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To live with small means, to seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion;

To be worthy, not respectable, and wealthy not rich;

To study hard, think quietly, talk gently, act frankly;

To listen to stars and birds, to babes and sages with an open heart;

To bear all cheerfully, do all bravely, await occasions, hurry never.

In a word to let the spiritual unbidden and unconscious grow up through the common. This is my symphony.

William Ellery Channing