

"The Gospel of A Step At A Time"

Text "Give us this day our daily bread"

Matt 6:11

The parrot - page 64 - "what's it all about?"

"One at a time gentlemen, one at a time" This is a formula by which any life may be transformed - you find a thought close akin to this in one of the ten most popular hymns of our times -

"Keep thou my feet
I do not ask to see the distant scene
one step enough for me."

We can't think of God being a Creator who would make a world that would prove to be too much for the people He made to live in it. For contrary He could subdue it

It is true that people are guilty who let the world become too much for them. nervous and moral collapse come to people who have never learned to take a step at a time - taking that with them.

Failure comes to many because they try to do too much all at once -

1. Suppose you want to give a piece of furniture a good polish - you rush to clean the old paint off - and do a bad job

Look of patience
Archway

you are in too big a hurry to get second coat on. Haste makes waste

2. The floors have been finished and you just have to try them out too soon -
3. Concrete walk is laid and you just have to step on it too soon to see if it has set up - leave foot print for all time.

- a. Jesus said pray this way "Give us THIS day our daily bread"
- b. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much"
- c. "Do not be anxious about tomorrow for tomorrow will be anxious for itself - Let the days own trouble be sufficient for the day." - Live each day as step at a time -

The sculptor is careful to take off a little at a time -

I. The Gospel of a Step at a Time is the answer to the problem of doing our work. we are all so busy - work piles up - if we do not do the things as they come they pile up and we are tempted to begin to count up all we will have to do in the next month or year and it forms a rut. that we feel can never be surmounted. "One at time gentlemen, one at a time!"

See - the parable of the philosophical clock
Its job was to tick -

Each second 2 times 120 times per minute
Hour 7200 - Day 172000 - year 63,000,000 - Ten years 630,000,000
It collapsed -

Gushes

3 - 1-Step at a time

and when it came to it had a rare insight
It only had to tick once at time. What if
you begin to figure up how many times
your heart will beat during next ten yrs.

Minister in Michigan - Knew nothing of
the one step at a time - but and went to
pieces - insomnia - ulcers - abdominal pains
galore - He sought cure every where - none
came till one night he sat watching
his wife wash dishes - singing as
she worked -

wonder how she does it - married 18
years - at beginning if she had stopped
to think how many dishes she would
wash in 18 years it would have
been 200,000 - a pile big as a
horn -

- He thought on - only way she does
it is a day at a time. To see it
I have been trying to wash yesterday's
to-days and those not dirty yet - That
proved salvation of that man ministering
"one at a time gentlemen, one at a
time"

Arthur Hays Sulzberger, publisher of the
new York Times - when world war II
broke out found so much sorrow
that he could not sleep - He
found no peace until he adopted as
his motto fine words from a
James Lyman "one step enough
for me" -

- II. This principle is the answer to the problem of managing our life.
- a. the way for us to find that inner mastery of our lives, which we crave
 - b. It is the way to hold life together and be saved from despair.

the man and the Eskimo guide—
man asked "are you afraid to die?"
Eskimo "no"—man "why not?"
Eskimo "no, no afraid to die, we die every night—every a.m. we live again"

Suppose I could sit down and begin to imagine sorrows and heart aches I will share with my congregation in next year? I could not take it all at once—many ministers break under it—I look down twice till I found that I must take it a day at a time—

- III. This principle "of one step at a time"—is an answer to the matter of following Jesus. He says "Follow me" but he is perfect and we say, "There is no use"

Idol { Father told little boy to go to the barn and get a box of nails from a shelf. It was night—boy came in crying "It is dark out side and I can't see the barn—have him lantern—"now you need not fear—"But I still can not see the barn" "No but start and see what happens"—and every

step, the light went a head of him—
all the way to the barn.

Then who are willing to take one
 step which they can see will that
 the light reaches all the way—
 "we can reach the ultimate only
 through the immediate"

God has not made a world
 which is too much for the people
 He made and placed in it. He
 has made a way for us to meet
 our tasks—and that is the pre-
 scription Christ has given us—
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