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I confess. I enjoy reading about super stars. I want to discover common themes and see if I can follow them. As you know I like to write about it. Some time ago I wrote [Career Success: Begin with Your Inner Excellence](#).

I recently re-read an article titled: [Becoming A Super Achiever: The Requirements of Success](#) by Thomas D. Meyerhoeffer and George Vasu. They listed 10 strategies. Which of these 10 do you believe apply to super achiever lawyers?

1. Stay Physically Fit for Life
2. Confidence and Courage
3. Persist Until You Achieve
4. Respect Everybody
5. The Ultimate Team Player
6. The Relentless Pursuit of Excellence
7. Take Personal Responsibility
8. The Three C's of Power Speaking
9. Study the Masters
10. Self-Reflection

I urge you to read the article for more detail on each item in the list. Afterwards ask yourself which of these you are doing.

One final thing: Read [Seth Godin's blog](#) (you should subscribe if you haven't. He recently posted: [Are you a scientist?](#) After reading, ask yourself whether you are a scientist or an analyst. To be the best, you need to become a scientist.

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