



Keep Your Little Square Warm

Each day beyond the square around us there are new things to think about, new things to consider, new things to worry about. Governments clash, wars happen, economies fall, earthquakes damage, fires destroy, diseases kill. We wake in the morning to hear that something else has made another affect on the earth. It's just another thing to worry about.

What are we to do? How can we make it different? What can we say and to whom can we say it to make it better?...For most, we can do almost nothing!...With extreme effort and sacrifice we may divert from our daily lives to contribute to or change one spot in this planet's civilized business.

But the frustration continues and it becomes like trying to sweep water up a hill. The water stops only as long as we keep frantically sweeping. It seems futile and never ending. If we spend our time on thoughts of despair and frustration, life becomes futile and sad. All the things we hear and see may be the reality, but are actually diversions from the truth.

We are told that in order to succeed and be worth anything we must accomplish great things, accumulate great quantities, see great places. We may get lucky and some things may be within our reach, however, if we cannot be so lucky, true success is still within our reach.

Love and forgiveness... are the true reasons why we are here and why we must experience this physical life here on this earth. No other way can we experience compassion and empathy for each other.

Love and forgiveness... are the two notions we are expected to spread and only as far as we can reach. It doesn't have to be done with great fanfare or statesmanship or with a great roar of thunder. It must happen one little piece at a time to have any lasting effect. The feeling must be around us all the time, wherever we go to be believable.

So... do what you do best. Do it well and expect to be heard only at the tips of your fingers. Don't try to reach beyond the square around you. Keep your love within it and spread your warmth fully to each corner. Success is doing what you know best, do it within your reach while keeping Your Little Square Warm.

Chuck Carlson – May 26, 1992

