

## The Way Things Should Be

As life becomes less settled and people are caught up in the competition and the high pace of change, the grass begins to seem greener in other people's gardens. While we are toiling away, assiduously and seriously, others seem to get rich wherever they turn and to be taking it easy while making money hand over fist. We think we ought to be able to get lucky like that just once.

But that is not the way the world works. Human nature being what it is, we cannot be blamed for being tempted into thinking we can find a short-cut to wealth and happiness, but in truth such notions are illusory. To think that there is an easy way is to delude ourselves, for there is no other way than to work one step at a time, steadily and surely, toward your goal.

To think that anyone rakes in money effortlessly is naïve. Some people may experience a windfall of this sort, but the situation usually does not last long. Easy money does not last. Ultimately, the cases of people winning easy money tend to be flukes, and do not follow what we know to be common wisdom. To count on things going against common sense is simply greedy.

Greed is indeed the root of failure, to be avoided at all costs. We are safer heading steadily along the natural and sensible path.