

Finding The Secret To Success

Bill Boggs Examines Highly Successful People's Secrets Behind Their Accomplishments

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Bill Boggs talks with *Harry Smith* about his new book, "Got What It Takes?" (CBS/The Early Show)

(CBS) Have you ever wondered why some people are so successful?

In a new book called "Got What It Takes?: Successful People Reveal How They Made It to the Top" Emmy award-winning talk show host Bill Boggs, asked 44 influential people — including Renee Zellweger, Donald Trump and *Early Show* chef **Bobby Flay** — what they did to attain success.

Boggs, who is currently hosting "Simon's Super Chefs Live" on the Food Network, has worked in television for more than 25 years and has interviewed thousands of

celebrities. He hoped that writing this book would explain to him what sets certain people apart.

Boggs is successful in his own right. He has won four Emmys and graduated from the prestigious University of Pennsylvania.

He came away with some tips for success

- **Cultivate Self-Confidence:**

"Joe Torre, for example, says confidence comes with accomplishment," Boggs said of the New York Yankees' manager. "So anybody watching right now who may not feel confident, look to your past experiences. Think about the things you've done and allow yourselves to be open for them to help you develop self-confidence in the same way you help your backhand at tennis."

Work hard and pay attention to the strides you make.

- **Work Hard:**

Don't have a sense of entitlement. You get out of something what you put in to it.

"For example, Frederic Fekkai, the celebrity hair designer said, success is like bicycling — if you don't keep pedaling, you'll fall off," Boggs said. "If you're not willing to put in the hard work, you'll settle for something else."

- **Allow for Failure:**

Boggs points to Mario Cuomo, who used the elections he lost to add dimensions to his personality. Boggs also said he had been fired from jobs and developed coping skills.

"If I had a failure, (if a) show went down, I lost a job, I wanted to go home and put a pillow over my head," Boggs said. "Most successful people seem to indicate failure was an important component. As a matter of fact, it was a set of coping skills that in dealing with failure that enabled them to be even more successful."

Read an excerpt of the book [here](#)

Learn more about the book by going to this site: www.gotwhatittakes.net.