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, quarterly, 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”

♦ Be proactive, and teach/push your advisor
  – Embrace “problems/challenges”, and focus on “solving” problems/challenges

♦ Be courageous, and dare to take the lead

♦ 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, intellectual, and social/emotional

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