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You are Destined to Succeed

Shakespeare in his immortal work 'Hamlet' says : "What a piece of work is man, how noble in reason, how infinite in faculty, in form and moving how express and admirable, in action how like an angel, in apprehension how like a god, the beauty of the world, the paragon of animals." This quote from one of the greatest playwrights/poets of the world abundantly shows how man possesses tremendous potential of climbing the zenith of achievements, achievements which defy even the human imagination. God has bestowed on man immense powers of mind, heart and spirit and therefore there is no reason why he should not succeed. We are made for success, for greatness and for high accomplishments. But the tragedy is that our potential, our capabilities and capacities remain unexplored, untapped, under-utilized or even unutilized. The result is that we fail and flounder and curse our fate. Temporary failures shouldn't disappoint or dishearten us, for they are the veritable stepping stones which may catapult us to the lofty heights of success and achievement. Relentless pursuit of the goal, undying positive attitude and dedicated effort buttressed by perseverance and persistence, and leavened by faith in God and in our own striving, can work wonders and lead us to success. Certainly we shall succeed sooner or later if we don't allow despair, dejection and pessimism to take hold of us. Tales of success of great persons of the world amply prove that we are made for success, and we are destined to succeed if we continue in our tireless endeavour, unflinching optimism and high standards of moral rectitude.

Davis cup semifinal match was being played in Sydney—Australia, between Ram Nath Krishnan of Bharat and John Caughe of Germany. Krishnan was down by two sets and 2-5 in the third set. Caughe was ready to serve the match point. Anyhow, Krishnan saved that point and deuce was called. It so happened that from that point on, Krishnan got his touch and he made it final and ultimately won the final set. The result was most unexpected and almost unbelievable. Krishnan received a standing ovation from the crowd.

On the occasion of the prize distribution Krishnan, when interviewed by one of the members of the organising committee, said, "I always believe that no match or race is not lost, unless won. That stood me in good stead and when I was able to save the match point, I became sure to prolong the fight. Gradually, confidence came to me and I got what I least expected." When asked to give some message to the budding players, he said with a smile—Never say 'die'.

Caughe, when interviewed was almost in tears. His reply was simple—When deuce was called, I apprehended defeat and I developed nerves. As the tussle prolonged, I lost confidence and that made me lose grip on the game. My advice to the youngsters is : never think of defeat, have confidence in yourself believing that I have come to win. Never say 'die'.

The above is one of the many examples when defeat is turned into victory, and victory into defeat. It all depends on how much one feels confident of oneself. The old adage 'as you think, so you become', is still true and will continue to be so for all times.

One whose mind is overwhelmed by defeat or who develops a defeat complex, will find it very difficult to taste the fruits of victory. We enter a fight or take part in a competition to succeed. Then why not always think of success. If unsuccessful, another effort ought to be made. Try again and again until you succeed—this lesson we learnt in our lower classes from the story—'The King and the Spider'. This lesson, we can learn from the lives of those who have been successful in life. They never gave up the fight sitting dejected cursing their destiny. At this point we may give the example of Abraham Lincoln. He had failed more than a dozen times in different vocations in life before he was elected as President of America. The hard fact of life is—if success is to come, it will come only through efforts. But without making an effort, there are no chances of achieving success.