

Incalculable is the value of a firm purpose, and a determination not to be defeated in one's pursuits. If there be one thing more than another calculated to enoble the human soul it is the high faith in its own power.

Where this living principle exists, a courageous impulse is generated which never calculates on difficulties. And even when repulsed and defeated, it turns all things to its own advantage, and makes a virtue of necessity, so that its very failures redound to its present glory and ultimate success.

To the above I add - Cultivate this firmness incessantly until it becomes habitual.