

**It Couldn't Be Done by Poet: Edgar A. Guest**

Somebody said it couldn't be done  
But he with a chuckle replied  
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one  
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.  
So he buckled right in with a trace of a grin  
On his face. If he worried he hid it.  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it!  
Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;  
At least no one ever has done it;"  
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat  
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.  
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,  
Without any doubting or quiddit,  
He started to sing as he tackled the thing  
That couldn't be done, and he did it.  
There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,  
There are thousands to prophesy failure,  
There are thousands to point out to you one by one,  
The dangers that wait to assail you.  
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,  
Just take off your coat and go to it;  
Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing  
That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.

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### MISSION STATEMENT

Foundation Progressive Sabbath Advent Ministries (FPSAM), Inc. exists to build upon the four **PILLARS** (*Mental*, *Physical*, *Spiritual* and *Social*) that **GUIDED** Jesus' life.

#### VISION

All Foundation Progressive Sabbath Advent Ministries (FPSAM), Inc. members will use the four pillars to establish and build their personal life and that of others.

#### SLOGAN

"Don't Accommodate Eliminate"

#### MOTTO

"Building on FOUR"

#### TEXT

"And Jesus increased in wisdom (Mental) and stature (Physical & Spiritual), and in favor with God (Spiritual) and man (Social)." **Luke 2:52**

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**1. When the ten spies brought back an evil report from the land of Canaan, what did Caleb say?**

"And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, *Let us \_\_\_\_ up at \_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_ it; for \_\_\_\_ are \_\_\_\_ able to \_\_\_\_ it.*"

**Numbers 13:30**

**2. What did the ten spies say?**

"But the men that went up with him said, *We be \_\_\_\_ able to go up \_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_; for they are \_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_.*" **Numbers 13:31**

**3. What effect did this evil report have upon the people?**

"And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and \_\_\_\_; and the people \_\_\_\_ that night. And all the children of Israel \_\_\_\_ against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, \_\_\_\_ *God that \_\_\_\_ had \_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_! or would \_\_\_\_ we had \_\_\_\_ in this \_\_\_\_!* . . . And they said one to another, *Let us \_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_, and let us \_\_\_\_ into \_\_\_\_.*" **Numbers 14:1-4**

**4. With what words did Moses seek to encourage Joshua?**

"And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, *Be \_\_\_\_ and of a good \_\_\_\_.* . . . The Lord, He it is that doth go before thee; He will be with thee, He will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: \_\_\_\_ *not, neither be \_\_\_\_.*" **Deuteronomy 31:7-8**

**5. In his final charge to Joshua, what did Moses, speaking for God, say to him?**

"And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, *Be \_\_\_\_ and of a good \_\_\_\_:* for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I swore unto them: and I will be with thee." **Deuteronomy 31:23**

**6. After Moses' death, how did the Lord encourage Joshua?**

"The Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying, . . . There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. *Be \_\_\_\_ and of a good \_\_\_\_.*" **Joshua 1:1-6**

**7. When Sennacherib, king of Assyria, came against Jerusalem, what did King Hezekiah say to Israel?**

"*Be \_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_, be not \_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_* for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him: for there be more with us than with him: with him is an army of flesh; but with us is the Lord our God to help us, and to fight our battles."

**2 Chronicles 32:7-8**

**8. What effect did these words have upon the people?**

"And the *people \_\_\_\_ themselves* upon the \_\_\_\_ of Hezekiah king of Judah." **2 Chronicles 32:8**

**9. How did Josiah seek to promote the worship of God?**

"And he set the priests in their charges, and \_\_\_\_ *them to the \_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_.*" **2 Chronicles 35:2**

**10. By what message, through the prophet Haggai, did God seek to encourage the people to rebuild the temple?**

"*Be \_\_\_\_, O Zerubbabel, saith the Lord; and be \_\_\_\_, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work: for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts.*" **Haggai 2:4**

**11. What encouraging message has Christ left us?**

"Be of *good \_\_\_\_*; I have overcome the world." **John 16:33**

**NOTES:** A dispirited man, like a discouraged horse, is powerless to perform his task. **"What men need most in this world's struggle and strife is not usually direct help, but cheer.** . . . Many men have fainted and succumbed in the great struggles whom **one word of cheer would have made strong to overcome.** We should never, then, **lose an opportunity to say an inspiring word.** We know not how much it is needed, nor how great and far-reaching its consequences may be."- **"Week-Day Religion," by J. R. Miller, D. D., page 170**

**"Look on the Sunny Side" by Poet: Eldred Herbert**

**1**

Why do we feel discouraged when things aren't going our way?  
Why do we feel life is empty when shadows have darkened our day?  
God is still in His Heaven, He still watches o'er us with love,  
We have only to accept His vast blessing, given freely **from above.**

**2**

Why do we look on the dark side, instead of finding the light?  
Why do we complain when it's raining and never a word when it's bright?  
We never give thanks when things go smooth, and the pathway is clear,  
It's as easy to smile as it is to frown, and grief's are lighter to bear.

**3**

Let us make it a rule to be cheerful, all day long with a song,  
Let us praise our God, for putting up with us for ever so long;  
He is patient and kind, none like Him can we find,  
Let's give praise to His name, and put old Satan behind.