

Get Back Up!

When a giraffe is born, he tumbles ten feet to the ground, landing on his back. Within seconds, he rolls over and stands, struggling with those tall, untried legs.

The mother giraffe positions herself directly over her newborn, swings her leg outward and kicks that baby, sending it sprawling! If it doesn't get up, she kicks it again. If it grows tired, she kicks it again to stimulate its efforts to stand. Each time the baby giraffe manages to get to its feet, the mother kicks it once again.

Now, this may seem cruel to you, but there is a reason for the mother's behavior. She is simply preparing the baby for survival, because that little giraffe must learn to get up quickly and run with the herd when danger comes—otherwise he will not survive!

As Christians, we need to learn the same lesson that baby giraffes learn: when life kicks you down, you must get back up. You must never give up! Our soul's survival depends upon our ability to persevere. James says, "*Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him*" (**James 1:12**).

When things go wrong, Satan would love nothing better than for you to throw in the towel and give up on faith, God, Christ and the church. That's his goal—to get you to quit short of the goal of salvation. He wants you to become so frustrated that you will simply quit. Don't let him get to you. When life knocks you down—**get back up!**

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