

*Q* But, Your Majesty, life would not be worth living if people never felt the emotion of love.

*A* Ah! You are right as far as your reasoning goes, but you neglected to add that love should be under one's definite control at all times.

Of course, love is a desirable state of mind, but it also is a palliative which may be used to limit or destroy reason and will power, both of which rate above love in importance to human beings who want freedom and self-determination.

*Q* I understand from what you say that people who gain power must harden their emotions, master fear, and subdue love. Is that correct?

*A* People who gain and maintain power must become definite in all their thoughts and all their deeds. If that is what you call hard, then they must become hard.

*Q* Let us look into the sources of advantage of definiteness in the everyday affairs of life. Which is more apt to succeed, a weak plan applied with definiteness, or a sound strong plan indefinitely applied?

*A* Weak plans have a way of becoming strong if definitely applied.

*Q* You mean that any plan definitely put into continuous action in pursuit of a definite purpose may be successful even if it is not the best plan?

*A* Yes, I mean just that. Definiteness of purpose plus definiteness of plan by which the purpose is to be achieved generally succeeds, no matter how weak the plan may be. The major