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“How to Attack Failure”

Text: Matthew 26:31-75

Quite often the absence of immediate success is the mark of a genuine call.

You can avoid the entire miserable experience altogether if you learn to attack failure before it attacks you. Failure always overtakes those who have the power to do, without the w_____ to act. We must learn to attack failure.

There are many different types of red flags (conflicts) in marriage that boundaries must be set.

- #1 Sin of One Spouse
- #2 Immaturity of One Person
- #3 Hurt Feelings That Are No One's Fault
- #4 Conflicting Desires
- #5 Desire of One Person versus the Needs of the Relationship

Three ways that you can attack failure:

#1 Never say n_____.

Putting too much faith in yourself, in your own moral superiority, in your own courage, and in your own intestinal fortitude, having the attitude of “it can never happen to me”---is a recipe for disaster. Ref: 1st Cor. 10:12

We need approach each day knowing that we live by the grace of God, and our s_____ is found only in Him.

#2 Tell Your Body Who Is B_____

If we allow bad habits, inappropriate behavior, or unacceptable practices to go unchecked, we will be inviting further destruction in our lives. When we exercise the d_____ needed to stop and change our damaging behavior, we will erect a fence of protection and will prevent further erosion.

When we become undisciplined, when we become lazy, we open the door to failure in our lives.

That kind of “If-it-feels-good-I-will-do-it-and –when it-doesn’t-feel-good- I- won’t-bother” mentality puts us on the fast track to moral failure.

We’ve got to get beyond the idea that everything we do in the spiritual life has to be accompanied by g_____ f_____.

Let me tell you something about worship, prayer, Bible study, ministry, holiness, and obedience. Sometimes when you do these things, they come with a wave of emotion and sometimes they don’t. Sometimes it’s easy and sometimes it isn’t. Ref: 1st Cor. 9:27

#3 Think and Think Again Before You Act

Peter was acting on impulse. He went from being over_____, to being un_____, to being im_____.

Living a spiritually disciplined life helps us to avoid impulsive behavior.