

MISTAKES: STUMBLING BLOCK OR STEPPING STONE

How to make the most out of our mistakes

1. Stop _____ mistakes.

What are mistakes?

M _____ that gives us feedback about life.

I _____ that should cause us to reflect and think.

S _____ that directs us to the right path.

T _____ that are designed to make us mature.

A _____ that keeps us mentally in the game.

K _____ that we try when unlocking the next door of opportunity.

E _____ that allows us to journey where we have never been before.

S _____ about our development and progress.

2. Don't make the biggest mistake of all: doing _____

- *"You miss 100% of the shots you never take." Wayne Gretzky*
- Matthew 25:14-30
- *"The fellow who never makes a mistake takes his orders from the one who does."*

3. _____ from the mistakes of others.

- *"Learn from the mistakes of others, you can never live long enough to make them all yourself."*
- *To **impress** others, tell them about your _____ and how you achieve them.*
- *To **impact** others, tell them about your _____ and how you fixed them. (these are 2 completely different worlds)*

4. Focus on _____ not mistakes.

- *"He who makes no mistakes makes no progress." Teddy Roosevelt*
- *"A mistake at least proves that somebody stopped talking long enough to do something." unknown.*
- *"The person who is incapable of making a mistake is incapable of anything." Abraham Lincoln.*

5. Focus on the _____

- *Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, Philippians 3:13*

6. Don't make the same mistake _____.

- "When you make a mistake, there are only three things you should ever do about it: 1) admit it 2) learn from it 3) don't repeat it"
Coach Paul "Bear" Bryant
- Dr. William Mayo said, "Lord, deliver me from the man who never makes a mistake, and also from the man who makes the same mistake twice."

7. Remember that the size of the person, not the size of his mistakes, determines _____ or failure.

- *"A big man is not one who makes no mistakes, but one who is bigger than any mistakes he makes."* unknown
- We must be big enough to admit our mistakes, smart enough to profit from them, and strong enough to correct them.

8. _____ your mistakes and respond accordingly

- When you make a mistake, sit down and evaluate them. Forget your mistakes but remember what they taught you.
 - **Five questions to ask yourself about each mistake.**
 - 1. What was the mistake?** (*It all starts identifying the mistake*)
 - 2. Why did I make it?** Ask what made me make this mistake? Unless you answer these 1st two correctly the others won't matter.
 - 3. How can I fix this mistake?**
 - 4. What did I learn from this mistake?**
 - 5. How can I teach this to someone else?**
- *What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.*
Philippians 4:9

9. Use your mistakes to take yourself to a _____

- The goal is you want to grow from your mistakes.
- "Our attitude toward our mistakes will determine our attitude after our mistakes."
 - If we have the right attitude towards mistakes they will have the ability to take us to a higher level. They can be a stumbling block or a stepping stone.

LET'S STEP UP TO A HIGHER LEVEL AND LEARN FROM OUR MISTAKES!

ANSWER KEY: FEARING, MESSAGES, INTERRUPTIONS, SIGN POSTS, TESTS,
AWAKENINGS, KEYS, EXPLORERS, STATEMENTS, NOTHING, LEARN
SUCSESSES, MISTAKES, PROGRESS, FUTURE, TWICE, SUCCESS, EVALUATE,
HIGHER LEVEL.