

The following are the words of **Arlo Davis Guthrie**, who is an American folk singer, known for singing songs of protest against social injustice and storytelling while performing songs. **“Being famous is not the same as being important. A lot of important people aren’t famous , and a lot of famous people aren’t important.”**

Being famous or important are two ideas with a blurry line of difference. They are indispensable from each other and are a part of a successful personality. A successful person can be both famous and important simultaneously. While importance follows the idea of doing great things which have the potential to be beneficial, fame can be negative or positive.

It is generally understood that fame follows importance. But there is another way in which fame is perceived, which actually means just seeking public acceptance without considering if it is criticism or appreciation. On the other hand an important person looks forward to being efficient, hardworking and committed towards his/ her goal. All of these factors eventually result in recognition and ultimately an appreciative fame. History provides us ample with instances for this, like Narayan Murthy, Warren Buffet, Mark Zuckerberg and many more. These people are widely recognized for their immense contribution in their respective fields, but what is more fascinating is the values of simplicity that they have followed and preached despite being extremely famous.

Yet, to decide which one holds more significance is purely based on personality traits like genetics, self-esteem, life experience and most importantly personal perceptions about good and bad.

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Being Famous:

A famous personality is one who has a considerable prominence or a person who

receives much acclaim and attention. But as discussed above it has two sides. "Fame doesn't fulfil you. It warms you a bit, but that is temporary"- Marliyn Monroe

- Fame is confused with success. For instance Madonna is famous while Helen Keller is successful.
- Sometimes fame doesn't bring respect and power.
- While a famous person has the ability to reach the masses, he/she is always in the public eye.
- Famous people get criticism by the virtue of rumors even if they have done good for the society.
- Famous people hide their miseries and tend to keep up a cheerful smile always.
- To be famous puts a person in a position of accountability.

Being Important:

As per Vocabulary.com, an important person is one whose actions and opinions strongly influence the course of events. "I want to be important by being different. And all these girls are the same" - Sylvia Plath

- An important person has an ability to add value, by providing useful insights and suggestions.
- An important person realizes the significance of goods deeds and aims to preach and follow the same.
- Importance gives a boost to a person's confidence and hence enables him/her to aim for better things in life.
- Important people are optimistic and hardworking despite all odds they have faced. Oprah Winfrey's determination to keep working hard despite the atrocities she faced is a brilliant example of the same.
- An importance person attains fame due to his/her continued will to be excellent and yet grounded.
- Important people have an ability to form opinions and present them without hurting anyone.

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Conclusion:

It can be concluded to be important or famous is based on personal opinion. While being important generally guarantees fame but sometimes famous people tend to get



important by the virtue of good work that they do. Thus this topic is subject to varied opinions and interests.

Your Turn...

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