

Sermon to Young Men.

"Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do with all thy might," is what Wam-maker is reported by a Philadelphia paper to have said. Work enthusiastically, work persistently, work uncomplainingly, work because it is your first great duty. Work because your labor gives you a livelihood, and in time with thrift, independence. Be thorough in everything you do. Put your soul into your work if it is intellectual, and your body if it is physical. Do nothing in a half-hearted way nor in an unfinished manner. Life is too short to be wasted in weak efforts and half-completed things. Bend all your energies to what you are doing, and do it in the best possible way. Cultivate concentration of purpose and energy. Avoid vacillation and hesitancy, for they sap the foundations of success.

Calmly and dispassionately determine your course, being sure that it is a right and manly one, and then with vigor and directness, with patience and persistence, labor indefatigably for the end in view. If obstacles present themselves remove or surmount them. If disappointments come, bear them manfully and cheerfully, without abatement of effort or loss of confidence in the ultimate success of your labors.

Be thrifty, because thrift is the keystone of independence. Extravagance is worse than folly; it is a crime. Wasteful use of the results of labor is equivalent to throwing away brain and muscle and squandering vitality. Thrift is the handmaid of industry and the offspring of civilization. The savage knows it not. It is the mainspring of individual independence and of national prosperity. There is nothing disgraceful in a prudent and proper economy, but there is in wastefulness and profligacy. A spendthrift is but little removed from a fool. If his money is spent for evil purposes he is a criminal. Thrift is nothing more nor less than looking out for to-morrow; laying away for a rainy day; providing for the helpless ones in the event of death and for independence in declining years.

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