

Failure ... Not a Four or Even a Seven Letter Word!

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Failure Is ...

Not often talked about in the open, more of a "hush-hush" behind closed doors.

Not something to be ashamed or embarrassed about; we've all done it and we've all experienced it.

Something that is usually swept under the rug ... gossips thrive on it.

Think about it

If we never failed, where would we be?

Probably still on our backs in our own cribs, looking up at the same piece of ceiling for years and years.

What does a baby do when learning to walk by themselves?

Hoist themselves up by holding on to a piece of the sofa, the coffee table, a leg ... get excited because they have done it! Then they let go and fall flat on their diapers!

They may cry a bit, then hoist themselves up and try again, and again, and again.

Remember having a huge book with huge letters in front of you? Did you know immediately what the words meant? No ... we learned to read.

The only way to become better is to take forward steps ... no matter what the outcome, take forward steps!

THE SUCCESS OF FAILURE IS IN TRYING AGAIN

R.H. Macy failed seven times before his store in New York caught on.

Admiral Perry attempted to reach the North Pole 7 times before he succeeded.

Col. Sanders went to over 1100 restaurants before he found one to buy his fried chicken recipe.

Think where this great country would be if Abe Lincoln's first failure stopped him cold! He'd still be chopping logs and we'd be ... ????

Lincoln "Failures" List

He failed as a storekeeper and as a farmer.

He failed in his first attempt to serve as a public official.

When he was elected to the legislature, he failed when he sought the office of speaker.

He failed to be elected to Congress and the US Senate in his first try.

He failed when he sought the position in the US Land Office.

He failed when he ran for Vice President.

Now let's talk about Mr. Edison ...

He was thrown out of school in his early years; his teachers said he could not do the work!

Imagine: it's October 21, 1879. Since September 1878, Mr. Edison has been working to perfect the first electric light bulb.

A young whipper-snapper journalist arrogantly asked him "Mr. Edison ... why do you keep trying to make light by using electricity when you have failed over 6,000 times?"

Mr. Edison tactfully responded "Young man, don't you realize that I have not failed but have successfully discovered 6,000 ways that won't work!" [need to paraphrase]

Failing is a success at something you didn't want, taking another risk and trying again.

You can't let the outside perception of failure squash your inner strength and drive for success. How many times have we quit because we didn't want to fail again? Afraid of what others would say or think of us?

Everything has a price. Failure is the price of success. Failure is the money you pay to learn. And failure is a necessity to grow.

Don't waste your time and thoughts covering up your failures ... if you find yourself not failing, you will find yourself not growing.

Now failing and quitting are two separate actions: quitting is giving up, stopping your attempts and throwing in your hat.

We are obsessed with being Number 1 and getting the big trophy, the gold medal.

Don't forget, Babe Ruth struck out the most times, but also hit the most home runs. What is he known for?

The late great coach Vince Lombardi once said "Winning is the most important thing – it's the only thing!"

Shortly before he died, he wanted to take back the quote, but not the essence. His intention was to get across the effort is the only thing.

When you put forth 100% of your effort and do the very best that you can do, there is no way you can fail. You indeed are a success.

***The more you do
The more you fail.
The more you fail
The more you learn
The more you learn
The better chance you have of succeeding.***

Would you rather try something that's bold, regardless of the outcome?
Or stand still and go with the status quo?

How can you progress if you don't or won't move?

Look at it this way You can try nothing great and succeed

OR

Try something great and not get the result you wanted?

If you don't fail, you're not trying anything new!

Look what came out of failures:

- Kellogg's Corn Flakes, because boiled wheat was left in a baking pan overnight.
- Ivory soap floats because a batch was left in a mixer for too long and a lot of air was whipped into it.

Your subconscious believes whatever it hears from you. If it hears that you are a failure, then you will become a failure.

Your super conscious mind is powerful and is constantly working. What you think about most of the time is exactly what you will get.

Some quotes that have inspired me:

"Many of life's failures are people who did not realize how close they were to success when they gave up" Edison

"That which you can conceive, then believe, you will achieve" Anonymous

"Whether you think you can, or think you can't, you are absolutely right!" Anonymous

"Success is going from failure to failure without the loss of enthusiasm" Anonymous

Become someone's inspiration ... congratulate them on the risk they took and urge them to try again!

"Winning doesn't always mean being first. Winning means you're doing better than you've ever done before." --Bonnie Blair, speed skating gold medalist