

Haste Makes Waste

Haste and rashness are almost negative and destructive. They break health, they wreck business. 'Unreasonable haste is the direct road to error'. The way of haste is always full of pitfalls. A man in haste is, practically, a half-blind person – often impulsive and headstrong. Such a person is sure to lose the race of life which can be only won slowly and steadily. Emerson rightly observed that 'Man has require time and nothing more vulgar than haste; if haste is at all to be made, it should be made slowly, as a later proverb enjoins'.

As already suggested, haste is vicious and most harmful in business. The old fable of the hare and the tortoise is just as good now, and just as true, as when it was first written. In haste, one fails to consider all the sides to the problem and thus a businessman can ill-afford to do. As a Russian proverb goes, hurry is only good for catching flies. Rapidity does not necessarily lead to progress.

Haste also interfere with health and peace of mind. It may be a symptom of nervousness or debility and in its own turn it fosters weaker and ill health. An unbalanced personality almost always displays haste. Haste in itself, is sort of morbidity – a disease. The pretense of haste signifies the absence of sanity and self-control.

To be precise haste makes waste means that haste entails much wastage of time, money and energy. A man in haste almost feels exhausted and may, in his later years, complain of some sort of heart trouble.

To sum up, haste is a contemptible vice. It leaves man more involved, fatigued and pent up "Take time for all things. Haste makes great waste."