



Restoring Things In 2018 Series

Failure

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- **Failure occurs when we do not reach a set goal or standard. But biblically we are all born into failure and shaped in the sin or past failures of others. *Psa. 51:5 Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.***
- **As a result, most of us are born victims of someone else's past failures and issues. Life does not afford us the luxury of being born without overcoming hardships. *Rom. 3:10 As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:***
- **The failures of others will create challenges for you. Though the challenges may be tough and perilous at times, the expectation for all men remains the same: to overcome. *John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.***



- **Adam's sin introduced sin into mankind. As a result of his past failure, all men will fail. *Rom. 5:19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.***
- **We should never hate people because of their failure toward us, but should view them as the catalyst that brought truth to us. The errors of others should always motivate us to do better. *2Cor. 7:10 For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.***
- **When we blame others for our own personal failures, we limit the grace that we need to forgive ourselves and move on from failure. In other words, when we consider others as failures, we raise our own personal blame level. *Eccl. 7:20 For there is not a just man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not.***



- **Focusing on the failures of others can cause us to be overly analytical with ourselves and this can create fear in our minds and hearts. We cannot move forward for over scrutinizing things and becoming anxious when big decisions have to be made. *Phil. 4:6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.***
- **When we deem others as failures, we are usually struggling with feelings of failure in our own minds and hearts. This makes us avoid faith moves and faith tests because we have already predicted the outcome. *James 1:6 But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed.***
- **In order to truly break the failure cycle, we must first sever the blame that we have attached to others. Once we give others a pass, the same pass will work for us. *Mark 11:25 And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.***

**Forgiving
someone doesn't
give them a free
pass. It gives you
a free pass to
move on.**

SUMMARY

Today, Millennials and Generation Z are taught by their parents, peers, social media, and their music that they are entitled. The first step in entitlement is believing that you are owed something because of the lack that you grew up with. Because you did not have the benefit of having a father and mother in the home, having the luxuries that others have, or because you had to sell drugs to survive, you deserve a voice and an audience or entourage. The failure of others is a check that you should be able to deposit in the bank of life and get paid. One danger of the entitlement mentality is that it causes you to seek the life of someone else and you never really seek to find your own life. Your existence is a reflection of something you saw someone else have and you will continue to mimic that. The failure of not achieving it will continue to haunt you and make you feel worthless. This worthlessness will persist because of the blame you assess to others and the unattainable goal you set for yourself.

Forgiveness is God's way for us to deal with other's shortcomings. When we forgive others, we do not feel entitled but we feel merciful. Mercy gives us the opportunity to forgive ourselves when we error and feel the pain of those we have wronged. Empathy erases entitlement. When we feel low and feel the pain of others, we fight to not fail them or ourselves. Empathy puts us in position where we do not covet what others have, rather we are thankful for them and we thank God for what we have and who we are. But feelings of entitlement turn people into what they have and all we see is what we want and not who they really are. Entitlement amplifies failure and results in substance abuse, addictions, and self-hatred. These vices are the wages of our own covetousness fueled by our distorted perception because someone failed us. We must forgive and replace entitlement with empathy so we can truly love one another.

1Tim. 6:8 And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.

1Tim. 6:9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

1Tim. 6:10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

1Tim. 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.