

**Let Lincoln's Life Be A Guide  
To Your Steps**

Young men are heard saying that they have had no help, no quill, no influence to push them into the paths of success; they cite the case of this and that man, who a college education, or who had an influential father, or some "friend at court."

And then, with despondent faces they tell you their own failures are due to the lack of one or all these things.

Again young lads, in country places, proclaim their great desire to get on in the world; to make a name and a place for themselves. But they declare it is impossible without the aid of some good philanthropist who will finance their schemes for education.

Let all these young men and lads read the life of Lincoln!

Poverty, ignorance, loneliness no influence, no help from any one without, but the invincible power within carried this poor country boy to the highest possible altitude or an American youth to reach in this life.

He studied while he worked; he had his books near by, and during a few leisure moments he memorized some passage, far, some idea which proved to be a mosaic in the pavement which his mind trod—the pavement leading toward the altitudes.

Nothing discouraged him; nothing made him doubt his own ability to become an educated man and to reach a position where he could hold places of usefulness and beneficial power.

Night and day this thought of improving his mind, of storing it with information, remained with young Lincoln.

He did not scatter his forces by weakly wishing that some great millionaire would take an interest in him and send him to college. He kept all his mentality to use in study, and thinking about what

he studied.

When a human being turns the whole force of his mind in any one direction, he must find that for which he seeks.

It is the law and cannot fail. Lincoln found the place, the power and the opportunities to use that power for universal good, just as he had hoped.

He found it himself. No one could help him; he would never have developed to the full extent his own energies and concentration. These great factors in his success came by his having to find the way himself.

And that which you desire, if you desire it just as ardently and persistently as Lincoln desired education, you will find.

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