

THE FEAR OF FAILURE

Joshua 1:5-9

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Q. How can you conquer the fear of failure?

A. By understanding true success.

This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success. Joshua 1:8

1. True success comes when you know God.

*Thus says the Lord, "Let not a wise man boast of his **wisdom**, and let not the mighty man boast of his **might**, let not a rich man boast of his **riches**; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the Lord who exercises lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the Lord. Jeremiah 9:23-24*

2. True success comes when you obey God.

A. Life's greatest discovery is knowing the will of God.

B. Life's greatest success is doing the will of God.

3. True success comes when you use what you've been given.

A. This requires commitment to His Kingdom.

B. This requires a step of faith.

"And I was afraid, and went away and hid your talent in the ground; see, you have what is yours." Matthew 25:25

4. True success comes when you become God's man/woman.

For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:6

And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you. 1 Peter 5:10

A. Temporary failure is involved in this process.

B. Lasting failure comes when you fall and quit.

*For a righteous man falls seven times, and rises again, But the wicked stumble
in time of calamity. Proverbs 24:16*

If you are faithful, you cannot fail.