

**Success and Failure.**

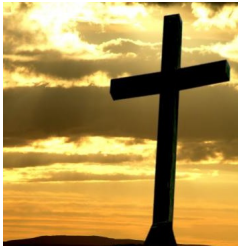
**Have you ever noticed:**

1. How often our apparent successes, for which we have striven might and main, have proved, when attained, to be no success at all?
2. How often our apparent failures, which we have dreaded, with all our soul, have proved to be God's successes?

**Have you ever noticed:**

1. How often the shallow world dubs real success as failure?
2. How often the hypocrite world, having condemned a work as a failure, when in the end that work succeeds, will flatter it as its own?

3. How often the world, when its own work has failed, will blame another and never itself?



**God's ways are not our ways.  
Indeed they are often the very opposite.**

*'Unless a seed falling into the ground die,  
Itself remaineth alone;  
But if it die  
It bringeth forth much fruit.'*

*'He that shall lose his life for my sake  
Shall find it.'*

*'He humbled himself  
Made obedient unto death  
Even to the death of the cross.  
On which account God hath exalted him  
And hath given him a name  
That is above every name.'*

(Alban Goodier S.J.)