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## Successful Failures

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Successful - Failures Words.

Int. 6th floor Bap. hosp. at Beaumont given over to teenage psychiatric cases. Why?

Two Main Reasons:

1. The New Morality is destroying their self-respect, self-esteem + self-integrity.
2. America's crass materialism is putting inhuman and unreal pressures on them - which they cannot satisfy. <sup>30 yr. old</sup> <sup>books</sup> <sup>because</sup>

Modern Americans are confused on what true success + failure is.

A. World View:

1. Spectacular show. Brg material! <sup>Promotion</sup>
2. No. of sales - no matter how!
3. Dollars earned - no matter how! <sup>Comm. Ethics.</sup>
4. Beat the competitor - no matter how.

B. Church View. (Burden of young preachers. Quib.)

1. Number of members - no matter ~~what~~ kind.
2. Number of responses - regardless of the tricks. <sup>etc.</sup>
3. Size + beauty of bldgs. - No matter of need.
4. Size of Mission program - Brg data.

Conclusion: all superficial failures parading behind the mask of sophisticated success!

C. God's View of Success and Failure.

1/3 Principles involved. Isa. 55:8-9.

- a. Do the job expected, regardless of results. When completed - job is a success.
- b. Do your very best - all results can. When done best - job is a success.
- c. Keep motives right - best results possible. When kept heart pure - life a success!!

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II Illustration of the Principles.

A. Do the job - regardless of results.

1. Ill. Noah - World's greatest successful failure!
  - a. Results: No conversions. Only kept house!
  - b. Success: Fulfilled his mission. Heb. 11:7.
2. Ill. Danah - World's greatest failure success.
  - a. Saved a city. Nineveh. attitude wrong. Parter.

B. Do your best - regardless of results. (School grades)

1. Ill. 5+ two talent men. Matt. 25:14-23.
  2. Ill. Average American Christian housewife.
    - a. Nothing spectacular or sensational. None expected. Titus 2:4. I Tim. 5:14.
    - b. Nothing grander: happy chr. husband, happy chr. kids. Salt of earth, light of world.
- Ill. Coast Guard: must go out, not comm. Excess...  
To come 1 4

C. Keep your Motives Right. I Cor. 13:1-2.

1. Ill. Paul preached only truth. Acts 20:26-27.
  - a. Asia forsook him. II Tim. 1:15. Poor job?
  - b. Demas, et al, forsook him. II Tim. 4:10. Poor helper?
2. Ill. Jesus brought only truth. John 18:37.
  - a. Trends in religion today due to failure of Christ, Truth or carnal man to handle prosperity? Latter!

Conclusion: When a chr. does his job, do it the best he can and maintains the right spr. attitude he is a success no matter the results.

Q. What has your attitude led you to?  
1. Fast condition. B-R-C-B.  
2. & eliquency? R-P.  
3. Greediness identify.