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## Avoid Speed Breakers on the Road to Success

Robert Browning in his poem 'Rabbi Ben Ezra' said : "Grow old along with me ! The best is yet to be." 'The best is yet to be' strikes a note of optimism, a succinct message of hope. The poet means to say that rise and fall are the order of life, but they are not the end of life; there are still opportunities galore which you have to seize to garner success in life. The feelings of despair, despondency and disappointment should not be allowed to become speed breakers on the road to success. They should be replaced by radiant feelings of hope and optimism, of cheerfulness and of an equanimity of mind. Treat pleasures and pain, gain and loss, praise or blame, success or failure alike, which certainly only a man blessed with an equanimity of mind and evenness of temper in the face of positive and negative circumstances can do. It is certainly very difficult. But Lord Krishna says in the Bhagwat Gita that equanimity of mind can be developed with practice (अभ्यासेन). We are human beings created by God in the image of Himself and enlivened by the divine fire. Therefore, this most difficult aim can be achieved. Life is a complex mix of contradictory things, positive as well as negative. We have to accept this fact. Therefore it is imperative for us to overcome the negative forces of life. Depair, fear, sloth, fatalism, and temporary failures should not obstruct our path to success. These speed breakers should be dealt with with a strong will and firm determination and the urge to move on with faith in oneself and in the divine order of the universe. Success will certainly come our way. It can be delayed but not stopped. What we have to do is to have a positive trend of thinking. Rest assured, you will be blessed with success some day or the other. It is well said that "there is always a light at the end of the tunnel and it may seem hard to get to it but you can do it and just keep working towards it and you will find positive side of things." The best is yet to be.

We generally meet two classes of people. Some people appear to be happy and gay always, while others present sorrowful and funereal looks. The former are always full of hope and optimism, while the latter are always dejected and pessimist. They always think that they will meet success nowhere and their no work will be done. The optimistic person is always full of hope and enthusiasm for his work; he always feels light in his life. The dejected person does not want to take up any work. According to him his work will not be completed. He always worships darkness and hopelessness in life. The optimistic person sees a ray of light and hope even in darkness. He knows that hope is immortal. His labours never go waste.

The person who starts work with hope and determination, gets means and ways to complete it and new horizons get opened before him and the path of progress is always open before him. If some difficulties and obstructions come in the way, he gives them a fight with full force because hope continuously inspires him to reach the goal. Even when he does not meet success, he looks at it as a passing phase and does not give up hope. He knows that only he falls who rides a horse. He gets up and again and rides the horse. For fear of falling if the riding of the horse is

abandoned and for fear of death if life is not lived then what would be the plight of the human society, which can be easily imagined.

In the modern times the fight for Indian freedom is a glaring example of undying hope and getting victory in the end. The fight for Indian freedom was suppressed many times and often appeared to be a failure. But the freedom fighters always remained devoted to their cause and were always hopeful of getting to the goal. In the end victory smiled on them and Bharat became a free country.