

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

"Let no man despise thy youth"—I. Timothy 4:12

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NO TIME TO QUIT

When Abraham Lincoln was a young man he ran for the legislature in Illinois, and was badly swamped. He next entered business, failed, and spent seventeen years of his life paying up the debts of a worthless partner. He was in love with a beautiful young woman to whom he became engaged—then she died. Entering politics again, he ran for Congress and was badly defeated. He then tried to get an appointment to the United States land office, but failed. In 1856 he became a candidate for the vice-presidency and was again defeated. In 1858 he was defeated by Douglas.

"It's about time you quit trying, isn't it?" inquired a friend.

"No time to quit," was Lincoln's quick reply. "I'm too busy preparing to make another attempt"—and Abraham Lincoln wrote his name indelibly in the history of the United States. He had no time to quit.

Success often is merely around the corner from where we want to quit. Another failure may follow the previous one, but that is no indication that success is not just around the corner from where we are.

There is no time to quit, even after success has been gained. Something better lies farther ahead for us. Nothing is so good but what it might be better. Success is no time to quit.—Boy's Comrade.

A BOY'S HANDICAP

The little boy wrote that he had no chance like Lincoln, for Lincoln had so much more than he, and he enumerated:

"It's no wonder.

Look what he had to make him great:

He had that log cabin,
He had that pine knot,
He had those rails to split;
He had that tall plug hat,
He had all those stories,
He had that Douglas debate,
He had that Civil War to win,
He had that Gettysburg speech,
He had everything
To make a man great.

And look what I have got—

Not one of those things.—Exchange.

THIS ONE THING I DO

I. L. Flynn

The Apostle Paul was a genius. He could have made good in almost any line of work, or business. He could have made good in the educational world, or the political world. He was a good officer of the law before his conversion. But after he had met the Christ of Calvary, he had only one purpose in life—to be a good servant of Jesus Christ.

In the third chapter of Philippians he tells us how well he had been born. He was of the pure stock of Israel, but, he says, "I counted all (those) things but loss," that he might "win Christ."

Paul tells us he had a good forgetter. It is a wonderful thing to have a good "forgetter" of the unpleasant things of the past. Do not dwell on the hard, harsh and cruel things said about you, or done to you. Forget them. To let them linger in your memory, will only make you bitter in the end. It will slow your progress to the goal you are striving to make.

If you would reach the top, or even high up on the ladder of success in your line of work, you must concentrate your efforts and thoughts on the "one thing." Andrew Carnegie, the great steel magnate, once said, "Put all your eggs in one basket, and watch it." Keep ever before you the objective. Let nothing swerve you from your course you have marked out. If you would become a good typist, you will have to pay the price. It will take hours of practice. You will beat the typewriter until your fingers are numb, your arms ache, your head will nearly burst, you will almost faint, but stay with it. Practice you must have. Paderewski, the great musician, practised seven hours a day. He said if he left off practising one day, he could note the difference in his playing. If he failed to practise for a few days, his audience would detect it. He paid the price—and won. You cannot be a moral imbecile and climb to the top rung of the ladder of success.

There must not only be practice for speed, but there must be ACCURACY. Accuracy is one of the best lessons any young person can learn—even better than speed. What you know, know it well. It is better to plod along and do your work well, than to skip over the ground in a hurry and outdistance all competitors and botch it up. To be a success it will take work, lots of it. Nothing good comes by mere chance. Thomas A. Edison, the noted inventor, was asked the secret of his genius. The great man replied, "One-tenth genius and nine-tenths hard work." The Bible says, "All things are full of labor."

Work well done is a recommendation itself. The business world, as well as the religious world, is looking for those who can turn out a well done job. Be accurate—do it well.

Be punctual. Better be ten minutes too early on the job, than three minutes late. If you want to lose your position quicker than any other way, just be late at work repeatedly. No business firm wants a "tardy." Neither does the Lord want a slow-poky in His service. Why be slow about the Lord's work? Why not be on time at the young people's meeting, at Sunday school, at church services and prayermeetings?

George Washington's secretary excused his lateness by saying that his watch was slow. The President replied, "Then you must get a new watch or I another secretary."

If you would have a fine Christian experience, set your face as a flint for the prize Paul wrote about. Let nothing deter you. Let the alchemy of your life turn everything into heavenly gold. It will pay big dividends on "pay day."

MAN POWER

By Rev. C. V. Fairbairn

Comes war. Trumpets call. Troops muster. Orders are shouted. Along country lane and city pavement is heard the tramp of marching men. Who marches to the conflict? Who?

From infancy to seventeen men are counted noncombatants. From sixty to ripe old age men are counted noncombatants. From forty-six to fifty-nine men are counted reserves. Man power is reckoned from eighteen to forty-five, with the preference for those in the younger years of this group. These are they who hear the call, sign up or are conscripted, shoulder arms, march away, bear the brunt of conflict, and fighting live, or fighting fall, winning the victory or losing the battle,

and, if losing, only to retire, reform, come back at it again and ultimately win; for American and Canadian youth will not submit to inglorious defeat.

I am praying for the coming of a second "Peter the Hermit" to call to a "Crusade of Youth for Youth for Christ." To whom shall the call come?

Age will not respond, except with sympathy, intelligent sympathy however; for age has lived its day and fought its fight.

Middle age might but is not likely to do so; for middle age is pretty well wedded to its own present program.

Children cannot meet this challenge.

Softies need not respond.

Youth, strong, vigorous, energetic, clear-eyed, forward-looking, hopeful youth, alone can furnish the man power and woman power for this conflict which we face.

I am praying for a second "Peter the Hermit" to call our young men and young women to a "Youth's Crusade for Youth."

JUST BE WHAT YOU CAN

If you can't be the ocean,

Be a little creek;

If you can't be the wood-pile,

Be a little stick;

If you can't be the lion,

Be a little bear;

If you can't be the sofa

Why then be a chair;

If you can't be the mountain

Be a little hill;

If you can't be the whirlwind

Be a breeze, a thrill,

If you can't be what you want to

Why just be what you can,

For God will always help you

If you try to be a man!

—Sel.

LINES ON THE CRISIS

By James Russel Lowell

Truth forever on the scaffold,

Wrong forever on the throne.

Yet that scaffold sways the future,

And behind the dim unknown,

Standeth God within the shadow,

Keeping watch above His own.

Then to side with Truth is noble,

When we share her wretched crust,

Ere her cause bring fame or profit,

And 'tis prosperous to be just.

Then it is the brave man chooses,

While the coward stands aside,

Doubting in his abject spirit,

Till his Lord is crucified,

And the multitude make virtue

Of the faith they had denied.

BIBLE QUESTIONS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

1. What nation's sin was written with a pen of iron and point of a diamond?
2. Where are these words (the boys grew)?
3. What king was sick and the Lord added 15 more years to his life?
4. Where is the shortest prayer in the Bible and who prayed it?
5. What two chapters in the Bible are almost alike?