

Daily Devotion For May 26, 2021

The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delights in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down: for the LORD upholds him with His hand." Psalm 37:23-24

Yesterday I was listening to an interview with Bob Meyer's the General Manager of the Golden State Warriors. He was giving a year-end review of the 2020-21 season and assessing what it would take for the Warriors to be successful in the upcoming season.

No one likes to lose and especially for a team that has enjoyed so much success the past few seasons. Although I would not call missing the NBA Playoffs for the past two seasons a failure, the way the season ended was not a pleasant feeling. It isn't enjoyable to lose a job, see a relationship falter, or fail a test. But the disappointment we feel when we face defeat can be turned to joy if we look at it the right way!

Thomas Edison was busy working in his laboratory at 2 o'clock one morning when an assistant came into the room and noticed that the inventor was smiling broadly. "Have you solved the problem?" he asked. "No," replied Edison, "that experiment didn't work at all. Now I can start over again." Edison could have such a confident attitude because he knew that the road to success is often paved with disappointments that serve to extend the road — not to block it. Each failure brought him a little closer to success.

Living a life of victory is not about being perfect — because we are human — and will always make mistakes. The key is learning how to get up after we have fallen. It's natural to make mistakes — but it's supernatural to learn from those mistakes and move forward!

Thought For Today: What lessons have you learned from your past "failures" or mistakes. Have they allowed you to grow and achieve greater success?

Today's Prayer Focus: Thank God that He is the God of second chances. That failure is not final. That we can learn from our mistakes. Take time to review the updated prayer fuel. Deo Volente.