

Dealing with failure in life

Text: Daniel 12:10



Hi everybody,

Let me get personal from the very beginning. What are you afraid of? I mean what are you really afraid of? On the top of many people's list, including my very own, is the word failure. In fact, I am scared to death of failure. Is it on your list too? What I am trying to get at is that we all inevitably face failures at some point in life. The question is how do you get back up after you've been knocked down, how do you learn

from your mistakes and move forward in a better direction. The truth is I am not 100% sure myself but I think it has a lot to do with having the right attitude.

The point is when you look back on life's unpleasant events (and we all have our share of those), you can either choose to see what you learned from the ordeal, or you can choose to just see it as a bad experience. When you are able to learn from bad experiences and turn them into something good, you make a major transition in your life. I have come to believe that in every trial, every problem, every difficult situation, God is seeking to teach us something new, he's seeking to take us to a higher place.

Maybe it's a chance to exercise a bolder faith, maybe it's a chance to identify bad behavior that we must abandon, maybe it's an opportunity to practice perseverance, maybe it is time for us to make some drastic changes in our lives and in our relationships. The lesson is always there in difficult situations. We can choose to be purified and made holy or we can just allow ourselves to become hurt and bitter. The prophet Daniel reminds us, *"Many will be purified, cleansed and refined by these trials. But the wicked will continue in their wickedness, and none of them will understand. Only those who are wise will know what it means."* (Daniel 12:10)

Will you allow yourself to be purified and refined by these trials or will you become hurt and bitter?

God bless

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