

Overcoming Failure, Pt. 2

Why Many Fail as Christians



EPIC FAIL

Review from Part 1

Last week, we examined failure:

- Compared the examples of Peter and Judas
 - Peter was not afraid to fail, learned from his experiences, sought forgiveness, and grew
- Paul's boasted only in his weaknesses/failures.
- Like Paul, we all have “thorns in the flesh” that allow us to be tested and overcome.
- Through Christ, we can prevail against our failures.

What Qualifies a Spiritual Epic Fail?



EPIC FAIL
you almost made it through

- We can overcome failures as Christians with repentance and improvement.
- But some Christians drop out or give up, regardless of intent.
- Turning away from the Lord or leaving the faith puts one's soul in grave danger.

Why Do Christians Fail?

The chief cause of failure in life is sacrificing what we want the most for what we want at the moment.

The hour we lose this weekend was the one when I was planning to go to the gym.



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Why Do Christians Fail?

- We neglect our study and duties (2 Tim. 2:15; 1 Tim. 4:13; Eph. 5:17)
- We forget what we heard (Jam. 1:24-25; Mt. 7:24-27)
- We are unprepared for temptation (Gal. 6:1; 1 Cor. 10:13)
- We fail to be watchful (Mt. 26:41; 1 Pet. 5:8)
- We are indifferent (Rev. 3:1-16; 2 Pet. 1:10)
- We conform to the world (Rom. 12:2; 2 Pet. 2:20)

How Can We Avoid or Defeat These Failures?

- Exercise our faith to make it stronger (2 Pet. 1:5-7)
- Be prompt in our obedience (Acts 22:16)
- Be diligent in prayer (1 Ths. 5:17)
- Devote ourselves to our mission as Christians (1 Tim. 4:15)
- Help each other (Gal. 6:2)

