



PERSISTENCE

You know, some people never know when enough is enough.

Take this man for instance.....

He was the son of a bit of a no-hoper. He was poorly educated, and his mother died when he was only nine years old.

At the age of 21, he worked in a grocery store doing odd jobs. A year later he opened his own store and promptly went broke.

When he was 23 he stood for a seat in parliament and was **defeated**. At 25, he **tried** again to go into his own business and went broke again. A year later, his fiancé died. He then suffered a nervous breakdown. After that, he studied part-time for six years to become a lawyer. Then, at the age of 29, he ran again for parliament and again he was **defeated** both times.

He married and had four sons, three of whom died. At the age of 39, he **tried** again for parliament and was again **defeated**. He **tried** again when he was 46 and was **beaten** again. And again when he was 49 and was **beaten** yet again.

Perhaps he should have listened to what everybody was telling him:

“Enough is enough!”

But he didn't. He kept **trying**.

Finally, at the age of 52, Abraham Lincoln became the President of the United States and went down in history as one of their greats.

The key point is: - The number of times we actually succeed is based on the number of times we try.