

getting hold of the problem and learning how ~~to~~ to improve so ~~th~~at you can make rapid progress in other elements as well. And so I think ~~th~~at the beginning of the year is a very good time to look back and see what were the weak points that came out of my experience during the last year so ~~th~~at I can learn how to ~~remem~~ remedy those particular points and how to step forward. And I imagine you , like myself, are subject to the particular difficulties of the ~~x~~ tendencies of putting ~~the~~ things off until ~~you~~ ^{they} ~~the time~~ / ~~you~~ are absolutely necessary, putting things off until just before you are actually going to use them. I remember reading about _____ who 50 years ago was the president of the New York Central Railroad, who was in demand all ~~et~~ over the country as an ~~ad after-diffe-~~ after ~~x~~ dinner speaker, and _____ ~~wa-~~ said that whenever he was ~~inve+~~ invited to speak ~~somewhere~~ he immediately sat down and ~~planned~~ out his talks and he ~~x~~ planned it made a good outline and put it aside until the day ~~cam~~ came and he would look at his paper and he said he would ~~putt-~~ pull out his notes and have it, it was prepared as soon as he ~~made~~ the appointment. I imagine that most of you , ~~like~~ like myself, don't prepare when you make the appointment but when the appointment is just looming ~~around-the~~ ~~aren-~~ around the corner. And it is a mighty bad habit, so often something will come in and prevent from really getting ready the way you should at all. Habits of doing things on time and moving forward ~~to be~~ ready in plenty of time instead of jammed at the last second, When I was at Princeton Seminary ~~wh~~en we got to examination period a lot of students would study every night until three o'clock and get up at 2:00 in the morning and study from ~~then~~ on. At least so it seemed, but it was the result of this bad habit of putting things off to the end of the ~~x~~ year. Oh, how easy it is to ~~x~~ fiddle away time on things that don't matter at all. Instead of ~~x~~ keeping our eye on the ~~main~~ objective and setting