

LIFE OF DR. GEDDIE.

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How to Break off Bad Habits.

Understand the reason, and all reasons, why the habit is injurious. Study the subject until there is no lingering doubt in your mind. Avoid the places, the persons, that lead to the temptation. Frequent the places, associate with the persons, indulge in the thoughts that lead away from temptation. Keep busy; idleness is the strength of bad habits. Do not give up the struggle when you have broken your resolution once, twice, a thousand times. That only shows how much need there is for you to strive.

When you have broken your resolution, just think the matter over, and endeavor to understand why it was you failed, so that you may guard against the occurrence of the same circumstances. Do not think it an easy thing that you have undertaken. It is folly to expect to break off a habit in a day which may have been gathering strength for years.

In this world, man is likely to get what he gives. Men's hearts are like a whispering gallery to you. If you speak softly, a gentle whisper comes back; if you scold, you get scolded. With the measure you mete it is measured to you again.