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We can measure success in two different ways. One is the very rare kind that comes to a man who has the power to do what no one else has the power to do. But, the average man who wins success is not a genius. He is one who has the ordinary qualities that we all possess, but has taken these qualities and has developed them to a higher level. Look at Lincoln, who ran for public office seven times and was defeated every time. And yet he went on and was elected President of the United States. Edison, who struggled through thousands of experiments ,before he developed the invention that he’s noted for. Ed Gibson, who failed first and fourth grades yet went on to become one of our astronauts. What did each of these men and countless others, have in common? They believed in themselves. They were positive in their thoughts. Self-trust,in the first secret of success. No special gimmicks or programs, only belief that you can succeed.

We all can look back through our lives and recall those times in our lives when we were ready to give up. We all know how difficult it is to trust your own judgment, when we experience these overwhelming obstacles. But, if we are able to maintain that clear picture of what we as men and Masons are called to do, we will be unstoppable.

Remember, if it is to be---it is truly up to me.

Fraternally,

Bob