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"Steadying Power of Purpose"

Sermon Written for The Sunday Oregonian by Rev. Newell Dwight Hillis, Pastor of Plymouth Church.

THE finest example of purpose history affords is Paul. Beyond all other great men, he knew the importance of the single eye. His achievements as author, orator, reformer, philanthropist and missionary make up a bright page in history. Wonderful that experience of the heavenly vision on the way to Damascus. Henceforth Paul determined to do one thing—spread the story of that vision through the world. When men doubted, he answered: "Look at me—once I was a murderer, and slew these disciples, and now for hate, I have love. Explain me." For three years he told the story of the vision to the Shekels and Bedouins of Arabia. Then he determined to capture the world. Standing on the steps of the synagogue in Jerusalem, he told the story of the vision, as he did later to the multitude in Ephesus, to the philosophers grouped before the Parthenon, to the mob at Lystra, to the sailors at Malta, to the soldiers and Emperor in Rome. The fame of this man's career has filled the world. But Paul's glorious life represents his single purpose, written large on the pages of history.

Purpose Gives Life Its Momentum.
All students interested in the intellectual life understand the importance of this principle. We learn to think by thinking; we learn to love by loving; we learn to pray by praying. The more the author creates, the more poems and orations he can create. The constructive imagination and the creative intellect can be cultivated to almost any degree whatsoever. Every author knows that by practice the intellect will gain such strength and facility that when the clock strikes 9 in the morning the mind will begin to work, glowing and sparkling. And as every minute passes, the movement of the mind becomes swifter, fertility increases, great vistas of truth open out, and the horizons lift, the clouds float away, until the man feels that he is lifted up on some mountain top, looking out on scenes so beautiful and rich and variegated that days will be required to gather up his vision. After the Summer vacation, the author finds that work is difficult, his thoughts have heavy feet. He needs a spur and scourge for imagination. He fears lest his power has left him. But the trouble is that he has lost momentum. When a few weeks have passed by, and all the faculties are in full movement, creation is a delight and work a joy. All tasks are easy, every wheel is oiled, and it seems as if the movement toward beauty and truth is always down hill. What is the explanation? Momentum. But momentum can come only through a singleness of purpose. For that reason it is all-important for the professional man to have one hobby and outside interest, that should be chosen early and pursued straight through the entire career. Choose your occupation and stick to it. A steady aim will win about as much success in one occupation as in another. Determine to win a good name, and to deserve it, and never relax the grip on that high resolve. Doing one thing will hold up your art, will lead beauty to your art, will increase your happiness, will strengthen patriotism, will develop religion. For centuries men have been discussing the question whether a man should have one iron in the fire or many. One man says, "I am going to give myself to business; I have no time for home, or society, or music, or church. I have one iron in the fire—business." The other rises and insists on having many irons in the fire—business, and politics, and reform, and church. Between the two discussion waxes hot. But both disputants have missed the point. The important thing is not the number of tools one has in the fire, but that the fire should be in all the tools. For the successful man like Paul, working through letter, oration, reform, and argument, faces each hour and act with a great single purpose, to fulfill the appointed task, and do the will of God.

Purpose Unifies Life.
The great advantage of purpose comes through the unity it gives. The successful man must concentrate. Scattering today means failure tomorrow. Every fragment must be gathered up, every moment of time focalized, every atom of strength made to bear upon the work in hand. All the hours, all conversation, all friendship, all reflection, must be pointed toward one end—the single purpose for which man lives. It is wonderful what unity will accomplish. On a bright Winter's day the sunshine fills the air, and yet it is so bitterly cold that ice is constantly forming on the river. Now take your stand on that ice, hold a sun-glass in your hand and put a piece of paper under the glass. In a few minutes, at the point where the rays of the sun are focalized, the heat will become so intense as to first blacken the paper, and then kindle it into flame, and yet all the time the heat of the sun is there, in the keen, nipping air, only it was not focalized. What the rays needed was unity of aim. Success is always relative; what is success for a two-talent man is not the same as success for a five-talent man. Success means that the youth has made the best possible use of the talents given to him. Life is a problem in these. Multiply your gifts by your opportunities, and divide by your circumstances, and the result spells the career. From that viewpoint success on the basis of one's birth-gifts is possible to every youth who lives or ever will live. But it can come only through concentration. Witness that young Hebrew in the House of Commons. Ambitious to have at least one Hebrew name that stands for statesmanship, he won his seat. Men jeered at the conclusion of his first speech. Pale, in that hour when he was stung by taunts and sneers, Disraeli's face was at once marbled and fire. "The time will come when you will hear me!" he shouted. From that night his whole being was organized by a single purpose. Every thought fed toward that coming hour of victorious argument. He read for that hour, observed for that hour, traveled to gather material for that hour's speech, laughed, wept, dreamed, loved, prayed—and all for that one hour. At last the House of Commons heard him, and heard him gladly. It was conquered, and then governed, by Disraeli. That single purpose steered that statesman. The victorious yacht that defeated Sir Thomas Lipton rode firmly through the water because of several tons of lead fastened to the bottom on the keel. That lead held the boat firm, kept it upright, gave steadiness to the sails smitten by the wind. There is no ballast like a noble ambition, no steady force like purpose, nothing that unifies life like singleness of thought and of plan. The first and the second and the last advantage of purpose is its power to unify ones days, focalize ones thoughts and organize ones deeds and habits.

Purpose Conserves Man's Energies.
A unit purpose has a further advantage—that it conserves life's energies. The time has come when nothing must be lost. The Oriental, working in precious extracts and liquors, guards against the loss of a single drop of the sweet ointment or attar. He dreads the hour when he must commit the golden liquor to the cask that is to bear it across the sea. He knows that an enemy can bore a tiny hole through the cask, and that drop by drop his sweet ointment may all ooze away. Oh, the wastes of life! The housewife wastes the food, the seamstress wastes the odds and ends, the fireman wastes the coal in the furnace, the woodman wastes the top of the tree in the forest, the farmer wastes the fields, and the little wastes, long continued, bring thriftlessness to want, poverty and heartbreak. One purpose, to see that nothing was lost, would have changed the whole life. Little things make up success, but success is not a little thing. We are all familiar with men who, in their youth, gave promise of a great career, but who scattered their energies. The youth tried the store and gave taut up; tried the office, and left it; turned to the schoolroom, made his way to the farm, decided he liked the village, and, having become a Jack-of-all-trades, soon had none. Even of the dead river, like the Rhine, a narrow channel is necessary for the turning of mill wheels. Once the Rhine spreads out, with a mouth 20 miles wide, it becomes a bog, an inland sea—its breath miasm, its winds death, its waters impotent for industry. The Rhine is too widely diffused. It has wasted its current by scattering it. Paul had one purpose—to tell the story of the heavenly vision that changed him from a bad man to a good man, and broke the power of passion and sin. Sometimes he told his story speaking, sometimes he told it through the pen, sometimes he illustrated it by his life, sometimes he flung out his challenge to philosopher and disputant, but always it was one story—the love of God to sinful man, the power

CORDIALS MADE BY MONKS
Secret of Herbs Used in These Liqueurs Jealously Guarded.

These sweet perfumed alcoholic beverages called cordials, which have become so popular in the saloons and cafes of America and upon the dinner table, originated mostly on the continent of Europe. Some have a history extending over centuries, yet the secret of their manufacture has been so well concealed that the monastic communities in which they were first produced remain in sole possession of the recipes and enjoy the proceeds of the monopoly.

Dating from about the year 985 Benedictine is regarded as the most ancient of liqueurs. It was not until 1200 that Don Bernardo Vincello a monk of the abbey of Fecamp, who had a profound knowledge of plants and herbs, succeeded in making a cordial which preserves the name and fame of the order.

Another popular cordial, chartreuse, is named after the original Carthusian monastery, founded in the eleventh century in France. The liqueur is distilled from various herbs which are supposed to possess peculiar stimulating and aromatic properties. The monastery which is the home of chartreuse manufacture has long been a famous resort for visitors and the order is supposed to have been considerably enriched by the revenues from sales.

Curacao cordial is made from the dried peel of oranges grown on a Dutch West Indian island that gives the product its name. Most of the liqueur is manufactured in Holland, to which country the peel is taken.

After being carefully dried the orange peel is macerated with water and then distilled with spirits and water. When taken from the still the liquid is sweetened with sugar and a little Jamaica rum is added.

A highly flavored liquor is maraschino, made from bruised cherries. Both the wild and the cultivated varieties of cherries are used for the purpose. This cordial is very popular. Kirschwasser is also distilled from bruised cherries.

Kummel, another sweetened spirit imported from Germany and Russia, derives its name from the German word for the herb cummin, with which it is generally flavored, although caraway seeds are also used for flavoring it.

Antiseptic cordial, often taken as a stomachic tonic, is made by flavoring a weak spirit with antiseptic, caraway and sweet fennel seed. Creme de menthe is a popular drink made of the ordinary sweetened gin, flavored with the essential oil of peppermint previously rubbed up with refined sugar.

Value of a Patent System.
Cusler's Magazine.
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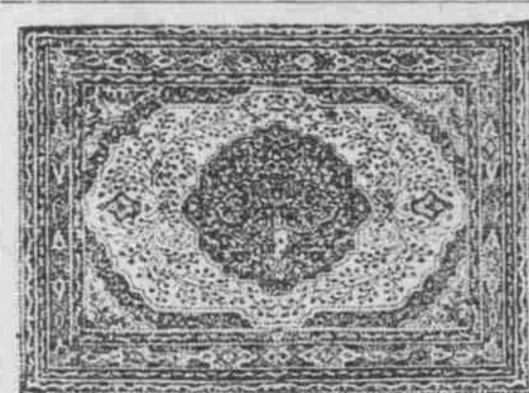
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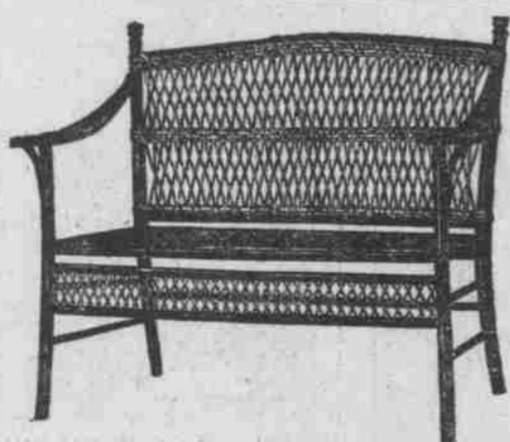
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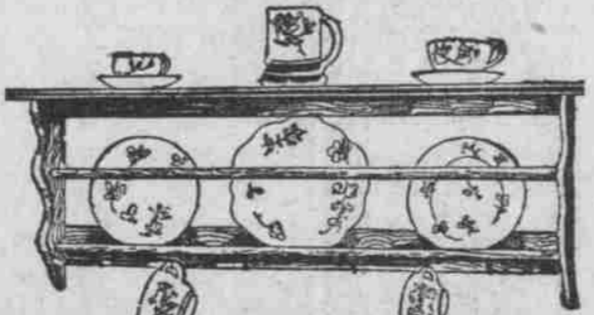
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