

“Fear Of The Present”

INTRODUCTION: There’s no need to fear the FUTURE, the PAST,
or the PRESENT.

- Everybody wants to be SUCCESSFUL ... no one wants to FAIL.
- This “*drive for success*” can cause us the FEAR of being a FAILURE.

1.- What It Does To You

- 1 It Makes You Indecisive – Afraid of WRONG decisions.
- 2 It Makes you A Workaholic – Feeling guilty when not WORKING.
- 2 It Makes You A Perfectionist – If not PERFECT, you’ve FAILED.

2.- How To Overcome

- 1 Recognize That Everybody Fails – Ecclesiastes 7:20
 - Nobody is PERFECT, except God.
 - We like to point out the faults of OTHERS – Luke 6:41
 - We need to “*forgive and forget*”, like God – Romans 3:23
- 1 Recognize That Failure Isn’t Fatal
 - The FEAR of failure is worse than failure itself.
 - When you do fail, the GET UP! – Prov. 24:16, **2 Cor. 4:8-9,14**
- 2 Recognize The Benefits Of Failure
 - Failure can be a POSITIVE experience.
 - It can EDUCATE you – You won’t want to make the same mistake.
 - It can MOTIVATE you – God may SPANK you – Heb. 12:6
 - It can BUILD YOUR CHARACTER – **Romans 5:3-4**
 - Failure will make you SENSITIVE to the mistakes of others.
- 3 Recognize God’s Grace
 - God LOVES you, even when you make mistakes – Ps. 103:14
 - God’s love is UNCONDITIONAL – It depends on who HE IS,
not on who YOU ARE.
 - We should REACT to other’s failures with GRACE.

CONCLUSION:

- God will never fail you – 1 John 4:18 ... He is gracious – John 3:16
- The only FAILURE is one who doesn’t trust Christ as Savior.