

# Fear, Inc.

## *Destroying the Fear of Failure*

*“And **if you faithfully obey** the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, **the LORD your God will set you high above** all the nations of the earth. And **all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you**, if you obey the voice of the LORD your God. Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb and the fruit of your ground and the fruit of your cattle, the increase of your herds and the young of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl...” **Deuteronomy 28:1-14***

### I. Introduction

### II. Key Questions to Consider

- ✓ What would you attempt to do if you weren't afraid of failing?
- ✓ What are the things that you learned from past failures?
- ✓ Do you realize that there is a key difference between failing and being a failure?

### III. Facts to Remember In Learning How to Fail Successfully

1. Our attitude \_\_\_\_\_ failure determines our altitude \_\_\_\_\_ failure

*“A merry or cheerful heart is good medicine, but a crushed spirit dries up the bones.” **Proverbs 17:22***

- o 40% of all Europeans live in a constant state of fear
- o 38% of Chinese citizens (and Asians) live in a constant state of fear
- o 30% of Americans live in a constant state of fear

*“Experience is not what happens to you. Experience is what you do with what happens to you!”*

2. We must acknowledge that failure is \_\_\_\_\_ in life.

*“For though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again, but the wicked stumble when calamity strikes.” **Proverbs 24:16***

*“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.”---Michael Jordan*

3. We must appreciate that failure can serve as a \_\_\_\_\_

Experts say, ask yourself these key questions immediately after failure:

- o What caused the failure—myself, someone else, or the situation?
- o Was it truly a failure—or did I just simply fall short?
- o What did I learn from this situation?

- o How can I grow as a person from this experience?
- o What are my three positive takeaways from this situation?
- o Going forward, who can best help me with this issue?
- o Where do/can I go from here?

*"Failure is simply the opportunity to begin again, this time more intelligently." ---Henry Ford*

*"I have not failed; I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."---Thomas Edison*

**4. We must understand that degrees of \_\_\_\_\_ will be necessary in life.**

*"Then David said to Solomon his son, "Be strong and courageous and do it. Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed, for the Lord God, even my God, is with you. He will not leave you or forsake you, until all the work for the service of the house of the Lord is finished." I Chronicles 28:20*

*"By faith Noah, when warned about things not yet seen, in holy fear built an ark to save his family. By his faith he condemned the world and became heir of the righteousness that is in keeping with faith. By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going." Hebrews 11:7-8*

**When surveyed, 9 out of 10 non-churchgoing unbelievers said that if someone that they trusted asked them, they would agree to go to church. However, less than 5% of Christians ever act on this reality!**

**In sales, the average is 9 "no's" before there comes a "yes!"**

***"Go out on a limb. That's where the fruit is." -- Jimmy Carter***

***"Life is being on the wire, everything else is just waiting. -- Karl Wallenda***

**5. In life's ventures, our level of \_\_\_\_\_ usually determines our level of \_\_\_\_\_** *"But there are some things that you cannot be sure of. **You must take a chance**. If you wait for perfect weather, you will never plant your seeds. If you are afraid that every cloud will bring rain, you will never harvest your crops...So begin planting early in the morning, and don't stop working until evening. You don't know what might make you rich. Maybe everything you do will be successful." Ecclesiastes 11:4-6 (Easy-to-Read Version)*

*"Again, the Kingdom of God is like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents of money, to another two talents, and to another one talent, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received the five talents went at once and put his money to work and gained five more. So also, the one with the two talents gained two more. But the man who had received the one talent went off, dug a hole in the*

ground and hid his master's money...The Master was angry and said, 'Take the talent from him and give it to the one who has the ten talents. **For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.**'

Matthew 25:14-18; 28-29

*"I can accept failure, everyone fails at something. But I can't accept not trying."*

---Michael Jordan

6. Always try your best to identify the \_\_\_\_\_ for your successes and failures, and strive to learn from them.

*"Intelligent people are **always ready to learn**. Their ears are open for knowledge and new ideas."*

Proverbs 18:15

7. We must believe, trust that be confident in knowing that God \_\_\_\_\_ **"Lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand."** Psalm 121:1-8

*"Jesus looked hard at them and said, "No chance at all if you think you can pull it off yourself. Every chance in the world **if you trust God to do it.**" Matthew 19:26*

*"For You will light my lamp; the LORD my God will enlighten my darkness. **For by You I can run through a troop, and by my God I can leap over a wall.**" Psalm 18:28-29*

*"**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.** Therefore we will not fear, even though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; though its waters roar and be troubled, and though the mountains shake with its swelling." Psalm 46:1-3*

## **ANSWER KEY:**

1. CONCERNING----FOLLOWING
2. INEVITABLE
3. GREAT TEACHER
4. RISK TAKING
5. RISK----REWARD
6. KEY REASONS
7. WILL HELP US