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Failure Is the Key to Success

In this world, we strive to give everything our all. Be it in the workplace striving to make a living for our families, or even simple tasks such as getting a high grade on a test; we are set after accomplishing those duties with little to no mistakes. Yet when mistakes are made, it is human tendency to react negatively and to treat them as failure. Instead of seeing them as failure, they should be looked upon the other way. For failure is the key to success. No one is perfect in life, and they will always make mistakes; however instead of seeing them as failure, they should be seen as an opportunity for amelioration and advancement.

Take a second to visualize in your mind the significant accomplishments and advancements that have transformed the world. The personal computer, telephone, and lightbulb are just some of them for instance. What went into making these visions a reality? A determined individual who went through countless difficulties and mistakes to make that happen. J.K. Rowling, the author of the world-renowned Harry Potter series, was turned down by over 10 publishers. Walt Disney was rejected by an editor for having a “lack of imagination.” He later went on to pioneer the animation world, as well as become one of the most beloved imagination icons of all time. Success is never easy, and you are bound to make mistakes and experience failure. Nevertheless, these such people accepted it and utilized it to innovate even further.

However in contrast, one may say that making mistakes in turn actually negatively affects us. That it triggers one to become frustrated, ultimately giving up. That can be true at times, but one must learn how to handle these mistakes. It is all about perspective; the way you see a situation can ultimately impact its outcome. Instead of dreading over the poor test grade you received on your Physics test, observe the mistakes you made and learn from them. By learning from them, you will set yourself up on the path to improvement.

Ultimately one is bound to fail at some point. No matter what you do in life, you will face failure. For even the greatest pioneers of the world have encountered failure. Yet what set them apart? They knew how to accept it and use it to push themselves forward. Next time you find yourself in a difficult situation, look at how it can help you. Never give up, no matter how hard it gets. If you want something, fight for it; always persevere, no matter how hard things may get. For failure is the key to success.