



Tips and Techniques

Rising Above Failure

Scripture Verse: *I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.* (Philippians 4:13 KJV)

Grades: 5-12

Background: At one time or another a student will experience failure. It is what they do following this failure that is critical to future success. Although failure may be evident in a young person's life, they can rise above any failure. God's Word speaks out against failure. Consider the following:

Eph. 2:10 . . . His workmanship....created for good works.
Ps 119:99 . . . greater understanding than teachers.
Rom. 8:37 . . . can do all things
Joshua 1:8 . . . have good success
Acts 17:11 . . . readiness of mind
Deu. 28:13 . . . head and not the tail
2 Cor. 15:57 . . . causes us to triumph
James 1:24 . . . be perfect . . . wanting nothing
Ps 1:1-3 . . . whatsoever he does shall prosper
Ps 84:11 . . . no good thing (grades) will He withhold
Ps 23:1 . . . I shall not want
Isaiah 54:14 . . . far from oppression
1 John 2:20 . . . you know all things
I Cor. 1:30,31 . . . made unto us wisdom
Rom. 5:17 . . . reign in life
Eph. 3:20 . . . do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask
3 John 2 . . . Beloved, I wish above all that you may prosper

Thus, regardless of the reason for failure (lack of study, depression, anxiety, problems in the family, learning disabilities, truancy, chronic illness) God's Word gives encouragement as you can see in the Scriptures above. Part of the job of the Holy Spirit in the life of a young person is to lead and guide them through failure and to actions they need to take to avoid future failure. It might be as simple as, "You need to study more and not spend so much time on your phone."

Spend time with Him in prayer and allow Him to guide.

Revelation 3:8, *"I know your works. Because you have limited strength, have kept My word, and have not denied My name, look, I have placed before you an open door that no one is able to close."* (Holman Christian Standard Bible)

Psalm 40:2-3. *"He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord."* (English Standard Bible)

Psalm 37:23-24, *"The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and he delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the Lord upholdeth him with his hand."* (KJV)