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Samuel Smiles (December 23, 1812 April 16, 1904), was a Scottish author and reformer.

The battle of life is, in most cases, fought uphill; and to win it without a struggle were perhaps to win it without honor. If there were no difficulties there would be no success; if there were nothing to struggle for, there would be nothing to be achieved.

- Smiles, Samuel

An intense anticipation itself transforms possibility into reality; our desires being often but precursors of the things which we are capable of performing.

- Smiles, Samuel

The very greatest things -- great thoughts, discoveries, inventions -- have usually been nurtured in hardship, often pondered over in sorrow, and at length established with difficulty.

- Smiles, Samuel

The apprenticeship of difficulty is one which the greatest of men have had to serve.

- Smiles, Samuel

The work of many of the greatest men, inspired by duty, has been done amidst suffering and trial and difficulty. They have struggled against the tide, and reached the shore exhausted.

- Smiles, Samuel

Enthusiasm... the sustaining power of all great action.

- Smiles, Samuel

It is energy -- the central element of which is will -- that produces the miracle that is enthusiasm in all ages. Everywhere it is what is called force of character and the sustaining power of all great action.

- Smiles, Samuel

We learn from failure much more than from success; we often discover what we will do by finding out what we will not do; and probably he who never made a mistake never made a discovery.

- Smiles, Samuel

It is a mistake to suppose that men succeed through success; they much oftener succeed through failures. Precept, study, advice, and example could never have taught them so well as failure has done.

- Smiles, Samuel

Hope is the companion of power, and mother of success; for who so hopes strongly has

within him the gift of miracles.

- Smiles, Samuel

Knowledge conquered by labor becomes a possession -- a property entirely our own.

- Smiles, Samuel

Labor is still, and ever will be, the inevitable price set upon everything which is valuable.

- Smiles, Samuel

Life will always be to a large extent what we ourselves make it.

- Smiles, Samuel

Where there is a will there is a way. is an old true saying. He who resolves upon doing a thing, by that very resolution often scales the barriers to it, and secures its achievement. To think we are able, is almost to be so -- to determine upon attainment is frequently attainment itself.

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It will generally be found that men who are constantly lamenting their ill luck are only reaping the consequences of their own neglect, mismanagement, and improvidence, or want of application.

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It is not ease but effort, not facility but difficult, that makes man. There is perhaps no station in life in which difficulties do not have to be encountered and overcome before any decided means of success can be achieved.

- Smiles, Samuel

Men who are resolved to find a way for themselves will always find opportunities enough; and if they do not find them, they will make them.

- Smiles, Samuel

The wise man... if he would live at peace with others, he will bear and forbear.

- Smiles, Samuel

Progress however, of the best kind, is comparatively slow. Great results cannot be achieved at once; and we must be satisfied to advance in life as we walk, step by step.

- Smiles, Samuel

Men must necessarily be the active agents of their own well-being and well-doing... they themselves must in the very nature of things be their own best helpers.

- Smiles, Samuel

Lost wealth may be replaced by industry, lost knowledge by study, lost health by temperance or medicine, but lost time is gone forever.

- Smiles, Samuel

Man cannot aspire if he looked down; if he rise, he must look up.

- Smiles, Samuel

Wisdom and understanding can only become the possession of individual men by travelling the old road of observation, attention, perseverance, and industry.

- Smiles, Samuel

The experience gathered from books, though often valuable, is but the nature of learning; whereas the experience gained from actual life is one of the nature of wisdom.

- Smiles, Samuel

Practical wisdom is only to be learned in the school of experience. Precepts and instruction are useful so far as they go, but, without the discipline of real life, they remain of the nature of theory only.

- Smiles, Samuel

The reason why so little is done, is generally because so little is attempted.

- Smiles, Samuel

The duty of helping one's self in the highest sense involves the helping of one's neighbors.

- Smiles, Samuel



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