

Three Essentials For Turning A suc-
cessful Life
Phil. 3:13, 14.

Any normal person is interested in the biographies of great men. We like to study them to see their struggle, their new point of life, and their successes.

40-day I call your attention to one of if not the greatest credential the people of Christ has ever produced. His name is Paul. We are not going to study his biography at this time but will take up two verses of scripture which he speaks to his favorite church. In these verses he tells us in the marvellous secret of his great life. Mark his words:

- ① "This one thing I do - concentration
- ② "Forgetting those things which are behind"
- ③ "And reaching forth to those things which are before" - (Forward look) "I press toward the mark as the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Here he gives us the three fold secret of his greatness.

I The first element is whole hearted concentration. "This one thing I do." Not a 100 things. Know what you are going to do. Decision is energy, energy is power, power is confidence, and confidence is a great degree in success.

Many a man has failed in life not for lack of ability but for lack of concentration. The world is waiting to kiss his foot.

1. The business world talks of special-
ization, consolidation and unification.

2. The professional man
3. Science - Edison and Wright brothers
4. Religion - "No man can serve two masters"
 "ye shall seek me and find me when ye search for me with your whole heart"
 "In the day that thou seekest me with thy whole heart I will be found of thee;"

II. The second element is the forgetfulness of the past. Do not mean destroy the past, thrug to forget

1. Blunders - Don't haunt us with them
2. Losses - man burned out Christ "I have lost all." Little daughter said, "Dad you still have me and me"
3. Forget injuries - Do not lie awake planning to get even with some one,
4. Successes - Do not get too much - pendant
5. Borrowers. The story of the oyster. Shell broken it goes to the deep finds pearl to wear the place.
 "Take them all to Christ and sing with abithier." I know not where His islands lift
 Their fringed palms in air
 But this I know I can not drift
 Beyond His love and care.
6. Forget our sins. What if Paul had remembered this? Christ is a real banner from our sins.

Ill. Little burned girl - Texas, carried to father's home.

I was a burned child and Jesus gave me the kiss of reconciliation and I was saved. Jesus paid it all all to Him I am
 I had left a crimson stain He washed it

III. The forward look; what, in your eye for? Do you say I am taking ~~the~~ world at a time. you must take two worlds at a time.

All. Three men

1. One world at a time. Died in a wait.
2. One followed Christ afar off. "I trust I shall get home but I have done so little.
3. All his life given to Jesus. Had glorious death. Which of these had you rather be?

I had walked life's way with an easy tread
Had followed where pleasures and comforts led,
Until one day in a quiet place
I met the Master face to face.

With station and rank and wealth for my goal
Much thought for my body but none for my soul
I had entered to win in life's mad race
When I met the Master face to face.

I had built my castles and reared them high
With their towers had pierced the blue of the sky
I had sworn to rule with an iron hand
When I met the Master face to face.

I met Him and knew Him and blushed to see
That His eyes, full of sorrow, were fixed on me.
And I faltered and fell at His feet that day
While my castles melted and vanished away.

metteled and vanished and in their place
haught she did I see with the master's face
and I cried aloud, "Oh make me weak
to follow the steps of thy wounded feet."

My thought is now for the robes of men.
I have lost my life to find it again,
Ever since one day in a quiet place
I met the master face to face.

