

“Addicted To Failure”

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Jeremiah 29:11 (KJV)

“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.”

Galatians 6:4-5 (NLT)

“Pay careful attention to your own work, for then you will get the satisfaction of a job well done, and you won’t need to compare yourself to anyone else. ⁵ For we are each responsible for our own conduct.”

“Addiction”: “A self-destructive expression of the desire to avoid or suppress pain.”

Proverbs 24:16 (KJV)

“For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.”

Romans 5:3-5 (ESV)

“Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.”

Psalms 119:71 (KJV)

“It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.”

Psalms 119:71 (MSG)

“My troubles turned out all for the best—they forced me to learn from your textbook.”

Signs that serve as warnings that you may be on the path to constant failure:

1. If you are addicted to the approval of others, you’re on the way to constant failure.
 - a. If you value the opinions of others more than God’s Word.
2. You entertain yourself instead of educating yourself.
 - a. You don’t continue to grow or improve yourself.
 - b. You spend more time on entertainment than to invest in yourself.
3. You blame others for your circumstances.
 - a. You refuse to take 100% responsibility for your own life.
4. You are afraid of making mistakes so you don’t try.
 - a. You play it safe.
5. You stay in unhealthy relationships.
6. You’re addicted to drama.

7. You spend time with people who are going nowhere.
 - a. There's a difference between spending time with people to try to get them to be right with God and spending time with people who don't share your values.
8. You are careless with money.
 - a. You don't tithe or support the Kingdom.
 - b. You overspend your money.
 - c. You think you have to have or that you deserve.
9. You don't have set goals.
10. You think successful people just got lucky instead of working hard.