

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU FAIL

1. REMEMBER, FAILURE IS COMMON.
2. RECOGNIZE FAILURE HAS CONSEQUENCES.

Failure isn't FINAL until you quit.

3. REALIZE FAILURE HAS BENEFITS.
 - God uses failure to EDUCATE me.
 - God uses failure to MOTIVATE me.
 - God uses failure to CULTIVATE me.
4. REST IN GOD'S GRACE.

HOW TO BREAK THE GRIP OF HABITUAL SIN.

1. CHECK YOUR FAITH.

"Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine." (2 Corinthians 13:5a, NLT)

- New **HEART**

"And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart." (Ezekiel 36:26, NLT)

- New **HUNGER**

"The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires..." (Galatians 5:17, NLT)

- New **HOME**

"Now you are no longer strangers to God...but you are members of God's very own family...and you belong in God's household with every other Christian." (Ephesians 2:19, The Living Bible)

“...I am writing these things to you [so that] you will know how to live in the family of God. That family is the church of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth.” (1 Timothy 3:14-15, NCV)

2. ELIMINATE ALL NEGATIVE INFLUENCERS.

“...bad company corrupts good character.” (1 Corinthians 15:33b, NLT)

“Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction?” (Amos 3:3, NLT)

3. CHANGE YOUR BELIEFS.

4.

“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think...” (Romans 12:2, NLT)

“I love to do God’s will so far as my new nature is concerned; but there is something else deep within me, in my lower nature, that is at war with my mind and wins the fight and makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. In my mind I want to be God’s willing servant, but instead I find myself still enslaved to sin.” (Romans 7:22–23, The Living Bible)

5. GET HELP.

“Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.” (Ecclesiastes 4:9–10, NLT)

NEXT STEPS

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