



FREEDOM FROM YOUR FEARS

#4: FREEDOM FROM YOUR FEAR OF FAILURE

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I. WHAT THE FEAR OF FAILURE DOES TO ME

The fear of failure is a thief that...

1. Robs me of time

Time is a resource that is nonrenewable and nontransferable. You cannot store it, slow it up, hold it up, divide it up or give it up. You can't hoard it up or save it for a rainy day—when it's lost it's unrecoverable. When you kill time, remember that it has no resurrection.

A. W. Tozer

2. Robs me of success

If you wait for perfect conditions, you will never get anything done.
Ecclesiastes 4:11 (TLB)

3. Robs me of peace

Unless the LORD builds a house, the work of the builders is wasted. Unless the LORD protects a city, guarding it with sentries will do no good. It is useless for you to work so hard from early morning until late at night, anxiously working for food to eat; for God gives rest to his loved ones.

Psalms 127:1-2 (NLT)

4. Robs me of love

Of all sad words of tongue or pen the saddest are these: it might have been
John Greenleaf Whittier

II. HOW I CAN BE FREE FROM MY FEAR OF FAILURE

1. Realize that everybody fails

There is no one on earth who does what is right all the time and never makes a mistake.
Ecclesiastes 7:20 (TEV)

2. Understand that failure is a necessary part of success

- Failure is how I learn to succeed

Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways.
Proverbs 20:30 (TEV)

- **That is why I must accept responsibility for my mistakes**

A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance.

Proverbs 28:13 (TLB)

Strong people make as many mistakes as weak people. [The] difference is that strong people admit their mistakes, laugh at them, learn from them. That is how they become strong.

Richard J. Needham

- **Every time I fail I am one step closer to success**

You miss 100% of the shots you don't take.
Wayne Gretzky

If you want to double your success rate, double your failure rate
Thomas Watson, President IBM

Even if good people fall seven times, they will get back up.
Proverbs 24:16 (CEV)

[Christians] fall down; they get up. They fall down; they get up...all the way to heaven
Alexander Whyte

3. Stop comparing myself with other people

When they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding.

2 Corinthians 10:12 (ESV)

4. Know that the Lord forgives me when I fail

God is faithful and reliable. If we confess our sins, he forgives them and cleanses us from everything we've done wrong.

1 John 1:9 (GWT)

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Romans 8:28 (NLT)

5. Remember that the Lord will stay with me through my failures

The Lord himself will go ahead of you. He will be with you. He will never leave you. He'll never desert you. So don't be afraid. Don't lose hope.

Deuteronomy 31:8 (NIRV)

God is my partner. How could you ever be afraid if you had a partner like that?
Robert LeTourneau