

Your Step Today

Peanuts is one of my favorite comic strips. It contains just a great philosophy about life and the people who make it so interesting. In one of the presentations, Charles Schulz, the creator, addresses the need for each of us to make the most of the immediate present in our lives.

Charlie Brown – good ol' Charlie Brown – is seen at bat. Strike three! He has struck out again and slumps down on the players' bench. "Rats!" he says. "I'll never be a big-league player. I just don't have it. All my life I've dreamed of playing in the big leagues, but I know I'll never make it."

Lucy turns to console him. "Charlie Brown," she says, "you're thinking too far ahead. What you need to do is set yourself more immediate goals."

Charlie Brown looks up and asks, "Immediate goals?" Lucy responds, "Yes. Start with this next inning when you go out to pitch. See if you can walk to the mound without falling down."

The first step toward walking into any future is the step that you take today. Make it a forward, positive, springy and lighthearted, energetic, well-aimed, purposeful step.

After all, the only preparation for tomorrow is the right use of today.

--Beecher Hunter