

SWEET IS THE FRUIT OF ADVERSITY

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The hard bitter fruit of adversity has a soft core called opportunity. Adversities are an inherent part of life. Through his persistence, man can turn the tide of time in his favour and rise from the ashes of shattered dreams to pinnacle.

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Trapped in the circle of adversity and Prosperity, motivated by unwavering faith and sheer determination, man is the only master of his destiny. Ups and downs are an inherent part of life and one needs to develop an optimistic approach towards life. The fruit of one's labour is always sweet. The hard bitter fruit of adversity has a soft core called opportunity. Through his persistence, man can turn the tide of time in his favour and rise from ashes of shattered dreams to pinnacle.

Adversity, like a fire, moulds and shape man into his finest form. By going through difficulties of life man learns valuable lesson. Time, indeed, is the biggest teacher. Problems are a part and parcel of life. One cannot expect to live without difficulties and setbacks. Those among us who are courageous enough to pursue their goals relentlessly will surely achieve them one day.

To put simply, adversity is any unusual situation that may put one in a tight corner. These adversities may vary from mental and physical plight to a financial constraint. Much like a stone thrown in a calm pond, these adversities create ripples

and disturb our peace yet in the long run they prove to be a fruitful ordeal. It is only when a person goes through thick and thin then he learns the art of surviving as without pain there is no pleasure.

Just like, all fingers are not equal in the same manner not all humans are same. Every one has a different personality, a different perspective and a different perception of life, shaped by their upbringing, moral values, family background and social interaction. In the grand theatre of life, we come across two types of people; there are some who tremble even in the face of the slightest difficulty and then there are those who do not resonate in the face of biggest storms. They are the ones capable of converting obstacles into stepping stones.

Man naturally craves for happiness and pleasure. No one wants to live in difficult circumstances, where life become burden full of sufferings. Adversities are but an inevitable part of life. that cannot be avoided. They give us valuable lessons. Without the arduous journey of rain, one may never learn to appreciate the beauty of rainbow. Hardships pave way for success. Those who do not succumb in the face of difficulty enjoy

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the fruit of their efforts. As Shakespeare says ;

“ Let me embrace thee , sour adversity ,
for wise men say it is the wisest
course ” — Shakespeare

The ship of life never sails smoothly. Every person is responsible for their fate. Difficulties disappear when they are faced boldly. Only by navigating through the ocean of adversities and misfortunes , one can reach the shore. Perseverance , despite all odds , can change failure into success. Embracing different shades of life , man learns to appreciate the simple joys of life . Hard times may hold us down but it is only in the face of adversity one discovers the depth of his resilience.

The gifts of adversity cannot be overlooked. Man learns only through experience. More often , adversity is associated with misery , hardship and rotten luck , but that is not the case. Adversities are bound to happen . Since they cannot be avoided it is only wise to ~~make~~ harness it's potential and use it as a fuel to rise to greatness. Wise is the man , who learns to transform adversity into opportunity . Tough circumstances not only change one's outlook on life

but also bring to surface a more confident and resilient side of a person.

Tough times, though harsh and unwelcoming, provide us with an opportunity to know ourself better. It is only in difficult times that man knows about his strengths and weaknesses. Life is based on reciprocity, without pain there is no gain. Likewise tough times are like mirrors; they reflect on who we truly are and reveal our inner strengths.

Yet another blessing of adversity is that it shapes man's character. It brings a transformation both internal and external. It reflects a profound shift in mindset that empowers man and help him overcome his fear of failure. Odds and misfortunes make a man bold, confident, iron-willed and heroic. Adversity ignites the resilience in man. He learns to face the unkind situations and tries to turn the fortune in his favour.

It is in our darkest times that we realize who our true friends are. Adversity distinguishes between friends and foes. Prosperity invites countless friends but when adversity strikes at one's door, he finds few supporters.

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Fair weather friends disappear at the slightest adversity. Adversity is like a furnace that tries friendship. The essential baseness of human character is revealed during the times of adversity.

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"Prosperity makes friends, adversity tries them" — Publilius Syrus

Lastly, adversity act as a catalyst for growth. An idle mind becomes redundant and coward. Such a person becomes vulnerable and feeble to any slightest discomfort or infliction afflicted upon him. Only when a person steps out of his comfort zone, he can experience growth. He begins to realize that no obstacle is unsurmountable. With hard work, diligency and an optimistic approach, one can turn all the blights into blessings.

Adversities bring discomfort and setbacks. In order to transform misfortunes into fortunes one needs to embrace difficulties and discomforts. Instead of shying away from difficulties we should face them. With a positive yet determined mindset one can surely turn the tables. Failure is never an end. A person who picks himself

and keep going against all odds with an unswerving resolve sets himself apart from the rest of crowd. Only the brave deserve the sweetest rewards in life.

The scope and perception of adversity varies. Life is not a bed of roses. To be fair, life is quite unfair. At times, the adversity hits a person when he is already at his lowest. Under such circumstances, one may feel helpless which may lower his spirits further. At times like these, man needs to gather himself, shake off the dust, pat himself on the back and look forward with a kind reminder that he is master of his own destiny. The steering of his life lies in his hands and he should not bow before circumstances.

Another important approach is seeing the good in everyone and everything. No doubt when faced with adversity it is easier to get bogged down in negativity but by shifting one's perspective to the bigger picture, one can overcome the negativity. In the face of an adversity one may exhaust himself by dwelling on perceived shortcomings. We need to be self-compassion and kind to ourselves. A person with such an optimistic outlook on life radiates positive

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A man can learn a great deal from his misfortunes. These misfortunes are the predicaments that put us to test and those who learn to walk against the wind often find their own path. Time stands as a witness to such inspiring individuals who ~~remained~~ turned their adversity to their advantage.

Helen Keller, born deaf and blind, was an American author and educator. Nelson Mandela, the first ever black president is yet another person and lastly Malala Yousafzai who stands as a global symbol of girl's education and a Nobel laureate, are few among those turned their adversities into opportunities. As Stephan Aarnio rightly says;

"Hard times create Strong men"

— Stephan Aarnio

Adversity is the way and woof of life. A man who has gone through hardships learns from them. He makes use of his bitter experiences and gradually masters the art of embracing failure with a big smile and open arms. By refusing to give up, he proves his worth. He takes these adversities as opportunities to learn, grow and evolve. Warren Buffet is right when he

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says, you must learn from mistakes but they don't have to be your own. A wise man knows how to build himself based on the lessons from past.

Adversities are a test of man's vigor, when the tide of circumstances is against him. Yet, overcoming adversity with a strong and unwavering faith is something very few can achieve. Embracing difficulty with an optimistic approach can help overcome difficulty. They create a sense of self-reliance and awaken the empathy in us. Hard times bring people together. In this way adversities not only shape a person but also create a more resilient social network.

Humans, by nature, are sensitive beings. Unlike other creatures, human mind is much more complex and capable. Our minds are not passive observers rather they are capable of changing reality. A positive and optimistic outlook on life and all the ins and outs of it help us overcome these difficulties very effectively. Our thoughts shape the reality around us. A fickle mind cannot realize the opportunities in an adversity, but a wise mind is capable of looking beyond the

surface. After all appearances can be deceiving. But when one focuses on good, the good becomes better.

Another yet effective way of overcoming adversity is to keep the hope in us alive. Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of darkness. Hope is a confident expectation of fulfillment and it can be strengthened by recalling the past success. Going through difficult times, with a glimmer of hope that things will eventually come together and all our efforts will be paid off, keeps a man going.

Embracing adversity is an eye-opener. Good times don't last forever. When a person realizes that he has to face the brewing storm sooner or later, he gears up in pursuit of his dreams. Every challenge or difficult situation is an opportunity and an invitation to a richer and wholesome life. Embracing our difficult times with a resilient and determined mind can help us live a more meaningful and fulfilling life. Every person goes through the same ordeals but only the most capable can make miracles out of it. As Einstein once remarked that;

"In the middle of every difficulty lies opportunity" — Albert Einstein

It is often in our worse times that we come across people like our own.

Hard times make the most trustworthy and reliable companions. By learning about the adversity of others, we develop a sense of belonging. Such a group of supporting fellows can add more meaning to life as they give us reason to continue and live our life to the fullest.

Humans are social animals, it is only natural that they seek support from others when they ~~are~~ are most vulnerable. Thus one can overcome adversity through shared experiences and at the same time foster a social cohesion.

Humans have an inherent distaste for hardships and tend to avoid them.

Success is something hardly presented to us on a plate. One needs to go through all the tests and trials of life to get to success. In conclusion, adversities are not to be disdained. They carve us into a more polished, resilient and foresighted human. They not only help in our personal growth but also sift unnecessary plans, people and paths.

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from our life. For wise men, who have learned the art of carving fortunes from misfortunes, adversities are nothing but a blessing. Adversities lead man to ~~great~~ the path of greatness. Indeed, the path to greatness is bitter yet the fruit is the sweetest.
