

*Falling down won't make you a failure  
- staying down will*

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Imagine we were walking together on our way to church. Suppose I tripped on something in the way and fell down. Although I did not hurt myself much, my pride is wounded and I am embarrassed. You attempt to help but, continuing to lie where I fell, I finally convince you to go on without me.

The following week, on your way to church again, you see me still lying where I had fallen. A bit weaker and dirty from the experience, I recount the tragedy of my failure to you. "I tried, gave it my best, but I couldn't even walk to church." What would be your advice? Get up! Falling down doesn't make you a failure but staying down will.

*Prayer for Today*

God, teach me to see myself through Your eyes. I am Your child, learning to walk and trying to run the race of this life. Help me to avoid failure, especially when I have fallen and just need to get back up, brush myself off, and try again. Thank you, Lord.

*Scriptures for Today*

Psalms 37:23 The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD, and He delighteth in his way. Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the LORD upholdeth him with His hand. (KJV)

Proverbs 24:16 For a righteous man may fall seven times And rise again, But the wicked shall fall by calamity. (NKJV)