

What Motivates me More..... Failure or Success?

When we fall flat on our face, do we stay down or get up back up. Here is a great example. I remember the day that I first rode my bike without training wheels. My dad pushed me down our street and let go. I was so excited and rode my bike all the way down our street. However when I turned the corner, I fell down and scraped my knee all up. I got right back on my bike and rode all afternoon. Did the initial success of riding my bike motivate me to keep riding my bike that day or did the failure of falling turning the corner motivate me? Tough question? I would say that both the success and failure of that experience motivated me equally.

We all fail at something in our lives. In fact, failure is a big part of our lives. It could be something major or very minor. It could be daily or weekly. Through experiencing our failures, we can appreciate and celebrate our successes. Failures actually help us grow, learn, be sympathetic, kind, and ultimately succeed. I like the motto "If you don't succeed at first, you must try and try again." This definitely motivates me.

So now that we know that we can not succeed without failing first, I must say that succeeding feels amazing. It's like getting your delicious fortune cookie after finishing your orange chicken plate at Panda Express, winning the national football team trophy, getting an A+ on a test, or getting a hole in one on a golf course. All of those positive outcomes, awards, and successes motivate me as well.

In conclusion, I would say that I am equally motivated by both failure and success. My hope would be that my success would overcome the failures along the way. I know I'm not perfect. I learn from my mistakes and failures to work on becoming successful. When I do something successfully, I cherish the great feeling and all the hard work it took. Then I will try it again, but hopefully make it better next time. Some people might disagree and say that people are motivated by success because they might see those rich people driving a Ferrari, private jet, yacht, or wearing a Rolex. I disagree with them and say that I am motivated equally from failure and success (but success is way more fun)!

Whenever I'm about to try something new, I'm 100% focused. If I don't get it on the first try, that doesn't get me down. In fact, it makes me want to succeed and try even harder. If I don't get it, I just keep going! I always rise to the challenge with each failure. I am more motivated if I don't get a skill down on the first try. If I'm successful after trying something new just once, I don't find as much enjoyment. As Thomas H. Palmer persists in his famous quote always try, try again. It makes the victory so much sweeter!

If At First You Don't Succeed, Try, Try Again

They say without failure you can not succeed. Failure is what motivates me. There are times when my parents and I look at my grades on Infinite Campus and I see a grade has dropped. I know where I want to be in my grades, so I look at the lower grade and know I have to try harder to bring it up. When I play sports, like FNL or soccer, and I miss a play or goal it motivates me to practice more and try harder for my team. I will always try my best in school and sports, but if I fail it is motivation for me to try even harder. I know other kids may say success motivates them, but failure motivates me more.

Do you ever think about when you fail it makes you want to try harder? In my case, it doesn't. Even though I know it should motivate me, sometimes it bums me out and makes me want to give up. I thank God though that I have great parents to be there for me when I am feeling down and feel like a failure. They are always there for me when I am in need of assistance. This will instill in me to never give up when I am feeling down.

The things my parents have taught me and will continue to teach me is to never give up. I hope to continue to have this in all my endeavors. With this knowledge it will turn failures into success which leads to positivity.