I should. Every school day during the passing period between 1st and 2nd period, I eat an apple. It keeps me full and it tastes good and it apparently has a lot of health benefits, so I’m going to go with this key as super important. More apples=better health=more success.

DJ Khaled seems to have the right idea with just about all of his “keys to success.” After trying them out over the past couple of weeks I have to say that I am definitely already more successful thanks to his snapchats.

