



3 WAYS TO FAIL AND SUCCEED AT EVERYTHING IN LIFE

3 WAYS TO FAIL

1. Blame others for your problems
2. Complain about everything
3. Not be grateful





3 WAYS TO SUCCEED

1. Take
responsibility

2. Encourage
everyone

3. Be thankful

BLAME OTHERS FOR YOUR PROBLEMS

1) Anger

I wouldn't lose my temper if my co-workers were easier to get along with, or if my kids behaved better, or if my spouse were more considerate.

2) Impatience

I would be a very patient person if it weren't for traffic jams and long lines in the grocery store.

3) Self-Pity

I'll never be happy, because my marriage/family/job/ministry is so difficult.

4) Selfishness

I would be more generous if we had more money.

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

- ▶ The story of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30)
- ▶ We see the responsibility from the two servants who doubled their talents
- ▶ We see the the servant who buried his one talent make excuses

COMPLAIN ABOUT EVERYTHING

- ▶ Numbers 11- the people complained to Moses
- ▶ They complained about the journey they were on
- ▶ God was displeased with their complaining



ENCOURAGE EVERYONE

- ▶ 1 Thessalonians 5:11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.
- ▶ Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.
- ▶ 1 Peter 4:8-10 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's grace

NOT BE GRATEFUL / BE THANKFUL

- ▶ Jesus cleanses the lepers in Luke 17:11-19
- ▶ One of the ten returned to thank Jesus
- ▶ He is told that his faith has made him well (or saved him in some manuscripts)

3 WAYS TO SUCCEED IN LIFE

- ▶ Take responsibility
- ▶ Encourage everyone
- ▶ Be thankful

