

Cultivate friends and acquaintances in business. The former are won by years of honesty and integrity, but the latter are the daily reward of a courteous and affable manner. You may succeed without giving much thought to the social side of your nature, but you will be compelled to labor a lifetime for the same reward you could have attained in a few years. Enlarge the circle of your acquaintances among those who are so situated in life as to become your customers, as far as you can without taking too much time from your business. Do not consider an hour or an evening taken occasionally as entirely lost. The influence of every intelligent and upright business man in a community is beneficial, and it is your duty to exert that influence for the general welfare, not looking for any reward personally, but accepting that compensation which comes from an extended and favorable acquaintance. But beware of being drawn into social matters to the extent of causing a neglect of your business. Do not allow yourself to be president of this, secretary of that, and treasurer of the other, so that your time and energy is taken up with these matters to the injury of your business. Do not allow your store or office to become a club-room or a place for political meetings.

ELEVENTH COMMANDMENT—Make a good choice of a business.

In selecting a business for your life, choose an honest one, one which is agreeable to your tastes and of which you have or may acquire a thorough knowledge of the details and then

"MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS"—and mind it well.

Should we not deem it fortunate that this last commandment was never dictated to Moses on Mount Sinai? Yes, indeed, for were it the case, few of us would see Salvation, so much above our poor, frail nature is it, not to devote our spare moments to the minding of other people's affairs.

"BUSINESS."

Employment, which has been called "Nature's physician," is so essential to human happiness that indolence is justly considered as the mother of misery.