

The Successful Life

Stephen

Acts 7:58

Bay and Taylor said, "Life lies only in success." Every body we meet in every walk of life is headed toward success. (name associations of life)

Two kinds of success:

1. Life long
2. Eternity long

Now under the first kind of success we see the gold seekers (whether they have any of it or not). Every business and profession in try to succeed financially and many win but while the yellow dust sifts through their fingers they die.

The pleasure lover sated and weary goes the same way. The King lies down with the beggar and they sleep together in the dust. They win the less and lose the greater. win earth and lose heaven. a hilly hood and lose life. SHAME follows for leaving God out. "Fool that I was to remember the years and forget the ages!"

But in the 2nd kind of success we find those who lose life here but win it forever. They project their enterprises on an eternal plan. They look for immortality, for a better country. They are like ~~him~~ in Vanity Fair with fingers in his ears crying crying "Life, life, eternal life!"

An illustration of this success is given in life of Stephen. The story of his life is in three chapters:

1. Chosen deacon because he was full of the

Holy Ghost. Because of this condition of his life he did many wonderful things. As he went about he had only one story to tell and that was that Jesus came into this world to die, rise again and raise our souls. This one thing he burned into the people's hearts.

This is the prerequisite of success, belief in one thing plus the enthusiasm to say "this one thing I do".

Woodward seemed to know nothing but rubber but he knew that and winning success out of it.

Palling knew white enamel but he knew that as well that one of his plates sold recently in London for 200 lbs.

Now when Christ is made object of faith nothing is impossible. If we die we win immortality. "He never fails who dies in a great cause."

2nd Chapter in Stephen's life was - the hall is a birth in Jerusalem. The Sanhedrin was convened, ruled over by a dirty bunch of dignitaries. Stephen was in their midst but not alone.

His indictment was in two sections

1. Speaking against the law, fully
2. " " " Temple " all the

was only foregleam of the Christ. Christ filled all the horizon of his life. {C. H. W. crops, many of people industry, reason, letters, you see, yes on should.

His defence began with resume of history, Abraham, Moses, David, showing how they rejected all. He forgot himself, and as his face began to shine like an angel. The prisoners turn on the court they know an him.

Here we have 2nd prerequisite for success

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self forgetful men
old lady praying for service

3rd Chapter: Out side the gate. Evening
flocks reclining in distance in soft quiet
from which about ascended the sun is
setting in crimson splendor, the gates
of heaven are opening the first thrush
warbler is about to enter.

Stones Cost - Stephen goes to heaven -
not all - Saul never gets away from
scene of the upturned face.

