

# Testing One's Aim

In one of our major universities, a professor of economics gave a test to his class. The test had several sections of questions, each of which contained three categories of questions.

He instructed the students to choose one question from each section on the test. The first category in each section was the hardest and was worth 50 points. The second category in each section was not quite as hard and worth 40 points. The third category in each section was the easiest and worth only 30 points.

When the students had taken the test and all the papers had been turned in, the students who had chosen the hardest questions, or the 50-point questions, were given A's. The students who had chosen the 40-point questions were given B's, and the students choosing the 30-point questions, or the easiest questions, were given C's.

Whether or not their answers were correct was not considered. Understandably, the students were confused and asked the professor how he had graded the exam.

The professor leaned back, and with a smile explained, "I wasn't testing your knowledge. I was testing your aim."

Robert Browning, English poet and playwright, said, "Your reach should exceed your grasp, or what's a heaven for?"

American poet Langston Hughes wrote, "Hold fast to dreams, for if dreams die, then life is like a broken-winged bird that cannot fly."

Yes, we need those dreams. Or if you prefer a vision, Solomon, the wisest man who ever lived, said, "Where there is no vision, the people perish" (Proverbs 29:18 KJV).

Helen Keller was asked the question, "What would be worse than being blind?" She responded that it would be infinitely worse to have 20/20 eyesight and no vision than to be blind but have that vision.

In the declining years of his life, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, theologian, philosopher, physician, and medical missionary in Africa, was asked, "How goes it with you, Dr. Schweitzer?"

The aging missionary responded, "My eyesight grows dim, but my vision is clearer than ever."

How goes it with *you*? Where are *you* today in pursuit of your dream, your vision? How is your aim?

It's a worthy question in this journey called life.

– Beecher Hunter

