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Reading- 3rd Chapter of Proverbs.

The lesson I have for you this morning is one of the passages of Scripture on the subject of wisdom.

We have reached the end of the second week and we have lost only one, I believe. Tomorrow will be the next Sunday, and after that youx will be pretty thoroughly acclimated and adjusted. Just one more Sunday to go through. Do you girls like Sundays or not? Why? It ought to be the great day of rest and joy and happiness. Don't get moody to-morrow, but hold yourself to-gether, and next week we will have enough for you to do to take all the moods out of you except the working mood.

In considering the proposition before us this year that the school has adjusted itself in a remarkable way, and I feel like this morning paying you a compliment by telling you that you have adjusted yourselves to this new course of study, and the difficulty that comes in making schedules when a college is just exactly in the stage of development that we are in. We lack one more year of having the four years of college work on the schedule, and yet we have a few young women who are here doing that other year but not enough to make a group, and that makes it very difficult when you try to do justice to every person in the college, and you know that is what we are trying to do.

We are getting in pretty good shape, and I think we have done it in a remarkably short time considering the problem that we have to solve, and you young women have helped us by the cheerful way in which you have gone about it. As sure as you live you can get more out of life by smiling than you can by frowning. There is a girl in this college- she will remember it perhaps, came in my office the other day with her face all knotted up, and I said take them out, and you know she felt a whole lot better when she took the wrinkles away.

Every day and in every way you will be getting better and better, and life will be more and more worth while, if you can just put yourself in that frame of mind, and I know you can do it.



The frame of mind with which we attack the task that is before us determines in a large measure what the outcome will be, and how we will feel about it when we solve the problem. I was late getting in here this morning talking about your problems with some body I met in the hall. I remarked this morning that I was almost afraid to get out of my office for some body would stop me to ask me about your need. I am going to smile at them too, and you can do the same thing if you will meet your problems whether you feel like it or not, but meet them with a smile, let there be back of that smile a determination that you will meet a problem. The purposeful life is the most important life after all. It is the one that really succeeds. The life with a definite aim, with a definite purpose is the ship that starts from one port and goes straight to another, and it always goes there unless misfortune overtakes it. The life without a purpose is like a ship that has been abandoned and mariners are very much afraid of that kind of ship. They report it promptly by wireless to all the other vessels

and as that ship is a dangerous one on the sea so that kind of life is a dangerous life on the sea of human existence. So if you do not have a purpose get one. Have a definite purpose in life and go to it and your life will amount to something. Don't drift, just drift. They are having a trial in this State to-day. A young man is accused of murder. He went on the witness stand day before yesterday. He has been a piece of drift wood going hither and yonder. A fellow soldier was killed, he happened to be in the camp the night the murder took place. He had gone into that camp for the purpose of robbery. He had forged checks, he had deserted twice, he had been found guilty and sentenced and escaped, and now they say he is guilty of murder, but they can't prove it except by circumstantial evidence. So he went on the stand and told the story of his life, the life of a piece of driftwood on the sea of time, but he says that he is not guilty of murder; that he knows nothing about the murder. What the decision of the court will be I don't know, but less assume that he is innocent. The circumstances surrounding point the finger of guilt to



that young man as if he were guilty simply because he didn't hold to a purpose in life, but he became a piece of driftwood and it quite often puts a person in his position, may be not for murder but the drifting character quite often lands in the jail and in the prison, not always, but often the trouble is that that person doesn't have an aim in life, and doesn't have back bone enough to establish a name and go straight to his life purpose. I am assuming that you young women have an aim. Don't let any thing pull you away from it, but make good and make good this year.