

# **BREAKING THE PATTERNS OF FAILURE**

## **FOREWORD**

Looking at the vexing subject of failure, I believe there's need for a balanced, scriptural treatment, which Pastor Olawanle has undertaken to do in this work. Countless folks attempt to succeed without knowing how. They engage in what the Scripture describes as "*the labour of the foolish*" which "*wearieth every one of them, because (they) know not how to go to the city*" [Ecclesiastes 10:15].

Naturally, no one likes to fail, yet it is a disturbing reality that many do, and possibly die a failure, not essentially because of laziness or want of hard work, but for lack of scriptural principles that lead to good success: And Christians are not left out here! True, salvation is the most important spiritual experience in life, but it goes beyond that. A person can be truly born-again, and yet nurse a quiet desperation for success without achieving it, if he or she is ignorant of how to break the shackles of failure. The author has attempted in this book to take a holistic look at failure with a compelling desire to help such folks break the jinx.

Pastor Olawanle is a success story in his world, going by his testimonies in the book. Aside being a man of God, I suppose his life-story which he presents in an engaging style gives him added insight into dealing with this subject.

Written in modest narrative, the work is a blend of the spiritual as well as the secular. Spiritual because he alludes to and quotes copiously from the Bible – what he calls his 'favourite book'. His profuse deployment of relevant scriptures adds legitimacy to his claims. It is also secular because it is motivational; it challenges the reader to shake-off the 'curse' of failure. Even people who claim to have succeeded will find the work very inspirational.

I commend the book to everyone – Christians and non-Christians alike – dissatisfied with blind struggles, but intent on turning their life around for good. I believe this scripture-laced work will lead you out of the woods.

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