"The person that succeeds at anything has the realistic viewpoint at the beginning, knows that the problem is large, takes it a step at a time, and enjoys the step-by-step learning procedure."

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