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SELF-HELP

No person ever got very far by depending upon others to help him. The men or women who did things in the past that made history depended more largely upon themselves than they did upon others, else they would never have created a ripple in the affairs of the world. There is no doubt of this assertion, for it is proved time without number by the history of man in his relation to notable achievements of the past.

The one who instinctively turns to some-one else for help on the first appearance of an obstacle by his own act admits his helplessness—his weakness. Cultivate a spirit of self-reliance. Remember that for him who admits no obstacle there is no obstacle. Do not repine and whine vainly because "things do not go right," instead, take off your coat and proceed to make things go right. If you are determined on that which is right do not compromise on anything, for there is no half-way ground between right and wrong. It must be admitted that it is often hard to determine just what is right, consequently just what course to take in certain events. Then is the time to counsel with some-one of experience in such affairs, and one whom you know to be of good intent. But, having secured good advice, depend upon yourself in steering a course which you have confirmed to be right.

Look, for instance, at what the lives of the notable men and women of the world teach us. Many—the vast majority—were poor as boys and girls, and in some cases, as in that of Abraham Lincoln and others, life was very hard and the future promised little. The field of life