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We have come in contact with hundreds and hundreds of young people in our school who weakly longed for success, but who were not willing to pay the price for the things they desired. They did not seem to realize that there is a tremendous difference between wishing to get on and determining to get on; between the desire that has no force in it and the desire that grips every fibre of one's being with a determination to win at any cost. These very students had impressed upon them the difference between a drifting and unsuccessful career, waiting for something to turn up, waiting for help, and taking off one's coat and plunging into the making of a career with a grim determination which knows no defeat.

Young people, it does not seem to matter how much ability you have if you lack the power of resolution which knows no surrender, which fixes on the goal and never turns back; if you lack the latter qualities you certainly will not achieve anything worth while, anything distinctive. No youth starts out right until he feels that it is up to himself alone to make good; until he has gotten beyond the idea that he must wait for somebody to give him a lift, to boost or push him forward before he can begin to improve his work; until he has decided that he, and he alone, shall be the builder of his own education or career, the real man or woman will never be built.

We see all around us young people who are waiting to be pushed, boosted, helped, but such young folk will never amount to much unless they show self-reliance and courage. The self-reliant and courageous chap will make good in spite of all handicaps and obstacles, all influences that would seem to hold him back.

We have come in contact with young people who are always talking of the wonderful things they would do if they had the chance of others—they had no-one to send them to college, nobody to help them make their lives more complete, their achievements worth while. Such sentiments as these get you nowhere. There are thousands of boys and girls in our colleges and schools of higher education who would never have been there but for their faith in themselves and their stern resolve to get an education, come what might.

Many of these were not only poor, but had others depending upon them. Yet, despite all their handicaps, they resolved that they must and would, somehow, sometime, in some way, get an education.

You will be astonished to find how, the moment you cut off all outside assistance you will be reinforced by a new power from within which you never dreamed that you possessed. But it will never come to your aid until you stop depending and leaning on someone else and stand erect upon your own feet.

We think that one of the worst misfortunes that can befall any young person is that of being relieved of the necessity of developing self-help qualities. Young people who depend upon others seldom develop into a strong and vigorous type of manhood or womanhood.

Training in self-help and self-reliance is just as essential for a young person as is training in any of the industries in which a life career is desired. Say what you will, as surely as the sun shines, the supreme meaning of man is the development of power, and nothing but determined effort and self-reliance will develop your greatest strength and bring out the best that is in you.

It has been our observation that there is no satisfactory place in life for a man or woman who has no stamina, no courage in their natures, who is simply material for stronger minds to manipulate for their own advantage.

Young folks, no-one in all the world is capable of making your life program for you. On you and you alone depends your future. No-one who has a definite purpose in view, who is earnest in his desire to attain his ambition and make life count, will ask anybody to tell him how he can make things happen.

It is push, energy, virility of character, tenacity of purpose, clear grit and will power, that causes things to happen. If you wait for some-one to set things moving, or to tell you just when and where and how you can do this, you will move forward very slowly, if at all. On the contrary, if you are built of the sturdy, self-reliant stuff that does not balk at obstacles, nor cry out for assistance at every little difficulty, you will win the battle in spite of a lot of other possible defects.

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