How to Succeed in Graduate School?

♦ Set your standard as high as you can live with, and work as closely as possible at the boundary of your abilities

♦ Begin with the End in Mind
  – Have clear, bold plans for yearly, monthly, weekly, and daily milestones

♦ Be forceful, and dare to accomplish your plan/vision
  – Put first things first
  – Avoid distractions, and defer→delegate→drop “urgent, unimportant” things; learn when/how to say “no”
  – Effectively work >80 hours per week

♦ Be proactive, and teach/push your advisor

♦ Be courageous, and dare to take the lead
  – Not confined by your local settings

♦ Be a good colleague
  – Think win-win
  – Seek first to understand, then be understood
  – Synergize

♦ Sharpen your saw
  – Renew all four dimensions of your nature - physical, spiritual, mental, and social/emotional