



A great accomplishment shouldn't be the end of the road, just the starting point for the next leap forward.

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There is a unique relief in completing something. A sidewalk well swept, a desk fully cleared, a complete season of games now ready for the record books. When finishing includes accomplishing, our experience is richer. Happiness pairs with satisfaction and becomes nourishment for our self-esteem.

Accomplishment can generate new beginnings.

Accomplishment may invigorate our imagination. When we achieve, we may be more able to see details that stir wonderment. Confidence can drive new thinking about what else might be possible. We are less tethered to incremental change and more willing to experiment with leaps of faith.

Accomplishment may steel our resolve. In meeting goals, we become aware of the many ways we have met challenges on the journey. Creativity is now a reliable resource in moving through difficulty. We bring more commitment to finding our path in the midst of whatever we might face. We are more likely to persevere, trusting we will be met with what we will need to accomplish again.

Accomplishment may boost our boldness. Rarely do we succeed alone. When we realize our hopes, we hopefully also recognize what assisted us. We acknowledge our colleagues or loved ones or divine grace as essential to what progress was made. In that humility, we grow in willingness to ask for help the next time. We expand our ability to trust in our community to respond with bold generosity.

Accomplishment encourages new, shared, dreams.

What did I learn from my last accomplishment? What is a new beginning I want to try?