

## LIZIQI: AT THE SUMMIT OF HER SUCCESS

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“When I was working in the city, it was about survival. Now, when I am working in the countryside, I feel like I’m truly living,” said Liziqi in an interview with Goldthread in September 2019. Have you ever heard about Liziqi? This lady is a famous vlogger and internet celebrity from Sichuan, China.

Liziqi was born on 6 July 1990 and became an orphan at a very young age. She lived with her grandparents after her stepmother mistreated her. Since they were poor, Li went to the city to work when she was 14. She did many different jobs such as becoming a waitress, a music DJ and a singer. When her grandfather died, Li returned to her hometown for taking care of her

grandmother. Li started to film her life in 2015 and as of June 2020, she has over 10 million subscribers on YouTube and over 3 million followers on Facebook.



*Li is designing her dress and dyeing it with fresh grape's skin*

Li impresses people with her videos in which she makes everything from scratch on her own. From focusing on Chinese food and antiques, to dyeing a dress with fresh grape's skin, crafting her furniture out of bamboo and also making her make up. Li connects the people in the city to the beauty of nature in the countryside.



*Li is collecting the bamboo to make some bamboo sofa*

Li finds it astounding how different plants are sources of food for various nations. She also thinks it is funny how a few kids misunderstand that rice grows from trees, so she wants to share her knowledge and life by making videos. We can see how deep her knowledge is about food, nature and ancient Chinese tradition throughout her videos.

She also produces documentaries about the life of plants such as peas, wheat, cucumber, and potato. In one of her videos, she showed how she hatched baby ducklings and raised them just to make sauce from egg yolks.

Li realizes that people in the city are facing a lot of pressures in personal life and at work. Living in a bustling city with the noises of traffics, large gatherings of people and the populations

will make people feel stressed. Therefore, Li hopes that her videos could help people in the city to relax and experience something nice that can take away their anxieties and stresses.

Popularity makes Li feel a greater sense of responsibility which makes her determine to work harder and do things that are meaningful. For her, “successful” is a heavy word because she is just filming about her life or the life that she wants.

In Islam, Allah SWT reminds us in the Quran to always stay humble. He says: “Do not walk on the earth in a haughty style. You can neither tear the earth apart nor can you match the mountains in height” (17:37). Never believe that we are above anyone and keep a humble spirit even after from nobody to somebody. As Muslims, we are servants that being created to worship Him. He says: “I only created jinn and human beings to worship Me” (51:56). Successful is not the key for us to be arrogant but it is a key for us to help other people or to inspire them.

Li has inspired many people -like me- through her hard work. If I get tired of doing something and want to stop, I will remind myself about her hardworking attitude. With that in mind, I will do my works until they are done. There is no doubt about the fact that we cannot make any progress without effort and hard work. Li is a role model for us to look up to and to motivate us to be a better person.