

"FOR WHAT IS YOUR LIFE?"

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association, in habit and indulgence, in destiny and immortality.

2. *Preparation* is the second element to the highest success. Youth, the *now* is your preparatory period—at this time you are shoveling in, absorbing. Were you always to be mere absorbers, then you would be a liability to society rather than an asset. *Nobody* prepares for life's work by four easy lessons through the mail. Moses was eighty years getting ready to do a forty years' job.

In making your preparation keep one thing in mind that your preparation is not primarily to qualify you to get more out of life, but to *prepare you to put more into life*. Too many think of an education as a path to respectability, a passport to class and caste. Some regard it as a means to an easy life, a method of escaping life's hard, humble toil. An education urged or sought from such motives is a calamity to the individual and a curse to civilization.

3. *Concentration*. If you are lacking in concentration, you are lacking in one of the essential qualities of success. Aim is indispensable. You are hitting at *something or nothing*. While you are aiming, aim high, for it is no harder on your gun to knock the feathers out of an eagle than to knock the fur off of a skunk! Paul said, "*This one thing I do.*" Moody said, "You had better be able to say, this one thing you do, than to say, these fifty things I dabble in."

Strength is like gun-powder, to be effectual it must be concentrated. Thousands are failing because of this monopolizing ambition, grasping at too many of the world's prizes and getting none. Mass your energies; focalize your powers.

4. The fourth element that is essential to success is *perspiration*—you can't eliminate hard work from success. Good luck never promoted anybody. It takes right-down hard work to get a raise in the salary, to get on the honor roll or to carry off a scholarship.

It is an unfailing law that a full price must be paid for supreme achievements. There never was a harvest of results gathered in this world unless there was a heavy sowing of sweat and labor somewhere. Every thing preaches to me of the sheer impossibility of getting something for nothing.

The price of success was never more than now. Professional life is crowded and keyed to high standards, and standards of efficiency are rising all the time. Competition is fierce. Carlyle was right when he said, "The race of life has become so intense that the runners are treading upon each other's heels, and woe be unto him who stops to tie his shoe strings."

5. *Determination*—You won't get very far in the race of life without this element. Buxton said, "The longer I live, the more certain I am the greatest difference between men, feeble and powerful men, great and small, is not in the size of their bodies, but in their determination."

It takes determination to stay on the job. *Anybody* can start something. Good beginnings are easy. In fact, some people's lives are just a history of beginnings, they never finished anything. Their lives have been made up of fits and starts and some have had about forty fits to every start. Some of us ought to go to the postage stamp and consider its worth for it sticks to one thing until it gets there.

You can't keep a determined man from suc-

cess. If you put stumbling stones in his way, he will make stepping stones out of them to lift himself higher. **If you take away her eye sight** she will give to the world 10,000 of the most beautiful songs it ever heard. If you put him in a Bedford jail for twelve years, he will write the immortal Pilgrim's Progress. If you put him in a log cabin, he will split rails all the way to the White House.

6. *Salvation*. The last element but not the least is salvation. You may have all the others that I have mentioned and not have this one and you will have lived and died a *failure*.

The world's idea of success is having the highest rating in Bradstreet, having the largest tax roll, or having a seat in Congress, or being President of a University, or marrying the children into families of wealth. But true success does not consist in what we have but in what we *are* and must be viewed in the light of another world.—Heart and Life.

THE URGE OF EVANGELISM

Our blessed Lord came from heaven to earth on a mission of evangelism. He came "to seek and to save that which was lost." Who could ask to see more love for lost men displayed than appears in the earthly ministry of Jesus? He went to their towns and cities, sought them out, talked with them, preached to them, and in His three-fold ministry of healing, teaching and preaching, He always kept in the foreground His real mission, which was that He came to save people from their sins. For this He died. "That He might sanctify the people with His own blood He suffered without the gate." (Heb. 13:12).

And when the brief day of life was speeding by, and the saving Word was not reaching enough people, He increased His forces by sending forth the Twelve, and later the Seventy disciples to add their labor to His in awakening the people. Nor was He discouraged with the smallness of the results. The prophet foretold His persevering courage in the words: "He shall not fail nor be discouraged till He have set judgment in the earth, and the isles shall wait for His law." (Isa. 42:4.).

The apostles had this urge of soul-winning; in fact all the early Christians had it, and they went everywhere preaching the Gospel, even though many of them died in martyrdom for their faith. Saint Paul had it and literally wore himself out in trying to give to the Master a good account of his stewardship.

We need to get this same love of God down deep in our souls. It should be a great passion with us; a flaming fire, a quenchless impulse to do good by getting people ready for heaven.

In a recent issue of *The Pentecostal Herald*, the editor, Dr. H. C. Morrison, addressed the following exhortation to the men in the holiness ministry who are not active in their calling. He said:

"So you brethren believe there is a hell, and that the people are falling into it by hundreds of thousands, and can you sit about in idleness? Possibly God is permitting you to be idle in order to start something. It is evident that something ought to be started, for the salvation of sinners seems to have stopped. The regeneration of a human soul seems to be a rare thing in many of the churches; in fact it is unknown in many churches.

"Many of you idle men have a gospel message, a saving gospel message; that may be one reason why you are idle. Go out and get the dust

of the road on your feet, walk and preach. You will get a hearing. The first six months I preached I walked the circuit and got to church on time. My whole body seemed full of vigor, and my feet seemed glad to carry me along. The eagerness to preach which made me glad to walk to the place of preaching, helped me to preach with joy and unction.

"I have preached quite a bit in the open air, and my mind has never acted better, or my heart felt warmer than when preaching out of doors. Much of the preaching of our Lord was out in the open. John Wesley was a great out-of-doors preacher. This country is in great need of thousands of out-door sermons. Millions of people are not going to church; it may be God wants you to go out with a message for them, telling them that Christ died for them. Go out and raise a gospel whoop. Shout, and laugh, and cry. Preach about the sins of men, the love of God, the sacrifice of Christ and the awful danger of falling into hell. Say a lot about sin, the rejection of Christ, death, judgment day and the quenchless fires of hell. In this new evangel you should be much in prayer. You should have a mighty baptism with the Holy Ghost, a power from on high that would give you mastery over men and devils. If you will leap into this you will win a host of souls, and who knows, but you might start a wave of revival fire that would bring a new spiritual era in the nation.

"God seems to love to bless small beginnings. Methodism had great power when it was kicked about and mobbed out of doors. If you will preach the gospel, not abusing the church or anything or anybody, but preach Jesus Christ mighty to save, you will soon have a cover over your head and a place to preach. What a startling thing, and what a blessing it would be, if the *three thousand idle preachers* in this country should take to the roads and streets the coming spring and go to preaching."—*The Wesleyan Methodist*.

PROTECTING WINGS

During a long, dry Summer in the northwest of America, a prairie fire suddenly sprang up in a distance where there were many settlers; it raged along the country, burning in its course several farmyards and wooden houses—in some cases the farmer and his family being unable to escape.

After the fire had passed over, a relief party rode out from a neighboring town, to see if any one might perchance have escaped the flames and would be requiring relief. Riding past a charred cottage, one of the men saw what appeared to be a black hen sitting on the ground. On going up to it, he found that, as surmised, it was a hen, but was quite dead, the head and back being burned to almost a cinder; but the bird sat in such a striking way, with her wings partly spread out, that he gave her a kick with his foot, when three little chickens ran out.

Bravely the poor mother hen had covered them, in face of the roaring fire; and bravely she had sat still in the midst of the scorching flames, choosing rather to be burned to death than that one of them should perish.

Is this not just what the Son of God did for us on Calvary?—*Toronto Cry*.

"The world is fullof men who are making good livings but poor lives."—*Wesleyan Methodist*.