

## 2. Solved Comprehension

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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 were ever invented, and the youths especially need it.

We sometimes pity the man who is a slave to his task, and perhaps we are right; but a man who has no task is a slave to his ennui, which is very much worse. Even a disagreeable task is better than none; the man who does work which is disagreeable to him will yet live more happily, than if he had had no task at all. 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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1. What disadvantages will a man without a task suffer?

A man without the task is nothing but, a statue to his life. Without any task a man just has disappointment in his life. A man has a lot of time to think about the regrets of his life without the task. A man would engage himself in some sort of task, purposeful task, to remain mentally active.

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

A man with some task, engage himself in positive thoughts of activity. Make them active and sharp minded. A man with some task, engage himself in the logic and semantics of his task rather thinking negative thoughts or being depressed.