

**George Bernard Shaw:**

A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable but more useful than a life spent in doing nothing.

My reputation grows with every failure.

**Clarence the Angel:** from the movie “It's a Wonderful Life”:

Remember, no man is a failure who has friends.

**Laurence J. Peter:**

There are two kinds of failures: those who thought and never did, and those who did and never thought.

**Michael Jordan:**

I've missed more than 9,000 shots in my career. I've lost almost 300 games. 26 times I've been trusted to take the game winning shot and missed. I've failed over and over and over again in my life and that is why I succeed.

**Mohandas K. Gandhi:**

Freedom is not worth having if it does not connote freedom to err.

**Oscar Wilde:**

Experience is simply the name we give our mistakes.

**Peter Drucker:**

There is nothing so useless as doing efficiently that which should not be done at all.

**Ralph Ellison:**

Life is to be lived, not controlled, and humanity is won by continuing to play in face of certain defeat.

**Robert F. Kennedy:**

Only those who dare to fail greatly can ever achieve greatly.

**Benjamin Franklin:**

“I didn't fail the test, I just found 100 ways to do it wrong”.

**Thomas Alva Edison:** (obviously stole this one too)

“I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work.”

**William Saroyan:**

Good people are good because they've come to wisdom through failure. We get very little wisdom from success, you know.

**Winston Churchill:**

Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm.

**Truman Capote:** (1924-1984)

Failure is the condiment that gives success its flavor.

A failure is a man who has blundered, but is not able to cash in on the experience.

**--Elbert Hubbard**

The secret of success is knowing whom to blame for your failure.

**E.L. Kersten**

Trying is the first step towards failure

**--Homer Simpson**

If you want to increase your success rate, double your failure rate.

**--Thomas Watson, Sr** - Founder of IBM

Excuses are the nails used to build a house of failure

**--Unknown**

**Andrew Grove**, Founder of Intel:

Success breeds complacency. Complacency breeds failure. Only the paranoid survive.

**Ken Lay:**

The collapse of Enron and the subsequent collapse of Arthur Andersen were tremendous tragedies. But as I stated at the time of my indictment on July 8, 2004, failure does not equate to a crime.

**Steve Martin:**

I'm 48. For a while after 'The Jerk' (movie) I had a feeling of failure. I was a little scared. First people discover you and they love you. You get big and then you fail. And people are glad that you fail. But I've always come back and I've started to trust myself.

If we don't succeed, we run the risk of failure.

**Anonymous**, (often attributed to Dan Quayle)

If at first you don't succeed, find out if the loser gets anything.

**Bill Lyon**

It is not enough to succeed. Others must fail.

**Gore Vidal** (1925 - )

If at first you don't succeed, failure may be your style.

**Quentin Crisp**

A minute's success pays the failure of years.

**Robert Browning** (1812 - 1889)

Try again. Fail again. Fail better.

**Samuel Beckett**

One must be a god to be able to tell successes from failures without making a mistake.

**Anton Pavlovich Chekhov**

In a world flagrant with the failures of civilization, what is there particularly immortal about our own?

**G.K. Chesterton**

There are defeats more triumphant than victories.

**Michel de Montaigne**

No man is a failure who is enjoying life.

**William Feather**

There is much to be said for failure. It is more interesting than success.

**Max Beerbohm**, Mainly on the Air, 1946

Nothing fails like success because we don't learn from it. We learn only from failure.

**Kenneth Boudling**

There is no success like failure and failure is no success at all.

**Bob Dylan**

The men who try to do something and fail are infinitely better than those who try to do nothing and succeed.

**Lloyd Jones**

Destiny. A tyrant's authority for crime and a fool's excuse for failure.

**Ambrose Bierce** 1842-1914, American Author, "The Devil's Dictionary"

"Failure is not an option."

~ From the movie, Apollo 13

Every strike brings me closer to the next home run.

**Babe Ruth**, 1895-1948, American Baseball Player

"A man's life is interesting primarily when he has failed -- I well know. For it's a sign that he tried to surpass himself."

**Georges Clemenceau**

"Our greatest glory is not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."  
**Confucius**

"He's no failure. He's not dead yet."  
~ **William Lloyd George**

"He was a self-made man who owed his lack of success to nobody."  
**Joseph Heller**

"I would sooner fail than not be among the greatest."  
~ **John Keats**

"The great question is not whether you have failed, but whether you are content with failure."

**Chinese Proverb**

"My great concern is not whether you have failed, but whether you are content with your failure."

**Abraham Lincoln** (might have stolen this one)

"Anyone seen on a bus after age thirty has been a failure in life."  
~ **Duchess Loelia**

"Those who have failed miserably are often the first to see God's formula for success."  
**Erwin W. Lutzer**

"The world itself is pregnant with failure, is the perfect manifestation of imperfection, of the consciousness of failure."

**Henry Miller**

"Everyone pushes a falling fence."  
**Chinese Proverb**

"Who has never tasted what is bitter does not know what is sweet."  
**German Proverb**

"Show me a good and gracious loser and I'll show you a failure."  
**Knute Rockne**, 1888 - 1931 American Football Coach for Notre Dame University.  
Also said: "Win one for the Gipper".