

# **Never Give Up!**

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Some of the most successful people in history experienced significant setbacks as they followed their dreams, but instead of being discouraged and defeated, they refused to give up. Henry Ford was an entrepreneur who tried and failed five times at business until he finally invented the automobile and became a financial success. Walt Disney actually had to go through bankruptcy several times in the process of building Disneyland. The famous minister, John Wesley encountered many difficulties and opposition as he preached the Gospel but refused to give up, and eventually saw hundreds of thousands of souls come to the Lord as a result of his ministry. We may fail at one thing or at several things, but that does not make us a failure. The truth is, we are never a failure unless we give up.

If you face opposition to your dream and calling and want to give up, there are some radical adjustments you must make in your thinking that will strengthen you so that you will not quit. Here are three things to consider, as you make these adjustments.

- 1) There is always “a way.” When the devil says, “There’s no way,” or when people say, “This will never happen,” it is easy to become discouraged. But the truth is, there is always “a way” because Jesus is “The Way,” (John 14:6). Even the prophet, Isaiah said that God would make a way in the wilderness (Isaiah 43:19). It may not be easy, convenient, or happen quickly, but if you will simply “keep on keeping on” and refuse to quit, you will accomplish what God has put in your heart.
- 2) Consistency is key. If you want to make progress in any area of your life, you need to keep doing the right thing over a period of time. In fact, that is what consistency means. Someone said that the greatest testimony we can have is “I’m still here.” The Apostle Paul finished what he was called to do even though he had ample opportunities to quit. But he declared to Timothy, “I have finished my course, I have kept the faith.”
- 3) We have authority over Satan. Jesus said, “Behold I give you power (authority) to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you” (Luke 10:19). We are to use the Word of God and the Name of Jesus as our authority as we drive the devil and his cohorts out of our lives and our affairs. We must take responsibility to speak to the devil and drive away the evil forces that hinder our lives and what God has called us to do. The Bible says that as we resist the devil, he will flee from us. We must stand our ground.

One of the primary reasons people give up is that they *try* things, they don’t succeed, and then *feel* like a failure. The truth is, we are never a failure unless we give up.