

**IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO START OVER**  
**Encouraging Words From God's Word - Part 3 of 6**

**Job 17:11** "My days have passed, my plans are shattered, and so are the desires of my heart."

**I. POSSIBLE CAUSES FOR FAILURE**

**1. WE FAIL WHEN WE \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Proverbs 27:12 (LB)** "A sensible man watches for problems ahead and prepares to meet them. The simple-minded never looks, and suffers the consequences."

**Proverbs 16:9** "We ought to make our plans counting on God to direct us."

**2. WE FAIL WHEN WE \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Proverbs 18:18** "Pride leads to destruction and arrogance to downfall."

**Proverbs 15:22** "Plans fail for lack of counsel, but with many advisers they succeed."

**3. WE FAIL WHEN WE \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Proverbs 25:29 (LB)** "Fear of man is a dangerous trap; but to trust in God means safety."

**4. WE FAIL WHEN WE \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Proverbs 15:19 (LB)** "A lazy fellow has trouble all through life."

**5. WE FAIL WHEN WE \_\_\_\_\_.**

**Proverbs 14:12** "There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death."

## II. HOW TO GET A FRESH START IN LIFE

1. \_\_\_\_\_ FOR YOUR OWN FAILURE.

**Proverbs 28:13 (LB)** "A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance."

2. \_\_\_\_\_ AND START REPENTING.

**2 Corinthians 7:10 (GN)** "The sadness that is used by God brings a change of heart that leads to salvation -- and there is no regret in that! But worldly sadness causes death."

3. \_\_\_\_\_ AND FOCUS ON THE FUTURE.

**Philippians 3:13-14** "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

4. \_\_\_\_\_ WORK IT ALL OUT.

**Romans 8:28 (Ph)** "We know that to those who love God, who are called according to His Plan, everything that happens fits into a pattern for good."

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (Ph)** "For if a man is in Christ, he becomes a new person altogether -- the past is finished and gone, everything has become fresh and new!"

**Joel 2:25** "I will restore the years the locusts have eaten away."

**Isaiah 61:1** "I will restore beauty for ashes."