

What entrepreneurship means to me

Entrepreneurship to me is the ultimate form of self-reliance. In order to become an entrepreneur, one must have enough faith and confidence in themselves to take that leap into the business world. They have to have a number of traits to open a small business. These businesses employ over 100 million people in the United States. Small businesses are the backbone of the straight-laced working man.

Companies and corporations wouldn't be what they are if it weren't for the ideas and dreams of individuals; one idea or innovation that consumers want or need. These businesses attempt to accommodate the public whenever possible. For hundreds of years, people have realized that they can trade services for business. Many have succeeded, even more have failed. All tried, because they wanted to achieve their dreams.

I have had the privilege of seeing entrepreneurship first-hand. Every day I go to work and witness my boss work tirelessly, constantly trying to expand and promote his business. He is a wonderful role model and proves there is no such thing as a lazy entrepreneur. Slacking isn't possible with entrepreneurship, because hard work is mandatory when running your own business. That is the most respectable thing about entrepreneurship. A nine to five day is often just a dream. Having to sacrifice their own funds, their personal and family time, and everything in between is what they come to expect.

There are many traits entrepreneurs share that set them and their ideas apart from the rest of the population. Entrepreneurs have to have a heightened sense of leadership. It is unlikely a follower would run a business. Followers often fall to the wayside, with others behind them waiting to take their place. A leader rarely drifts. They possess the ability to think on their feet, coordinate with others, and multitask. These are all characteristics necessary for a successful business.

Dedication and commitment go hand in hand with entrepreneurship. In the fly-by-night world we live in today, people are less likely to make major commitments. Our society has come to disregard and even fear such large commitments. Entrepreneurs embrace the opportunity to commit to such a long-term personal and financial investment. Entrepreneurship takes such careful precision and meticulous planning. Long-term holistic investments like these are what consumers look for in a business along with a quality product or service.

Entrepreneurship is like putting all of your eggs in one basket. The commitment that must be made is only for the people that truly believe in themselves. This belief is necessary to succeed at their task. An entrepreneur is a special kind of person; this is why not everyone is cut out to be an entrepreneur. The hard work, time and energy that must be put in are an absolute necessity. Entrepreneurship is giving it all you've got, and then giving it a little more; so you reap the rewards from all the energy you put forth. That is what entrepreneurship means to me.