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### **Experience of failure in the early life**

There are two categories of leadership books. One is how successful people [in business] succeeded in the business world! The other is books about self-help, written by people who have overcome difficulties and failures in their early personal lives. As we know, the former are successful people in the successful business world, and they are such as 100 people and 50 people in the FORTUNE magazine. For example, Steve Jobs, Bill Gate, etc.

I found that the former are books about how to lead the entire organization, business, and the latter are about the growth of individual leaders. But I found one peculiar thing in latter books of leadership. It is that people who failed in their childhood or youth wrote books. Not everyone has, but most have had failed experiences. There have been various kinds of failures. There used to be people who had experienced homelessness, and people who had experienced rough work by the pier. In the meantime, some people would visit the library during their breaks and read a biography of the world's famous people there. And they were inspired by them, how they succeeded. In the meantime, they not only succeeded, but also wrote many books about 'self-development'. So I enjoy reading such books. Because books about self-improvement really help ourselves. I think we grow ourselves through these books. It is important to grow on your own. I'm not talking about making a lot of money here, getting richer in the world.

In other words, failure became a medicine in their youth. There is no need to invite fails, but I think the more important thing is how to act and cope with such a thing when it comes. The former books - successful people in

business - teach us the knowledge and skills of success, but the latter books impress us. The former shows how to make money, while the latter shows how to live wisely. So I think we can once again revive ourselves through these books called self-improvement.

Do we need to put the name to those who failed in their youth as failures? There is a saying that "sprout leaves are recognized from an early age," but I think there are many cases. There are cases where they are born as a genius and become normal, and they are born as normal, but they do big things later, or their head opens up later.

These days, I see many young people who making many failures. But, rather, they need encouragement! They've already had enough painful experiences, and they were trying again and again. I don't think we need to hurt them again as older people like me. They also think enough, and will find solutions. As we know, it's just a lack of experience in their life, so I think they'll be solved over time.