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"Have you beheld a man skillful in his work?

Before kings is where he will station himself..." (Proverbs)

The construction industry requires skill and industriousness. The skillful artisan's fine work will not remain a secret. News of his skill may reach the ears of a king, who may well seek his services.

Knowledge and skill are needed in any profession.

A man may study masonry and may also learn much by observing those skilled in that trade. But to develop skill himself, he must put acquired knowledge to work on the job.

For example: a surgeon needs to be educated. But to become competent, he must put his knowledge to use in the operating room. and in that profession skill is vital, for competence can often make the difference between life and death for the patient.

Do We Meet the Challenge of Doing Our Best?

IN a competition or race it is quite natural for one to do his best.

The artist who seeks to win a prize for his painting at an exhibition will most likely do his best, as will also a musician who is trying to win recognition or a prize at a music festival most likely do his best. The athlete, anxious to win the prize, is also most likely to exert his best powers.

The obligation of any craftsmen might be said to be threefold:

Doing all that one has to do

- As well as it can be done;
- Doing as much as one can do in view of his skills, energy and time;
- And doing it from the right motive.

For any of us to do our best, we must keep our mind on our work, and concentrate on the work at hand. One such man who was concerned with doing his best was Abraham Lincoln. He once stated: "If I were to try to read, much less answer, all the attacks made on me, this shop might as well be closed for any other business. I do the very best I know how —the best I can; and I mean to keep doing so until the end."

Among other rewards that come from doing one's best is self-respect. There is an inner satisfaction from knowing that we have not yielded to the temptation to do careless or indifferent work, just because we could have gotten away with it; but that we have disciplined our self and have done the very best we were able to do.

Whether we did our very best in a certain task or assignment others may never know; but we do, and, if we did, ours is the satisfaction of knowing that we are measuring up to what we know we should require of ourselves.

Then, again, there is the satisfaction that comes from viewing the results, if we have done our best. These certainly will be much better if we have done all we could as well as we could do it. Doing so, we may well be rewarded with a sense of pride in our achievement

"The man skillful in his work stations himself before kings."

—Prov.

Yours truly,

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