

Do you agree or disagree with the following statement? Only people who earn a lot of money are successful. Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.

Different people have different reasons for being successful and I don't think that money itself is the cause of success in life. In order to comprehend the idea, at first we should have a definition of success. In my opinion success is the achievements of humans in their endeavors and successful people are those who attain most portions of their goals. As goals are not necessarily financial, successful people may not be rich at all.

Some individuals who have changed the world were not wealthy. For instance, Nelson Mandela was going to improve equality among of his people in his country and overthrowing the apartheid regime. He persisted in on his beliefs firmly and finally he gained what he wanteds. His success was not because of his money but his volition /will/resolve made him the man recorded in history.

Moreover, there are many wealthy people who are very unhappy in their personal life. Earning money is relative and always there are many people who earn more/less money than you. Even Bill Gates known as the richest person in the world got his reputation from hard working, targeted effort and persistence against all odds. Hence, although in many cases success leads to wealth, successful people are not known due to their wealth.

To conclude, earning a lot of money renders you powerful (makes you more powerful) and you may have more opportunity in the future, but it doesn't change you into a successful person necessarily. In addition, using money as the only scale to measure a man's success seems to be improper.