

## VISION

"Where there is no vision the people perish."

These words, spoken many years ago, are as true today as they were then. Men with vision accomplish great things.

Men do not follow their calling for profit alone. One of the chief aims is to have a good home and a full measure of living. Men also follow their particular calling because they love their work; the farmer is proud of his growing corn and well-fed cattle; the carpenter likes to admire the results of his handicraft; the businessman enjoys seeing a satisfied customer.

The compensation for our labors provides for our families and educates our children. It enables a man not only to provide for his livelihood, but also to develop his personality and widen his sphere of influence. It is essential to his growth and his service to his fellow-men.

Our work should result in profit of two kinds—profit to a man's soul as well as his pocketbook. One depends on the other. It is only when the desire for profit is allowed to blot out the other values of life that it is dangerous.

When man is determined to do a certain thing, he can do it. We should have a goal, some end toward which to work. Vision sets seemingly impossible goals and we grow in statue as we try to reach them.

If our aim is for no other reason than to get an easy job with plenty of leisure, or something exciting all the time, it is no more than a child's dream and no goal at all. As we mature, the things that satisfied us in childhood no longer fill the bill—the vigor of youth does not last. Wants and needs increase, responsibilities multiply. We cannot escape the law of progression.

Our goals are often too feeble and too near. We want the best of life, but this comes only after development of taste, and after successful work and service to others. In this great land of ours there is an opportunity for every man with a vision, and a willingness to work for his vision's realization.

"Misfortune can make me sad and place me in a dark cave, but it cannot keep me there. Nor can mountains limit my vision—it will never die."