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## You are Born to Succeed, Not to Fail

We are born to succeed, not to fail. This dictum is true upto the hilt and edge. If we persevere in our endeavours with the utmost tenacity and sincerity of purpose coupled with zeal and enthusiasm, success will certainly come. If we somehow fail, it should not be construed that failure has come to us for all time. Infact, temporary failures are a stepping stone to ultimate success. Hard work combined with self-confidence and inner faith and belief in the Almighty leads to success we crave for. When failures come, be calm and cool and analyse where you have gone wrong; whether there has been some slip or sloth on your part during your endeavours. Think positively that you will succeed, for the idea of success deeply ingrained in your unconscious mind will ensure your success. Therefore, it is necessary and imperative for us to instill the idea of success firmly in our unconscious minds through positive thinking. Sometimes temporary failures lead to grander and more glittering successes. Successful persons in the world failed a number of times in their striving, but they continued with relentless tenacity to persevere in their efforts. And lo ! at last the goddess of success came their way. Abraham Lincoln failed more than a dozen times in several other vocations before he was elected as the President of America. Thomas Alva Edison's tale of success tells the same thing. He failed hundreds of times, but ultimately he gave to humanity inventions which have given so many comforts to mankind. We did achieve independence through innumerable rounds of struggles and sacrifices. If we had stopped our efforts after a few of our failures, independence would never have come. So come, awake, arise and persistently endeavour to knock at the gate of victory with an unflinching faith and tenacity of purpose, and win the favours of the goddess of success. Certainly you are born to succeed, not to fail.

"Success is the realisation of the estimate you place upon yourself."

—Albert Herbert

"Only those fall in the battlefield who mount on the horse. The child has no occasion to fall as he/she moves on knees."

The way to the Everest was full of hazards. It consumed many a life. But the mountaineer in man did not accept failure, and was successful to reach the top at long last. In the words of Edwin C. Bliss—"Success doesn't mean the absence of failures; it means the attainment of ultimate objective. It means winning the war, not every battle.

And this is what exactly happened in the second world war. Germany in the initial stages, won many battles, but England won the war. Why ? Her Prime Minister Winston Churchill, in spite of many reverses, pursued the goal of success until the time success actually came to him.

So never say 'die', rise as many times as you fall and you are bound to succeed. Do remember—success is the old ABD—"ability, breaks and courage."

The freedom of Bharat was not won in a day or for a song. It had to be fought for about a hundred years, and innumerable valuable lives had to be sacrificed at the altar of goddess of Freedom, let aside the pains and pangs of those who spent many years in prisons. For example, Pt. Jawahar

Lal Nehru did spend 14 years—the best part of his life, behind the prison bars of the British Government. But he was always full of enthusiasm and hope and never showed any despair or dejection. In a press conference, he uttered these valuable words, which might be inspiring to our young readers—"Success often comes to those who dare and act, it seldom goes to the timid who are ever afraid of consequences." Another thinker Joseph C. Pearce went a step further to say that "to lead a creative life, we must lose the fear of being wrong." As a matter of fact, perseverance and bulldog like tenacity are the secrets of success. Helen Keller was very much talking of practical life when he said, "we can do anything we want to do if we stick to it long enough." Joseph Addison, a man of wisdom also said, "If you wish success in life, make perseverance your bosom friend, experience your wise counsellor, caution your elder brother and hope your guardian genius."