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## YOU OWN YOUR OWN DESTINY

Being afraid of life must be our national illness; it seems that living today is a pretty frightening experience. And there are literally hundreds of things that can and do make it so. So people *are* prone to get the feeling that life is almost too much; and they are overwhelmed by the demands of living and underwhelmed by their equipment and resources to meet the demands.

Some rather elementary suggestions are helpful in planning and molding and shaping destiny:

Avoid conformity merely for the sake of conformity. One of the beauties of our creation is our uniqueness. You forfeit your role in shaping your destiny when you sell out to conformity, and you lose your individuality.

Be supple and flexible enough to roll with the punches. Be assured the punches will come, and the more tight, rigid and defensive you are in meeting the “punches,” the more liable you are to snap or break under them.

Have faith. By “having faith” is meant not only faith in God, but faith in yourself. We all have the privilege of being able to have faith in ourselves. Doesn't God trust us by giving us freedom to be responsible beings?

Destiny! Where does it lie? The fates? Chance? Circumstances? Fortune? The exigencies of life? More often than not, destiny does not lie out there somewhere in the unknown. More often than not, destiny lies *right in your very own hands!*

--William A Miller, D. Min.

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