

# Passage

***Long ago Emerson wrote." A man's task is his life preserver." This seems to be remarkably correct in our modern life. The man without a task is like a ship without ballast and anchor; he is all too often merely a drifter. Very few men seem to have initiative enough to choose a task for themselves if they do not need to work. When the inevitable disappointments come, as they assuredly will, they are completely overwhelmed. But the man who has his task has no time for vain regrets; he escapes the disastrous fate which overtakes his less fortunate brothers. Work is one of the greatest safety-valves which was ever invented, and the youths especially need it.***

- And the man with the task is easier to live with, and will prove a more contented citizen, and a more valuable one, than the one who lacks such a task. Even so-called invalids are often the better for some task which is suited to their powers, and they often live all the longer if they work hard. The man who starts life with a solid task which taxes his powers had better thank God, and do his best, for this is one of humanity's greatest boons.***

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## Comprehension

Q.1: What disadvantages will a man without a task suffer?

Ans. A man without a task faces disadvantages. When the inevitable disappointments come into his life, he completely overwhelms. He has difficulty to live.  
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Q.2: Why is even disagreeable task considered better than none?

Ans. A man who has even disagreeable task considered better than none because he has no time for vain regrets. He escapes the disastrous fate as well.

Q.3: In what ways is a man with some task the better for it?

Ans. A man with the task is easier to live, and prove more contented citizen and a more valuable one, than any other person who lacks such a task.