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More Misfits.

There are no virtues more sinned against than common sense and moral courage. The catalogue of sinners would be incomplete without the following types:

The Dead-game Sport.

He is brave to defy God because God is far away and merciful while the gang which desires him is at his elbow and merciful.

The Cuckoo.

He is afraid to face the failure he has merited, so he copies in exams.

The Slacker.

His is simple and unadulterated fear of effort -- physical, intellectual, moral or spiritual sloth.

The Moral Suicide.

He is a product of the widespread notion of self-depreation (otherwise called false humility) which brings on self depreciation and strangles ambition. One by one he lets ideals slip, as he hears people mock at them. One by one his virtues fall away -- and vices spring up in their stead. He is yellow: he dares not have ambition.

Discounting Futures.

Negroes as a class are notoriously improvident. They cannot make a present sacrifice for a future gain. They feast sumptuously for a few days after pay-day, and run short the rest of the week. They would sooner spend a nickle each time for carfare than lay down a dollar for twenty-five tickets. -- And you don't have to go to the black wards to find examples of such improvidence. Examinations will show them in plenty, to say nothing of cafeteria experience.

Futures in Business.

The function of judgment in business is to determine as accurately as possible, how this or that present sacrifice will result in future gain. The farther sound judgment can see, the more it is worth to the business. The mapping out of future policies is the business of executives.

Get This.

Common sense and moral courage, wisdom and fortitude, are spiritual powers. If you want them, go after them in the way in which spiritual powers are developed:

2. Pray. Prayer sets your mind above material things.
3. Read. Reading freshens ideals and stimulates ambition.
4. Frequent the Sacraments, the channels of grace, because grace lets you see into eternity.