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**Do you agree with the following statement? In order to succeed, you should be more like others than be different from everyone else?**

Throughout history, success has been one of the important goals of humans. In fact, no one can deny that human beings incline to be successful. However, humans have different opinions about how to achieve success. Some people think that people should be more like others, in order to succeed while another group of people may disagree and state that it is not logical to imitate other people's lifestyles, and it is better to be different from everyone else. From my own viewpoint, the second notion is correct. There are various reasons, two of the most prominent of which I will discuss in the following paragraphs.

The first reason that comes to mind is that I think humans have different talents, skills, and abilities, so we cannot expect to succeed as much as prosperous people do just by following their ways of life and imitating them. For instance, some people want to be a person like Steve Jobs, who is one of the most brilliant and wealthy individual in the world, but it is not just a matter of wanting, it is a matter of being able. In addition, not only do people have different capability, but also they face with different opportunities in their lives. Admittedly, when people are in favor of a successful person such as an artist or a scientist, they can choose him/her as a role model, but this method does not guarantee success and achieving a position similar to that person ones because humans do not have same abilities, and their life stories are not identical.

The second noteworthy point in highlighting my viewpoint is that it is better for humans to spend a lot of time getting to know themselves and their abilities instead of following others. In fact, people can move towards growth and success by recognizing their intrinsic talents and abilities. Therefore, if humans identify their innate abilities, they can move towards cultivating their talents. For example, I am more talented at math than art, so I got my diploma in mathematics and physics and then pursued my favorite field at university, but I know I would not be happy now, if I had followed the field of art.

By and large, based on the points mentioned above, I reject this view that people should be more like others than be different from everyone else because I think people have different capabilities and they have to move in a direction that suits their talents in order to succeed. However, there are some other reasons and examples, strengthening my claim, which are not mentioned above. At the end, it is predicted that people can be more successful, if they identify and expand their talents.