

# **“Are You a Failure?”**

## **Psm. 73:26**

### Introduction

- I. All Christians have done things in their pasts that they regret.
- II. There is a saying that goes something like this: “We often let our past failures haunt us, our present failures torment us, and our future failures worry us.”
- III. Regardless of our pasts, we do not have to be “failures”.

### Discussion

- I. Learn to trust in God's love and forgiveness.
  - A. Jesus died specifically for each of us (Rom. 5:8).
  - B. The blood of Christ cleanses us from all of our past sins (Rom. 5:9).
  - C. God pities us (Psm. 103:13).
- II. Do not let the past continue in the present.
  - A. We can never become what we need to be if we allow our pasts to keep us down.
  - B. We make the choices of what we think and do (Phil. 3:13; 4:8; Psm. 1:1-2).
- III. Do what we can with what we have instead of complaining about what we do not have.
  - A. We should not be concerned with trying to keep up with others (Gal. 6:4; cf. 2 Cor. 8:12).
  - B. If we are constantly concerned with other people we can develop a superiority or inferiority complex.
- IV. Do not allow yourself to quit!
  - A. There is a difference in failing periodically and being a failure.
  - B. Never forget that you are a “super winner” (Rom. 8:37).
  - C. You are not wasting your time and effort (1 Cor. 15:58).
- V. Be willing to learn from past mistakes.
  - A. It is not a weakness to admit when you are wrong.
  - B. It is a godly man that repents and changes his life (2 Cor. 7:10; cf. John Mark [Acts 13:13; 15:37-39; 2 Tim. 4:1]).

### Conclusion

- I. No person in Christ is a true failure (Rom. 6:3-6)!
- II. No person outside of Christ is a true success.