

The Wheelbarrow and the Pile

There once was a terrible storm and an enormous pile of mud and rocks washed up against a man's house.

Soon, the owner began to shovel small portions of the pile into a wheelbarrow. Then he would trundle the load over to the other side of his property, which had been washed away by the rain.

A friend came along, watched for a while, and then said, "Jim, don't you realize that's too big a job for you?"



"Well," said the man, "I don't have enough money to have somebody come in here with a bulldozer, and while I'll admit it looks like too big a job for me, I'm not ready to admit that I can't do it without giving it a try."

Here was a man who didn't waste time worrying about the size of a job or his ability to finish it. He went ahead and started it. That's the first thing any of us should do if we want to whittle any endeavor down to our size.

When faced with a task that seems insurmountable, says author Charles Swindoll, don't focus on the whole enchilada. Take the job in bite-size chunks. Remember: The longest journey begins with a single step.

Discipline and determination are the keys to climbing any mountain – literally or figuratively.

– Beecher Hunter