

## Overcoming Failure

Mark 14:67-72

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Each year we establish goals to achieve. Businesses lay out their goals for the year. Employers have their managers to set goals for the year. We establish personal goals (e.g. lose weight, save money, stop smoking/drinking, more faithful to the church/family, etc.). Then we look back over the year and see what we achieved and often find ourselves saying "well I'll get it done next time". This could lead us to think "I am a failure". We should know just because we fail at something or don't meet our goal doesn't make us a "failure". We should trust God and try again. We must see ourselves as victors.

We can't afford to get stuck in a place where the fear of failure, paralyze you. In fact Brian Tracy says "If you do not do the thing you fear, the fear controls your life." You must see yourself as an overcomer.

A) Let's understand these four things about failure.

- 1) You will make mistakes and others know it. Luke 22:31-32 (KJV, NASB)
- 2) Satan comes to trip you up, but Jesus is praying for you. Rom 8:33-34 (KJV), Hebrews 7:25 (NASB), John 10:10 (KJV, NLT)
- 3) You will think you won't fail. Luke 22:33 (KJV), Mark 14:67-72 (NIV)
- 4) There is success after failure. Acts 2:14-15, 40-41 (KJV)

B) Let's do these things to succeed. Rom 12:2 (NLT), Phil 4:4-9 (NLT); 2 Cor 10:3-6 (NLT), 1 Chr 4:9-10 (NIV)

- 1) Learn from your mistakes and failures – view them as learning opportunities.
- 2) Don't dwell on your failure – forgetting does things that are behind and press forward.
- 3) Don't be afraid to try again – God has not giving you a 'spirit' of fear.
- 4) Surround yourself with positive people who believe in you – who also believe in your vision.
- 5) Change Your Perception – step back and look at your situation from a different angle
- 6) Continue dreaming big – live your dreams and wakeup from your nightmare and leave it.