

Work And Agree

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In our daily lives each of us must make many decisions every day. Although we are seldom conscious of the thought processes involved in arriving at our decisions under ordinary circumstances, when we are faced with a momentous decision, we proceed carefully and examine, to the best of our ability, all of the reasons why we should decide one way, and all the reasons why we should not. After comparing the "whys" and "why nots" we finally decide "to do" or "not to do" the thing under consideration.

Have you noticed some people are never doing anything and others are always doing something?

Usually those who are doing nothing are spending all their time searching for reasons why they should *not* do something. They are thinking negatively. They are always looking for reasons why something won't work. Generally, they find what they are looking for — failure.

On the other hand, those who are always doing something are constantly searching for reasons why something *will* work. If they are confronted with obstacles which impede their progress, they renew their energies and attack more vigorously. They think positively. They do not know the meaning of defeat. Generally, they find what they are looking for — success.

Our individual approach to living depends greatly upon whether we are positive or negative thinkers.

The success of a lodge depends greatly upon whether it has a majority of positive or a majority of negative thinkers. Where there is a majority of negative thinkers, the Lodge will always find reasons why it should do nothing and its inactivity will continue accordingly. But where there is a majority of positive thinkers, the Lodge will overcome obstacles and solve problems which may appear insurmountable to others.

Let each of us examine our conscience and reflect upon our past activity in the Lodge. Have we engaged in destructive criticism, or have we made constructive suggestions? Do we tend to look for reasons why someone else's idea will not work, or are we eager to support a brother's recommendations by positive thinking and personal labor?

Masonry is founded on the concept of "who best can work and best agree." WORK and AGREE should be the key words for success in any Lodge.

Positive thinking will insure agreement and constructive suggestions coupled with enthusiastic labor will erect the Temple.

Every Mason is a builder!
Be a Builder!
Be a Mason!