"Do You Use These Alibis?"

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eople who do not succeed have one distinguishing trait in common. They know all the reasons for failure and have what they believe to sir-tight alibis to explain away their own lack of achievement.

- If only I had time...
- f times were better...
- If other people understood...
- If conditions around me were only different...
- If I could live my life over again...
- If I did not fear what "They" would say...
- If I had been given a chance...
- If I were only younger...
- If I had the talent that some people have...
- If I dared assert myself...
- If only I had someone to help me...

- If I could just get started...
- If my talents were known...
- If I could just get a "break"...
- If I didn't have so many worries...
- If I were sure of myself...
- If luck were not against me...
- If I didn't have to work so hard...
- If I didn't have a past...
- If other people would only listen to me...
- If—and this is the greatest of them all—if I had the courage to see myself as I really am...

Building alibis with which to explain away failure is a national pastime. The habit is as old as the human race and is *fatal to success!*

