

"Remember now thy Creator in
the days of thy youth."

—ECCLES. 12:1

YOUNG PEOPLE'S PAGE

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THE SECRET OF SUCCESS

The desire to succeed is a vital element in human personality, but the factors that contribute to it must be cultivated in the soil of daily living. Endurance is the corner-stone upon which any real accomplishment rests. According to Hebrews, chapter eleven, verse twenty-seven it was the secret of Moses' ability to change apparent defeat to decisive victory. "For he endured as seeing him who is invisible." The task before him was of the most imperative nature; the responsibility was of such a character as to produce a shrinking from its demands. These facts would only tend to discouragement. Moses found his incentive in the Invisible. Not the circumstances around him, but in the God above him. This vision produced that endurance that placed his name in God's hall of fame.

As young people, with the great task of contributing to the cause of Christ; and the responsibility of a successful accomplishment of the same, we need enthusiasm, but we must have endurance that rests in the Invisible one. A true vision of His power, purposes and promises, will weave into our character that fibre sufficient to make us conquerors in our circumstances. A man being rescued from a storm-tossed sea, gripped the rope so desperately that the marks remained on his hands for many days. By faith, let us grip the opportunity for service so securely that the marks of endurance will be imbedded in our personality.

The cup of success contains the mixture of bitter and sweet. It was true of the Apostle Paul. "What persecutions I endured," he declared; but his vision of the Invisible produced his song of triumph. "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." Our Lord Jesus trod the same thorny path. "He endured the cross." From the despairing depths of Gethsemane, He emerged to face Calvary with the calm declaration, "Not my will but thine be done." Christ is our example and forerunner, Paul is a continual inspiration that success is obtainable here and now. But we must endure. If we keep the vision, the vision will keep us.

"Obstacles are those things we see when we take our eyes off the goal." May God give us the patience and purpose to make this a successful year in His service, as the determination to endure anchors more firmly in the Invisible one, "Whom having not seen we love."

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AUGUST VERSES

- A** Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you.—Matt. 7:7.
- U** Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope.—Ps. 119:116.
- G** Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.—Luke 6:38.
- U** Understanding is a wellspring of life unto

him that hath it: but the instruction of fools is folly.—Prov. 22:16.

S Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.—Col. 3:2.

T Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.—Prov. 3:5.

THE PASSWORD

Someone says that there will be a password at the gate of heaven. Some will come up and knock repeatedly. The gate-keeper will say, "The password?" They will reply, "We have no password. We were great on earth, and now we come to be great in heaven." A voice from within will answer, "I never knew you."

Another group comes and knocks. The gate-keeper says, "The password?" They say, "We have no password. We have done many noble things on earth. We endowed colleges and gave large sums to charity." The voice from within again says, "I never knew you."

A third group approaches and knocks. The gatekeeper says, "The password?" The answer, "We were wanderers from God, and deserve to die; but we heard the voice of Jesus—"

"Ay, ay!" says the gatekeeper; "that is the password! Lift up your heads, ye everlasting gates, and let these people in!"—Bright Words.

LOST HIS VOICE

When visiting a gentleman in England, I observed a fine canary, admiring his beauty, the gentleman replied, "Yes, he is beautiful, but he has lost his voice. He used to be a fine singer, but I was in the habit of hanging his cage out of the window and the sparrows came around him with their incessant chirping. Gradually he ceased to sing, and learned their twitter, and now all he can do is twitter, twitter." Oh! how truly does this represent the case of many Christians; they used to delight to sing the songs of Zion, but they came into close association with those whose notes never rise so high, until at last, like the canary, they can do nothing but twitter.—D. L. Moody.

THE GREATEST WORKS

By Alexander McKenzie

"He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto My Father."—John 14:12.

Christ opened the eyes of a blind man and he saw his father.

You can open the eyes of a man's heart and he shall see God.

He lifted up a man who was lame; you shall bring a man to walk in the ways of righteousness.

He took a young man by the hand and raised him up from his bier.

If you are filled with the Spirit of God, you can bring a man up from the death of sin into the life of God.

It is a greater work than Jesus did when He opened the eyes of the blind man.

Never push a stumbling brother when you see him staggering down a hill but run before him and catch him in your arms before he falls.

THE NAME OF CHRIST

It's cruel, lad, and something worse
To use Christ's Name in idle curse.

It's maybe thoughtless on your part,
But thoughtlessness can break a heart.

By thoughtless, not by heartless men,
A life is marred time and again.

In careless mood men seldom pause
To think what harm their words may cause.

I put it to you straight and plain
You're taking God's own Name in vain.

You say, such "jargon" cut no ice,
Well, think this over once or twice.

Whatever did Christ do or say
That you should treat Him in this way?

You use His Name in dirty style,
As though He were of men most vile.

Was He a thief or profiteer?
Dictator, cad, or mutineer?

Did He once stoop to some low game
That broke a mother's heart with shame?

Was He a black sheep, ne'er-do-well
Who stole to live, and lived to steal?

Did little children scream with fear,
When Christ the Nazarene drew near?

Did decent women drop the eye,
When Christ the carpenter went by?

Did not His very foes admit
His grace, sincerity, and grit?

And John the Baptist said this too,
He was not fit to tie His shoe.

He lived the cleanest life ere known
And dared to face all odds alone.

Here, take this Book and read right on
Through Matthew, Mark, through Luke
and John.

Is this the One whose Name you dare
Besmirch each time you curse and swear?

This Christ, the finest of the fine,
And yet YOU treat Him as a swine.

If name you must have, let it be
The essence of dark villainy,—

Napoleon, Nero, men like these,
A Hitler, any wretch you please.

But not Christ's Name, a Name too fair
To use in any vulgar swear.

Come, lad, make this a solemn vow,
And cut it out right here and now.

—R. Barr

The devil is the most tyrannical and despotic employer in the world, and yet he has more willing employees than any other employer in the universe.