

THE *Ladder* TO SUCCESS IS REAL

No matter where you are on the ladder to success, there will always be someone above you and someone below you. Here are 5 things to remember as you make your way in country music.

1: Google yourself. If a list of things that you are proud of pops up, then you are A-OK. If you find anything questionable, I encourage you to take it down if you can.

2: Audit your own social media. Remove tags on any photos or posts that you are not comfortable with the world seeing. Once the press starts to take notice of your work, your social media will be the first place they go to pull photos of you.

3: Picture yourself as a child. There will always be a person coming up behind you and you have a responsibility to be a good example for that person. Are you the person that you'd want your younger self to be looking up to? Ask yourself that question frequently.

4: Set a good example: Be the kind of artist that everybody wants to work with. Set a good example so that if and when someone puts their reputation on the line by giving you an opportunity, you never let them down. In fact, you make them look good!

5: Good goes around: Treat others exactly as you would want to be treated and never forget where you came from. That's what keeps you grateful

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