

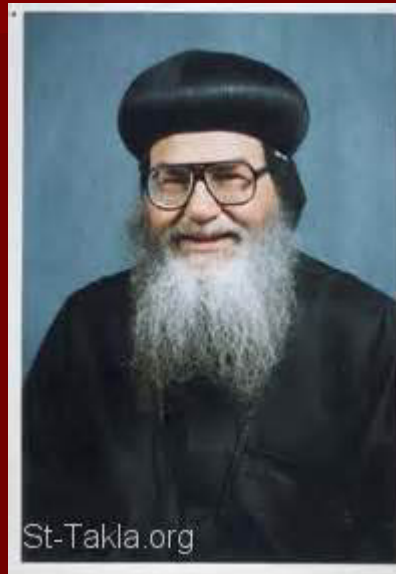
Dealing with Failure

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**Based on the book “Chains of Failure” by
Bishop Moussa, Bishop of the youth.**



**Quote: “If you had failed in any matter in
Life and accepted the situation, then you
have no one to blame but yourself”**

- Failure is inevitable.
- You cannot run from it.
- We fear it. Failure brings back bad memories.
- Not a single person on the face of earth who has not seen failure.
- Looked upon as something which ruins us.
- We hate failure, don't we?

Victim

- If you feel you are a victim of:
 - Society
 - Situation
 - Corruption
 - Prejudicim
 - Hatred
 - Etc....



And you accepted that and continued the days of your life complaining and doing nothing, you have no one to blame but yourself.

Be Honest

1st Step to defeat Failure:

a. Be Honest with yourself:

Realize that the reasons for your failure is within you and not because of outside circumstances.



Surrendering to Circumstance

■ We do not deny outer actions in causing failure ex:

- Methods of parents raising you.
- Hatred by Society
- Prejudices.
- These in your eyes might be the main reason for your failure.

However, the main cause for failure is that you:

1. Surrendered to the situation.
2. Allowed it to control your life.
3. Allowed it to control your mind and fill your heart.
4. Became a slave to the delusion of hopelessness.



Failure in service

If you feel your failure in service is due to: The change of society, the spread of evil, the pressure of the environment then read:

2 Corinthians 11 (23-27)

- ²³ Are they servants of Christ? (I am out of my mind to talk like this.) I am more. I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely, and been exposed to death again and again. ²⁴ Five times I received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. ²⁵ Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was pelted with stones, three times I was shipwrecked, I spent a night and a day in the open sea, ²⁶ I have been constantly on the move. I have been in danger from rivers, in danger from bandits, in danger from my fellow Jews, in danger from Gentiles; in danger in the city, in danger in the country, in danger at sea; and in danger from false believers. ²⁷ I have labored and toiled and have often gone without sleep; I have known hunger and thirst and have often gone without food; I have been cold and naked.

Clouds



Have you ever noticed the Clouds on an overcast day.
It looks Gloomy, dark,
However, If you look at the same Clouds from above they
look



- Our Lord Christ can give us the grace to always look at situations only from above.
 - This is what makes a Christian Special.
 - God allows evil to complete the mission of Goodness.
 - He does not abolish evil, but allows it to complete God's plan in your life.

The book of Lamentations 3:37 says

Who can speak and have it happen if the Lord has not decreed it?

³⁸ Is it not from the mouth of the Most High that both calamities and good things come?

Joseph in the book of Genesis says to his brothers:

²⁰ You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done

Success begins from Failure

- **There is nothing that can harm you if you can use it with the Grace of God.**
- **Ex: A bitter Lemon can be converted into Sweet Lemonade**

Strong Winds can be used to assist
Sail of a boat.



- Many people who faced catastrophe in their lives was the main reason for their Successes.
- If you confess that you have failed, then failure has overcome you, but if you insist that you can overcome failure then you can use it as a tool to succeed.



■ **Stratgies to deal with failure**

- **Find out the reason for failure:**
- **Learn from your mistakes**
- **Make a plan:**
- **Motivate yourself:**

- God does not only aid you in the spiritual life, but also in your studies, work, and social life.
- Don't think that because you are unsuccessful in school or work is because you have an average IQ or blame it on Circumstances.

1642- 1727

He was considered a below average student

His teachers requested his mother to take him

Out of school due to his lack of attention

He insisted to study on his own and succeed.

He became one of the greatest scientists in the
World.

He climbed the ladder of success

He discovered the "Theory of Gravity" at twenty one.

He is Issac Newton



1847- 1931

He was kicked out of school by the principal for Reason of "mental retardation"

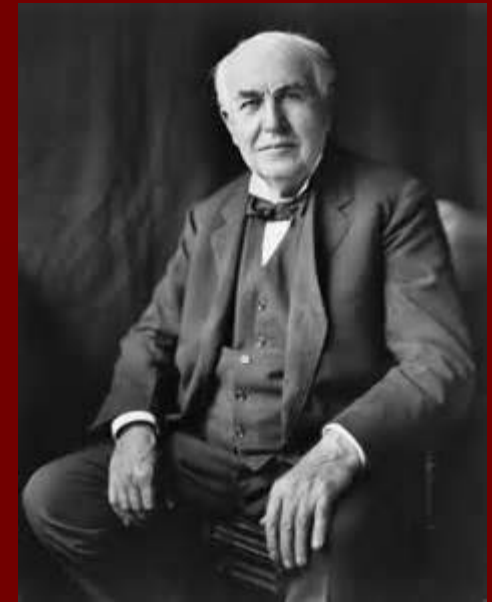
He insisted to convert his failure to success

He excelled in reading and research

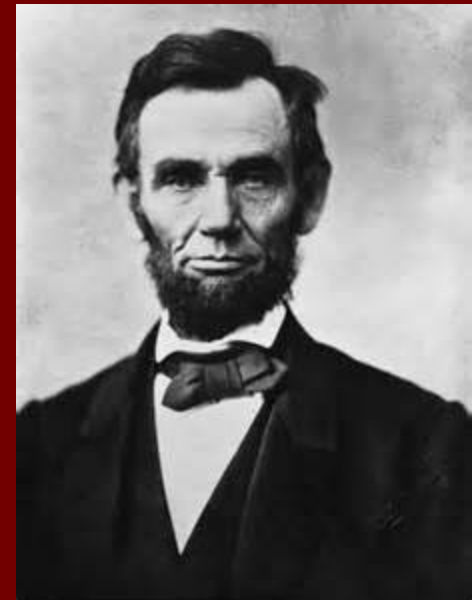
His name is recorded to have over a thousand Inventions.

He is Thomas Edison

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



A man who failed in business at the age of 21;
was defeated in a legislative race at the age of 22; failed again in
business at 24;
overcome death of his fiancée at 26;
had a nervous breakdown at 27;
lost a congressional race at age of 34;
lost a senatorial race at age 45;
elected as the President of the United States at the age of 52!
He was none other than Abraham Lincoln



1770- 1827

Considered greatest musician of all time.



Admired for his work in any language

He was deaf

His best symphony was created when he was deaf

He is Ludwig Van Beethoven

Now if you think you are unlucky in life, and have
Excuses, then look no further than

Hellen Keller

Deaf, Blind, and mute

Only one of those obstacles would have been enough for us to give
up.



- Born in 1968
- Considered a genius and one of the smartest people in the world.
- Holds the world record for the highest IQ in the world.
- Has the most beautiful Voice when he sings.

- He is

