

Principles *for* GREATNESS

*~Everybody is designed to be a
Super Star*

*Including the stories of over 50 people
who fought their way to greatness!*

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Dedication

*To all candidate of greatness who
want to unleash their potentials for
greatness!*

Acknowledgement

*To everyone who made this piece of work
wonderful!*

*"The desire for
greatness is normal
and divine and if you
don't desire to be
great you are not
normal but denial"*

~Dr. Myles Munroe

*Everybody is
designed to be a
Super Star!*

Preface

There is a belief that super stardom is reserved for some folks; it's for musicians, politicians, preachers, sports men and women, media moguls and speakers. Very few people from other fields show up. The truth of the matter remains; we're all born to shine. Greatness is reserved for each one of us. Condoleezza Rice put it in this way; "Every life is worthy and every life is capable of greatness" Human beings are created with unlimited potentials. The potentials to become whatever they want to be have been installed in their spirits. If you become

less than a superstar in your field, career or business there is no God or ghost to blame. It's up to you to stretch yourself and occupy your area of greatness. If you take deliberate efforts to make yourself a superstar, you will surely get there. With your strong desire, plan for achievements, efforts to make it happen, hardworking, clear vision that gives a sense of direction, unquenchable hunger and force of focus- YOU'RE UNBEATABLE. Prophet Uebert Angel says "When you're at the top, you become a topic". You belong to the top but you can choose to dwell at the bottom. So as you read this book it is my hope that "We shall meet at the top where all successful superstars meet" because this book will ignite your passion for greatness and help you unleash your full potentials for

greatness.

With love!

Shemeji Melayeki -Author

"Some people believe a myth that 'some people are born super spirituals, designed and destined for greatness and others have to remain the mere followers'-I try to fix it in my mind but it spits and nerves refuses. That's why I always want to appear in the front-line doing my things just because of this simple belief everyone is designed to be great and to be less than that is your own limitations and I will never break this mentality until the whole world will understand"

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"Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate. Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure. It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us. We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and fabulous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. You playing small do not serve the world. There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't feel insecure around you. We are all meant to shine, as children do"

Prologue

I want to introduce to you the world of great people. Great people are inspired by achievements. But what keeps them great is the purpose of their greatness. Many people miss the purpose of greatness. You don't become great for the sake of being great. Greatness is a motivator. Greatness comes with responsibilities. In fact greatness is meant for responsibilities. The most important question to ask is "*what will you do when you become great*". You have to fulfill your dreams, serve your people, influence your generation and leave your mark.

As Eric Thomas stated, "At the end of every feeling is nothing. At the end of every

principle is a promise". Follow these principles and get the promise of greatness.

PART ONE:

CONCEPTS

The Concept of Success

Here is one of the best definitions of success I ever found as defined by leadership guru John C. Maxwell¹ as knowing your purpose in life growing to reach your full potential and sowing seeds that benefit others.

In the book *Principles of Growth* the author introduced success in this way: “there is no destination in success; we grow from success to success, glory to glory, grace to grace, faith to faith, victory to victory, triumphs to triumphs, and conquering one battle after another”. This means, if you see success as a destination you will be frustrated every moment you accomplish

something. Success shouldn't be a destination. It's continual growth. I have never been motivated with my past achievements. The only things that motivate me are the things ahead of me and not my past achievement. Human beings are created with unlimited potentials. When you have achieved one thing the need for more comes into

place.

Therefore
success is a
journey.

*"Unless you
define success
by yourself, you
won't be able
to see your
own*

In one of my
interviews with a radio presenter Tony Kapola², on one of his radio programs posed a shocking question to me in Success segment of his P&W program. This is what

he said, "*are you successful?*" I was young, just finished my first degree, no book, no job, and some other sorts of stuffs that people consider as success. I jumped into the answer YES. And he asked how and with what. I replied "I am successful because right now, I'm doing things I wanted to do in life and still improving unto them". I thought I didn't answer it right and from there I wanted to know what success is. Then I came to know that success is growing in all areas of your life on the purpose. Goals that have to be achieved don't shutter the existence of purpose in your life. You set goals to achieve your purpose. Then, it's only death that determines how much you have achieved and its legacy that show the impact of your success. Therefore, keep growing until death. If you you're not

growing, you might have been stuck or on wrong field or not aiming to succeed or having a poor definition of success as a destination.

Note that; the measures of success differ from one person to another. The main reason is: each one of us is uniquely created to serve and fulfill a certain unique purpose.

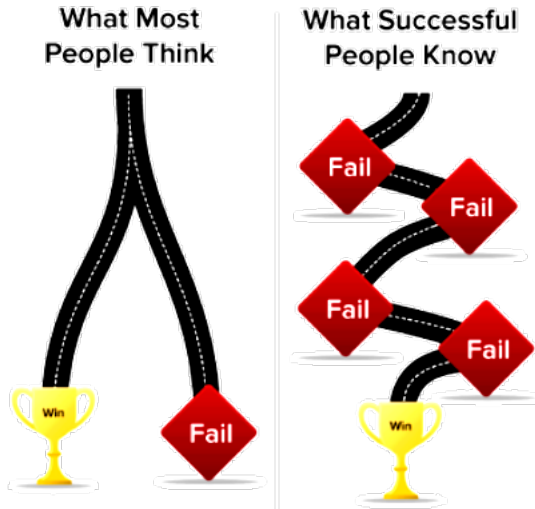
The Concept of Failure

Let me begin with a person who understood failure Thomas Edison³, he said, “I have not failed 700 times. I have not failed once. I have succeeded in proving that those 700 ways will not work. When I have eliminated the ways that will not work, I will find the way that will work.” I think this was the driving force that helped him in the invention

of light bulb. Failure is success if we learn from it.

Failure and success is the product of attitude. If you click on the wrong button and respond came negative it is the sign of direction that tells you press the other button. Then why do we call it failure? It's because what we expected didn't appear. Only that. Actually what we see are the red lights telling us three main things *stop, or wait, or take the other way*. Is that sound like failure? See the diagram below.

Figure 1: Different Attitudes on Failure



Source: Unknown

Jim Rohn in his book *The Five Major Pieces to the Life Puzzle* insisted "One way to learn to do something *right* is to do something *wrong*. We learn from failure as well as success. Failure must teach us, or surely success will not reward us. Past failures and errors must

prompt us to amend current conduct, or the present and the future will be little more than a duplicate of the past". Therefore failure equals success. If success doesn't have to stop you; failure likewise. See how these gurus were challenged by failures and they never stopped.

Wesley Rejected extract from John Wesley's Journal.

- Sunday morning, May 5 -Preached in St. Ann's; was asked not to come back any more.
- Sunday afternoon, May 5- Preached at St. John's; deacons said, 'Get out and stay out.'
- Sunday morning, May 12 -Preached at St. Jude's; can't go back there either.

- Sunday afternoon, May 12-Preached at St. George's; kicked out again.
- Sunday morning, May 19- Preached at St. Somebody Else's; deacons called a special meeting and said I couldn't return.
- Sunday afternoon, May 19-Preached on the street; kicked off the street.
- Sunday morning, May 26- Preached out in a meadow; chased out of meadow when a bull was turned loose during the service.
- Sunday morning, June 2-Preached out at the edge of town; kicked off the highway.
- Sunday afternoon, June 2-Afternoon service, preached in pasture; 10,000 people came."

John Wesley was constantly being rejected but he kept going. There is no really created thing that can stop you to achieve your greatest purpose in life. It wasn't there; it isn't there and will never be. Rejections are like seeds, keep planting them. Take them positive and keep going. I discovered the *law of spring*. The law of spring states that, "When you're pressed much in life, you'll rise high when you're released given that you're adversity doesn't kill you". The more you get rejected the hungrier you become on what you want to achieve.

A list of Abraham Lincoln's Failures:

- Lost job, 1832
- Defeated for legislature, 1832
- Failed in business, 1833

- Elected to legislature, 1834
- Sweetheart (Ann Rutledge) died, 1835
- Had nervous breakdown, 1836
- Defeated for Speaker, 1838
- Defeated for nomination for Congress, 1843
- Elected to Congress, 1846
- Lost renomination, 1848
- Rejected for Land Officer, 1849
- Defeated for Senate, 1854
- Defeated for nomination for Vice-President, 1856
- Again defeated for Senate, 1858
- Elected President, 1860

Abraham Lincoln once said “Far better is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs even though you get challenged by failures;

than to take rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows neither victory nor defeat"

People who get knocked down in life have aims higher achievements. You cannot be knocked down if you are not trying to rise up high. If you don't want to be knocked down, sleep horizontally and you'll never live your life to the fullest. A person who knows that they have something important to achieve in life are not shackled by fear. In fact, failure tells them that they are up for something useful for life. They know that paths without obstacles don't lead to anywhere important. C. S. Lewis said "The safest road to hell is a gradual one-the gentle slope, soft under foot, without sudden turnings, without milestones, without sign posts" and Lord

Kelvin added “when you’re to face with a difficulty, you’re up against a discovery”. I can confidently say failure was created to motivate you in an equal manner that success does and not to stop you.

Michael Jordan is among of the people who perceived failure equals success and he said “I have missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I have lost almost 300 games. On 26 occasions I have been entrusted to take the game winning shot, and I missed. I have failed over and over and over again in my life. And that is why I succeed.”

Let me finish with the story narrated by the famous author of many epistles in bible specifically 2 Corinthians 11:23-28, Paul previously known as Saul of Tarsus about his afflictions and his greatness. He said, “Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a

fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.” This man did not consider all these stuffs but the care of all the churches.

¹ John Calvin Maxwell is an author, speaker, and pastor who has written more than 60 books, primarily focusing on leadership.

² Tony Kapola is an overseer and a pastor at Insight for Impact Ministries International.

³ Thomas Alva Edison was an American inventor and businessman. He developed many devices that greatly influenced life around the world, including the phonograph, the motion picture camera, and a long-lasting, practical electric light bulb.