

the bent of your inclination. What a man wants to do, and what he takes the greatest delight in doing is generally what he will do best. The advice of a shrewd, clear-minded, level-headed friend, is very often of a great benefit in this connection.

Let a young man then carefully prayerfully and solemnly consider his own character. Let him subject every motive and every qualification to the most searching analysis, and to the keenest scrutiny, and when he has done so and come to a deliberate conclusion as to what sphere in life he is best qualified to fill, let him throw everything else behind his back, and with a firm determination turn his face in that direction; and the young man who does so and enters the proper course has grasped one of the fundamental principles of a truly successful life.

Again, supposing a young man has gone thus far his next consideration should be, "how am I to succeed"? He now knows what to do. His next thought should be how to do it. Now, the next advice I would give in this regard would be: *Let that decision be final.* Never indulge one thought of turning back. Life is too short for a man to run around trying his hand first at one thing and then at another, and any young

man who does so generally makes a failure of life. Young man, "when once you have put your hand to the plow, never look back." Though difficulties and obstacles throw themselves in your way, set your face like a flint, and resolve that by determination and grit you will stem the current of adversity, and if overwhelmed you will be borne down breasting its billows. O, so many young men, to-day are going to accomplish some great feat, and to-morrow they have turned aside because of some obstacles that have come in the way, and are going in another direction. I could point to a dozen or more young men with whom I went to school, and who started out with great hopes and anticipations, for the future, but alas to-day with but very few exceptions they have turned aside, and very few of them have reached the goal for which they started. The old proverb is "A rolling stone gathers no moss," and it is perfectly true in this connection. The will of a young man, who is continually changing his aims and plans in life, becomes weak; he becomes vacillating in all the duties of life, and the result generally is that life becomes a burden and a failure. Young man, choose your profession or business or trade care-