

# “Failure or Setback”

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“**Failure or Setback**”. Which is it? Well, this depends upon your perspective.

“**Failure**” defined:

An act or instance of failing or proving unsuccessful; lack of success. A person or thing that proves unsuccessful.

“**Setback**” defined:

A check to progress; a reverse or defeat.

Therefore, the same event can be viewed by two people who, having different perspectives, will declare the thing a *Failure (defeat)* and a *Setback (a check to progress)*. The person who believes the overall goal is no longer attainable will be the one declaring the event a *Failure*. The other person who still sees the goal as fully attainable will declare the same event a mere *Setback*.

People who experience lots of setbacks may eventually arrive at the door of failure. Those rarely experiencing setbacks may never experience failure. Somewhere in between these two extremes we find the best mature leaders. It may be impossible to fully enjoy the thrill of success unless you have at least once known the agony of defeat.