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YOU MUST WORK TO WIN

It is said that human beings cannot be really satisfied who do not believe in their own honesty, and who do not believe that they are trying to do the right thing, to be fair, clean and straight. People are so constituted that every departure from the right makes them discontented, unhappy—causes them to lose their self-respect. When we obey that inward influence which prompts us to do the right thing we invariably feel better, happier—we then approve our own actions every time. On the contrary we always feel that inward protest which condemns us every time we disregard it.

How much better you feel after you have performed a fine job of work in any of the departments where you are detailed, or in any place where you are employed—how much more you think of yourself; how it adds to your confidence and self-respect. In fact, it braces you up and amplifies your whole character. This comes about altogether through following the promptings of that inward influence which impels us to do things right, as they should be done, just as we feel an increase of self-respect when we obey the laws of justice and integrity which we each carry within us.

Students and readers, there is an indescribable sense of satisfaction every time we exert ourselves honestly to do the right thing. Nothing but the best is good enough. How many of you honestly and sincerely exert yourselves every night at study hour in your quarters in preparing your lessons for the next day? How many of our readers away from here can declare that they put their best efforts into their work from day to day?—put heart, mind and muscle into the various demands made upon them, whether they are working for themselves or are employed by others? Unless you take care of your time here and get all that Chemawa offers you will not have that sense of wholeness so necessary to the maintenance of your self-respect, and without self-respect any boy or girl is in a sorry mental condition indeed.

The student who dodges his lessons, dodges his work, cheats during study hour, cannot in reason expect to progress. Every time such ones do cheat they show that their aims are not very high; they are sim-

ply drifting and dodging. Remember that nothing but quality in one's self counts. There is always plenty of time here at Chemawa, as elsewhere, to do everything right which is required of you. So, if you are honest in your desire for advancement now is the time to dig in and form, day by day, the habit of excellence by doing everything as it ought to be done. When you strive with all your energies to do your very best everything looks brighter, your whole attitude toward life is lifted up and your entire nature improves—grows. Don't think for one minute that you can shirk your work, cheat in your lessons, and maintain your standing among your friends. You will be held back all through your life by such laziness and lack of pride in your achievements, or away from school, for that matter. Such an attitude is ruinous no matter where you are or what you profess to engage in. You will be seriously embarrassed and obliged to accept defeat in every line of work which requires skill, or brains, or thoroughness, all on account of simply drifting—having no purpose—during your school days, until you dexteriate and sink lower and lower in your standards, with consequent loss of self-respect—a diminished efficiency, a dwarfed nature—resulting in a stunted and unsuccessful life.

We wish we had the power to arouse every one of our students, all of our readers, to the necessity of earnestly and habitually doing the right thing while at the age to form proper life habits. Success of the right kind is always in the students or young person who wins success, not in conditions. No one becomes great through luck. You get what you pay for in character, in work, and in energy. There are few really good things which you cannot get if you are willing to pay the price.

People fail because they are not willing to work hard enough; not willing to prepare thoroughly enough in order that they may have the ability to accomplish. Boys and girls, do your work in such a way that you cannot be kept back. Success or failure does not come by accident—you choose one or the other for yourselves.

The day of days—All Fools' Day—is soon to dawn. Be careful what you bite on.