

The Failure List

Einstein was 4 years old before he could speak.

Isaac Newton did poorly in grade school and was considered “unpromising.”

Beethoven’s music teacher once said of him, “As a composer, he is hopeless.”

When Thomas Edison was a youngster, his teacher told him he was too stupid to learn anything. He was counseled to go into a field where he might succeed by virtue of his pleasant personality.

F. W. Woolworth got a job in a dry goods store when he was 21, but his employer would not permit him to wait on customers because he “didn’t have enough sense to close a sale.”

Michael Jordan was cut from his high school basketball team. Boston Celtics Hall of Famer Bob Cousy suffered the same fate.

A newspaper editor fired Walt Disney because he “lacked imagination and he had no good ideas.”

Winston Churchill failed sixth grade and had to repeat it because he did not complete his tests that were required for promotion.

Babe Ruth struck out 1,300 times – a major league record at the time.

A person may make mistakes, but isn’t a failure until he or she starts blaming someone else. We must believe in ourselves, and somewhere along the road of life we must meet someone who sees greatness in us, expects it from us and lets us know it. It is the golden key to success.