

3 Facilitate Your Failures

Every life journey is different because backgrounds, opportunities, personalities, financial resources, skills, talents and thought processes of people are all different. However, there are principles that can help every person answer the vital question: What should I do with my life?

To answer this question, you must facilitate your failures.

“The difference in average and achieving people in life is their perception and response to failure.” —John Maxwell, Failing Forward

It’s a fact that failure is a real and regular part of life.

“Failure is a better teacher than success, but she seldom finds an apple on her desk.”

CONSIDER 7 LIFE LESSONS ON FAILURE

Excerpt from Failing Forward by John Maxwell

1. People think failure is avoidable. It’s not!

“To err is human, to forgive is divine.” —Alexander Pope

For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

2. People think failure is an event. It’s not!

3. People think failure is objective. It’s not!

4. People think failure is the enemy. It’s not!

“When we give ourselves permission to fail, we at the same time give ourselves permission to excel.”
—Eloise Ristad, Musicologist

5. People think failure is irreversible. It’s not!

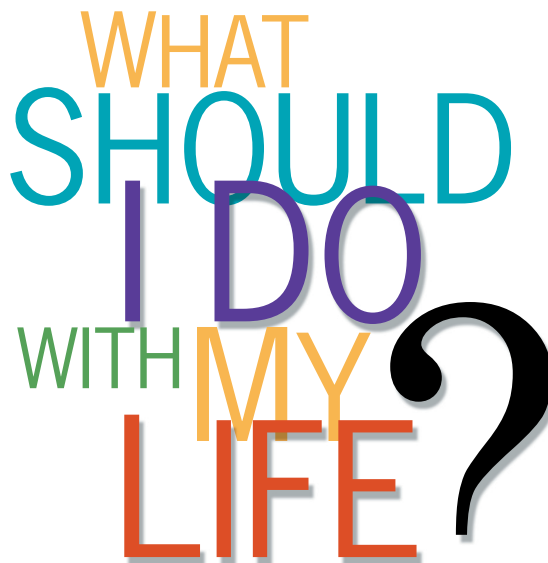
6. People think failure is a stigma. It’s not!

At the Rancho Park Golf Course in Los Angeles, there is a bronze plaque that states: “On Friday, Jan. 6, 1961,

the first day of the 35th L.A. Open, Arnold Palmer, voted the *Golfer of the Year* and *Pro Athlete of the Year*, took a 12 on this hole.”

7. People think failure is final. It’s not!

“There is no doubt in my mind there are many ways to be a winner, but there is really only one way to be a loser and that is to fail and not look beyond the failure.” —Kyle Rote, Jr., Soccer Player



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CONCENTRATE ON LIFE DECISIONS IN FAILURE

• Live with it!

“Failure isn’t so bad if it doesn’t attack the heart. Success is all right if it doesn’t go to the head.”
—Grantland Rice

“A moment of conscious triumph makes one feel that after this nothing will really matter; a moment of realized disaster makes one feel that this is the end of everything. But neither feeling is realistic, for neither event is really what it is felt to be.” —J.I. Packer

• Learn from it!

“The things which hurt, instruct.” —Benjamin Franklin

• Look through it!

CREATE LIFE VISION THROUGH FAILURE

Liquidate your past.

Organize a new life plan.

Open a new file on life growth and development.

Kneel to seek God’s guidance in your life.

3 Strikes, You’re Out!

1. Live only for yourself
2. Withhold love
3. Ignore God

The steps of the godly are directed by the LORD. He delights in every detail of their lives. Psalm 37:23