

YOUR FAILURE: GOD'S GRACE

Introduction: The second greatest fear is _____.

• Two things this fear causes:

1. _____

2. _____

THE BIBLE GIVES FOUR ANTIDOTES TO FAILURE

1. REMEMBER _____.

James 3:2 (NIV) "We all stumble in many ways..."

• Three facts of life.

1. You _____ failed many times.

2. You _____ a failure right now in some area.

3. You _____ fail in the future.

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

• When you let go of the image of being _____... then fear of failure lets go of ____!

2. REALIZE IT IS _____.

Proverbs 24:16 (TEV) "No matter how often an honest man fails he always gets up again."

• The fear of failure is more _____ than failure itself.

• Good guys _____!

II Corinthians 4: 8-9 (NIV) [Paul] "We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed."

• Great people are ordinary people with _____ determination.

• Definition of failure: refusing _____.

• Famous failures: George Washington, Napoleon, Babe Ruth, John Priestly, and R. P. Macy.

3. RECOGNIZE THE _____ OF FAILURE.

- Three ways God uses failure in your life.

1. To _____.

Proverbs 28:13 (LB) "A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful."

2. To _____.

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

3. To _____.

Romans 5: 3-4 (LB) "We can rejoice when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us – they... develop strength of character."

- For some people failure makes them _____.
- For some people failure makes them _____.

4. RELAX IN _____.

Psalms 102:14 (TEV) "God knows what we are made of: He remembers that we are dust."

- When we fail, God is not _____.
- Love: God loves you not because of who you are but because of who _____!
- Good news/Bad news:
 - You can't make God love you _____.
 - You can't make God love you _____.
- God's unconditional love is called _____.

Colossians 2:14 (NCV) "God cancelled our debt which listed all the rules we failed to follow. He took away that record with its rules and nailed it to the cross."

- The Christian life...
 1. is not _____ free.
 2. but rather _____ free!
- Your primary witness to the world is how you _____.

CONCLUSION: One failure we need to fear....

Hebrews 12:15(NCV) "Be careful that no one fails to receive God's grace..."