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**Affirmation**



Beloved Centurion:

Patience and Faith are two qualities which are essential if we are to progress in building a "more stately mansion". These two qualities go hand in hand. If we are able to cultivate one, we are usually able to develop the other.

If you find your patience growing thin at times and I know that many of you do - it is not easy to build a new life - then if it were possible I would like to suggest that you try to find a stone cutter and watch him at his work, hammering away at his rock, perhaps a hundred times without as much as a crack showing in it. Yet at the hundred and first blow it will split in two, and you will know it was not that blow that did it but all that had gone before.

Imagine the patience of this workman, and try to visualize his satisfaction when his work was successfully completed. Of course he knew what the final result would be. He not only had the patience but he had the faith. There was never a doubt in his mind as to the ultimate result, and that is the faith which you, Beloved Centurion, must have.

You have, I know, a conviction that you can build a life which is exactly as you would like it to be. Strong convictions usually go ahead of great action. All of your strength and your force comes from your faith. If you believe, you are strong; those who doubt are weak. A man who is strongly possessed of an idea has already gone a long way toward mastery.

Faith is something which we must work at; if we ever allow our faith to waver, it is an up-hill climb to recapture it. Faith is really a practical habit which, like every other habit, is strengthened and increased by continual exercise. I would like to say right here that it is also nourished by meditation and by prayer.

You will find, as you continue with this lesson which we call YOUR HELPERS, that even the books in your library are a tremendous help to you. The lesson is so filled with great truths and strong principles for helping you to accomplish your aim that your instructor will not make more comment here, but will only say that in these pages you can find a new life by studying it carefully and carrying out the instructions given to attain the more abundant life in a more stately mansion.

The following prayer lays stress on your helpers. Say it thoughtfully and then proceed.

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PRAYER

Help me, Heavenly Father, wisely to use and fully to appreciate the helpers who will gather about me and support me in the building of my more stately mansion. Amen.



\*\*\* PART ONE \*\*\*

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\* PEOPLE \*  
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As is the case in any important building enterprise, you must assume the direction and carry the responsibility for the work and its results, yet you will need help all the way along, and you can have it. This will be a survey of the hands and forces that will be available, some as you invite them and others who will work with you even though you may not know it.

It takes many workers to erect a building, and they have to represent many talents and abilities. Those you will need in your undertaking will be even more numerous and cover even a wider range of skills. It will be for you to marshal, direct, and deploy them, without seeming to be too dictatorial or self-confident, and certainly without failing to be grateful. Using help in the right spirit and with the best results is a skill within itself.

First and most evident among your helpers will be people, though you will have many impersonal ones also. No one can carry on an important building enterprise or set up a desirable life alone, neither can they function after they are built without human help. A house in any stage of construction is a poor thing without friends and neighbors.

If you live in the spirit of brotherhood you will have plenty of human help in living your life happily and well. If you are a friend you will have friends. If you are helpful in what others are doing they will be helpful in what you are doing. Any task is easier and can be done better when its doer is upheld by the consciousness of good will, and knows a helping hand is always ready in an hour of need.

You will be surprised at how many human workers there will be, how much they will do for you, and how much it will mean to your happiness and success. Some of them will give you lifts without which you could not go on, and some of these may be support and assistance of which you will never know.

When your house is done it will be lighted with companionship and friendliness. It will not be a cold and desolate structure standing on a plain of futility, but a center of happy helpfulness in a sunny neighborhood.

The only compensation any of them will expect will be your responding good will, appreciation, and READINESS TO DO THE SAME FOR THEM WHEN THEY NEED IT. What you do for others will some day come back to you multiplied manifold, so you will get paid in something very much better than the coin of the realm.

IN THIS WAY YOU ARE NOT ONLY BUILDING A NEW LIFE FOR YOURSELF, BUT ALSO A BETTER ORDER OF THINGS FOR THE WORLD. YOUR STATELY MANSION IS A FINER LIFE. THAT OF THE WORLD IS THE KINGDOM OF OUR HOPE. SUCH THINGS CANNOT BE DONE ON A COMMERCIAL BASIS. THEY MUST GROW FROM THE SIMPLE GOODNESS OF HUMAN HEARTS.

\*\*\* PART TWO \*\*\*

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Has it occurred to you that among your helpers in many of the things you have done have been occasions, wordless situations that rose and opened doors and lifted burdens for you, and then disappeared? It will be so in this supremely important task also.

Among the forces that come to our aid occasions are different and work in a different way. They operate by the power of challenge. Sometimes conditions seem wrong for a given purpose, and at other times exactly right. These latter cases are occasions.

You have days when things slip into place automatically. It is amazing what progress you can make. It was not so the day before, and it will not be so the day after. The reason was that you had an occasion. You saw that the tide was at the flood, and you were ready.

Some seize their great occasions when they come, while others do not. The reason is that some are watching for them, even searching for them, and others are paying no attention. They are preoccupied, or careless, or incredulous; so they miss the boat and spend the rest of their lives wondering why nothing especially good ever happened to them.

The psychology of rising to an occasion is itself an opportunity, and a very great one. As if by magic it enlarges one's stature to fit the situation. Many great men were quite ordinary people till some great need, opportunity, or even crisis, challenged them. They rose to it feeling too small and weak for it, to find that when their abilities were challenged they unfolded to meet the challenge and never shrank back again. Without the challenge they would have remained as they were.

There is another thing to notice about occasions: Suppose yours does not come, or at least that you do not perceive it, - what then? Does that necessarily leave you to plod and struggle on as best you can? Not at all, though even that can be made a way to victory in a good purpose. There is something you can do, and often it is the best thing to have happen. Who needs the good experiences of life laid in his hands ready-made? After all, you want to deserve some credit, don't you?

This is what you can do about a missing occasion to challenge you and draw you up to greater stature - you can start looking for one. Somewhere there is a need you can meet, a place you can fill, a waiting task you can do. Do not push someone out who has already found it and needs it as much as you do. That adds nothing to anyone's real advantage. Find a place of your own. The finding of it as well as the filling of it will enlarge your powers and through them your life itself. There are too many occasions going to waste for anyone to go without.

Meeting some real need in the world will put you far and quickly ahead with your house of life, because you will need more space for your true self to work in. Too, a real occasion will help prove to you how ready Life is to help you.



\*\*\* PART THREE \*\*\*

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\* PROBLEMS \*  
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The next statement may seem an amazing one; and perhaps it is, but it is true. The enlargement on it which is to follow will be an attempt to show why that is the case. Here it is - one important group of helpers you will have in the building of your more stately mansion is your problems. Some never quite realize it, and so miss the gain; but one of the secrets of getting on is learning to make friends with our problems and allow the solving of them to make us grow.

There is a condition to be stated. It is this: - if you know how to take them. If you do not have and do not manage to get the constructive attitude toward your problems, they will tend to defeat you. If you cringe and cower before them, or if you waste your time and peace of mind worrying about them, they will remain unsolved, devitalize you, and probably make you a loser all along the line. Like wild animals, they attack only those who show signs of fear. That is why we say, "if you know how to take them."

If, on the other hand, you have developed a good philosophy of life and are using it you will be able to look a problem in the face without dread. You will see it not merely as a peril, but as a challenge. If you do your best to solve it you probably will win, but in any case, the effort will make you wiser, stronger, more confident, and more resourceful. Danger, not safety, makes hands strong to resist, and if necessary, feet strong to run.

Think of all the successful, contented, victorious people you know. Is it not true that every one of them has had problems, probably very different problems from yours, and possibly very much more difficult? Possibly that is why we have problems - we need something to put us on our mettle, something to develop our powers, something to alert us to the facts of life, something to whet our dull wills on. How would a baby ever develop powers of mastication without something resistant to cut its teeth on? Did you ever hear of a hero who had not been once or oftener in a tight place?

You do not see generals who have never been in a battle or masters in any field who have had no experience with its responsibilities and requirements. Reputations are built by attempting difficult things and doing them. There is no easy road to success in the art of living. The way there is paved with problems and lined with dangers. It is not for the weak-willed and the uncertain, but for determined travelers who know by experience how sharp the thorns can be even in a bed of roses.

You might think of life not only as being like a building but as being like a game of chess, or football, or anything of the kind. Is it not the problems that make the game, and is it not practice in solving them that makes the master? And is not ability to solve them what gives the master his standing?

When we see strength of body, or wisdom of mind, we know perfectly well that it was exercise that built the one and sharpened the other. Weaklings do not do well building more stately mansions, but strong people who once were weaklings do.

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We have already counted people as among your helpers in your life building project, and we have said that they would come with a great diversity of kinds of help. At this point let us give special thought to one group because of the special value of the help they will bring - counsel. Do not scorn good advice if it is really good. It will shed light where otherwise it may be too dark to do good work, especially in the making of decisions.

Some of these people will come in person with counsel by word of mouth. Others of them will speak from a distance by words written or printed on a page. Others will speak from former times through their writings and influence on life, the wise thoughts of people, far and near, living in this world and the next. You will hear or read the words of some. You will feel the sweep of the influence of others speaking namelessly in the silence of the ages.

Enough books, even good books, have been written to overload the earth. Out of all this vast production a limited number have lived because they were deathless. These great thoughts are still open to you to strengthen you, enrich your mind, and enlarge your capabilities. Every hour you spend with the thoughts of the wise and good will make a constructive difference in you and your work.

You could not read them all, nor would that be best. It is better to read a few great books thoroughly and digest them into your life than to skim lightly over many lesser ones. Some will tell you how to do things. Others will tell you in what spirit to do them. With strength and help you can work out the methods for yourself.

When Solomon succeeded to his father's throne God appeared to him in a vision and asked what gift he would like to have. Solomon chose wisdom. Then God assured him that if he had chosen wealth, power, and honor, he would have had that alone, but since he had chosen wisdom he should have the other gifts also. That is, temporal things have no producing power, but wisdom has the power to bring other things with it. That was what Jesus meant when He said if we would seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness the temporal values would be added to it.

That is the way the principle works. If one asks the superficial blessings he may get them, but no more. But if he asks wisdom it will give him the skill to get the others, so he will have them all. Wisdom and righteousness do not come as secondary considerations. They are not bargain bonuses that go with power and place. It is the other way around.

Wisdom is a light by which you can find everything you need for your building, the secret by which these materials may be assembled well, and the key to it after it is built. It is help wise counselors will bring you if you seek it.

The greatest minds of all the past have bequeathed you their reflections. Those of the present offer theirs in addition, rising up to share with you what their hours of inspiration have taught them. What wonderful helpers you have, and how great is the guidance they can bring!



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\* THE PAST \*  
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Among the helpers who gather around to aid you in this most important of all building tasks will be a silent and gentle influence called The Past. It will show you day by day the records and lessons of experience in the traces of time, and effort. It will exert no compulsion. It comes only as an advisor who can help you to make the future better, to make sure that what you are building now is indeed a MORE stately mansion

If you permit it, the past will show you trails that have been blazed but not beaten, and how far they lead. It will tell you of plans that have been made but not carried out. It will point out to you works that have been begun but not completed. It will tell you of past failures you can now avoid and past partial successes you can now make complete. It will tell you of the pioneers and heroes at the end of whose struggles you are beginning, whose work you can carry on. It remembers lessons everyone else has forgotten.

The past will tell you of the mistakes you can avoid and the possibilities you can realize. It will show you things that were not possible yesterday, but that new skills, developments, and resolution, make possible in your day and at this stage of it. It will quietly help you to see what to imitate and what to avoid. If you do not recognize it, it will not reproach you; but if you do, it will be immeasurably helpful. It is a most careful and accurate scribe. Its records will omit nothing. Do not disregard it as old-fashioned. It was new-fashioned in its time. It is not a rival of the present, but a forerunner of it.

The past will show you how far others have gone in building their more stately mansions and at what point they gave up, so you can try to have more persistence. It will show you what others have completed, so you can plan to make yours different and better. The past is a great conserver. It helps you to avoid all this waste of doing what will not endure, of turning into blind roads, of investing yourself in labor only to find it futile.

The past will tell you what has functioned for or against other builders, so you can profit by their dearly bought experience and approach your work with a more informed mind and more widely opened eyes. Sea charts are made on the basis of where ships have gone on the rocks. Mankind moves more confidently into the future knowing the disasters of the yesterdays. The past tells you how other plans have gone wrong so yours may have a better chance of going right.

Some people scorn the counsel of the past because they think it does not apply now. This costs them vastly in terms of success and happiness. You will be wise to remember that it has the record of the approaches to all you can be and do, and to make use of these records of remembered things.

The past is your friend. It waits to help you. Time spent considering it will be very profitable. Questions asked of it will receive the answers of experience which is so important an ingredient of truth. The present knows only the one picture that is clicking by right now on the projector. The future knows nothing yet for sure. But the past knows all that has ever yet been either present or future.



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 \* THE UNIVERSE             \*     problem is to recognize that tide and be sure to take it  
 \*                             \*     at its flood. That tide is a current that sweeps through  
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                                   silent and unseen that many miss it because they are not  
 looking for it. One must have his boat ready, for there is only one day and hour  
 exactly right for sailing.

There are those who do not think much about the universe. They do not understand its nature, or they doubt its beneficence, or they do not feel the throb in it, so they hurt their own interest by missing the help of its great forces. The universe is God's field of operation, so it is our friend. Through its forces there is provision for the best to come within the reach of each of us.

The universe is your friend. Make up your mind to that and work with it. You will be surprised how it will deliver you from danger and failure and how it will help you to power and success.

The powers of God's universe keep you alive and able to go about the living of your life in an ever more adequate way. They keep you breathing. They provide you with vital, constructive forces and protect you from dangerous and destructive ones. They warm you and provide you with sustenance. They give you all of which your home rooftree and your more stately mansion alike are built. The storehouse and powerhouse of God's universe do and will furnish you all you need.

The universe is vast and you are small, yet you are made for each other, and you are a living part of the same plan with it. Being animated, as it is, by divine resources and intentions, it takes what amounts to a personal interest in you. Do you not catch meanings for you in its manifestations - the sunrise, the trees, the flowers, the streams, the living creatures, your fellow-human beings, and the sweeping of the tides of destiny?

The Bible says the stars in their courses fought against Sisera, the Philistine chieftain. They seem to do exactly that when one is in the wrong, but when he is in the right, they defend him and contend for him. Sisera thought himself independent of the universe. Be wiser than he, and enter into an alliance with it. You will find it receptive, and that it keeps its promises. All created things will work with you in the effort to achieve your best possible life.

You can be in league with the forces that hold up the stars and order their motions, that control the powers of the restless seas, that mix the colors and design the flowers, that guide the cycle of the seasons, and that order the currents of history - think of that! But your privilege is to accept or miss, and on that choice will swing more of the future than you know. In league with such forces there is only one way to fail, and that is to fail to use them for good. Nothing can be built without the help of the powers of the universe, nor without using them in harmony with the will of their Creator and ours.



\*\*\* PART SEVEN \*\*\*

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 \* THE SUPREME HELPER \*  
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The word Religion means being rebound to God. The Divine and all that is associated with it is your mightiest and most necessary helper. Such is the experience of people of faith through the ages, and experience is the highest possible testimonial.

The power of God is greater even than that of the universe because the universe is only His creation. When you accept the power of the Eternal you have on your side the power to which all things are possible.

Faith in the love and power of the Heavenly Father is the strongest and most effective tool you can ever use in accomplishing anything. It is not a substitute for the usual instrumentalities, but it is that which empowers you in the use of them so you can succeed in undertakings that with ordinary instruments alone would be impossible. Faith is the dynamo of the universe and of life. Love gives us interest in a thing, hope gives us the concept, but faith gives us the will and courage to do and the power to trust beyond our ability to do, so we are able to do it.

The power of faith is applied by simple believing. There is something dynamic about feeling able. Belief can be generated like any other power. It is done by such means as prayer, meditation, and obedience. The way to become acquainted with it is to use it, really to put it to the test. But faith itself is as different from the means that enables it to function as electric current is from the wires that carry it and the switches that turn it on.

The fundamental textbook of all that God and faith in His means is that Library of inspired writings called The Bible. The reverent student who learns and follows its teachings can always accomplish more as a builder than those who have not learned or do not use the secret. It pictures the discovery and use of this power by all kinds of people, and the results of failure to find and use it by all kinds of people. Only he is able to hear the still, small voice and feel the strength of the unseen hand. Thus finite man can become the contact between a task and the infinite power.

That silent yet eloquent book, The Bible, thrills with life and sparkles with meaning. It throws an all-revealing spotlight on the great facts, powers, and values of the higher life, including faith. Faith in turn will lever many a forbidding load into place for you. It waits to be a helper, and without its aid many a wonderful life would not have been wonderful at all.

If you are not familiar with the Bible and are reading it for the first time, here is a suggestion for that first time. Read the New Testament first, then the Psalms, and other poetical books, then the books of history at the beginning. After that read the whole Book in order, or any special part you are interested in.

Do not fail to call on this great set of plans and specifications for its instruction in the building of your more stately mansion. It will keep you on the right track and save the waste of error, affording peculiar beauty to the



house you are building. What the blueprints are to the builder of a house, The Bible is to the builder of a life, and more.

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AFFIRMATION

I am not sufficient alone for the building of a worthy life. Many helpers offer me their aid, and I gratefully accept it.

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So it is with our Mayan Order; without the able assistance of helpers we could not accomplish all that we do. We appreciate our helpers, one and all.

May this lesson be blessed to your good,

YOUR CLASS INSTRUCTOR.

Your next lesson will be devoted to the subject PROTECTIVE MEASURES, and can be a powerful force for accomplishment in your life.