

God's Promises And My Failures
#SermonFailures
God's Promises For The New Year Part 4
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Matthew 25:24-29 Then the servant with one talent came and said, "Master... ²⁵ I was afraid I would lose your money, so I hid it in the earth..." ²⁶ But the master replied, "You wicked and lazy servant!... ²⁷ why didn't you deposit my money in the bank? At least I could have gotten some interest on it." ²⁸ Then he ordered, "Take the money from this servant, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ 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." (NLT)

Five Promises To Remember About Failures

1. REMEMBER EVERYONE FAILS

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

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

2. REMEMBER NO FAILURE IS FINAL

Proverbs 24:16a Though a righteous man falls seven times, he risers again... (NIV)

Galatians 6:9 Let us not get tired of doing what is right, for after a while we will reap a harvest of blessing if we don't get discouraged and give up. (LB)

3. REMEMBER THE BENEFITS OF FAILURE

Proverbs 20:30 Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways. (TEV)

Romans 5:3-4 We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they are good for us--they help us learn to be patient. ⁴And patience develops strength of character in us and helps us trust God more each time we use it until finally our hope and faith are strong and steady. (LB)

2 Corinthians 7:11 Look at all the ways in which your distress has goaded you closer to God! You're more alive, more concerned, more sensitive, more reverent, more human, more passionate and more responsible... (MSG)

4. REMEMBER GOD LOVES YOU

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

1 Corinthians 13:8a Love never fails!... (CEV)

5. REMEMBER GOD CAN FORGIVE ANY FAILURE

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

1 John 1:8-9 If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (NIV)

Colossians 2:14 He canceled the debt, which listed all the rules we failed to follow. He took away that record with its rules and nailed it to the cross. (NCV)

Hebrews 12:15a Be careful that no one fails to receive God's grace... (NCV)