

GOD'S PROMISES TO YOU WHEN YOU'RE AFRAID OF FAILING

God's Amazing Promises
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"I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth. Look, here is your money back." But the master replied, "You wicked and lazy servant! . . . why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it." Then he ordered, "Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten bags of silver. To those who use well what they are given, even more will be given, and they will have an abundance. But from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away." Matthew 25:25-29 (NLT)

HOW CAN I NEUTRALIZE THE FEAR OF FAILURE? 4 Truths to Remember & 4 Steps to Take

1. REMEMBER _____

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

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

2. REMEMBER _____

"For though the righteous falls seven times, they rise again." Proverbs 24:16 (NIV)

"Let's not get tired of doing what is good. At just the right time we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't give up." Galatians 6:9 (NLT)

3. REMEMBER FAILURE IS THE PATH TO SUCCESS IF _____

"A man who refuses to admit his mistakes will never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance." Proverbs 28:13 (TLB)

"These are all warnings . . . written down so that we don't repeat their mistakes. . . We are just as capable of messing it up as they were."

1 Corinthians 10:11 (MSG)

4. REMEMBER THAT NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, GOD'S PROMISES TO _____

"We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, those whom he has called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28 (GNT)

"And now, isn't it wonderful all the ways in which this distress has goaded you closer to God? You're more alive, more concerned, more sensitive, more reverent, more human, more passionate, more responsible. Looked at from any angle, you've come out of this with purity of heart." 2 Corinthians 7:11 (MSG)

5. REFUSE _____

"Should judge his own actions and not compare yourself with others. Then he can be proud for what he himself has done." Galatians 6:4 (NCV)

"We dare to classify or compare ourselves with some of those who are commending themselves. But when they measure themselves by one another and compare themselves with one another, they are without understanding."

2 Corinthians 10:12 (ESV)

6. REDEFINE _____

Failure is NOT: missing a goal, being *unable* to do something

Real Failure IS: not having a goal, being *unwilling to try*

"Without faith it is impossible to please God." Hebrews 11:6 (NIV)

"According to your faith let it be done to you." Matthew 9:29 (NIV)

7. REFOCUS _____

"Where God's love is, there is no fear, because God's perfect love drives out fear." 1 John 4:18 (NCV)

"Love never stops being patient, never stops believing, never stops hoping, never gives up. Love comes to an end." 1 Corinthians 13:7-8 (GW)

8. REPLACE _____

"I have the strength to face all conditions by the power that Christ gives me." Philippians 4:13 (GNT)

"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41:10 (ESV)

"God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline." 2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)

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