

the pews so that perhaps the people in the churches would in general in the future, if we could just try - - -

AAM: You go into a Christian bookstore today, or you look at the catalogue of almost any Christian publishing company and your books are How to Have a Happy Marriage, How to Get Along with People, How to Manage Your Time -- all that kind of thing. And the number of books that are being bought today on matters of interpretation of the Bible is a tiny minority. The interest of the average person. How many people - - - I tried to write my book on the Gospel of Isaiah so that the average layman would be able to understand it. But how many even look at the book? A minister comes in and he's just going to have a series of sermons on Isaiah. Here's a book on Isaiah! But I don't know how many ministers are interested if they are not particularly working on a series of sermons and seeing the latest thing on Isaiah. Unless some of the people know something about me, how many laymen are interested? The interest of the lay world is not in What does the Bible Mean? And when they get excited about doctrine then they are apt to get excited about some point of denominational difference, or something and arguing strongly about that instead of discussing what does the Bible really teach and how can I fulfill God's purpose for me in this world? Which is not to argue about some denominational point of theology but is to find what is God's message for today's people as to how they should live and how they should serve Him.

But your tendency is if there is not indifference toward theological ideas then its fighting over minor points. And to get the line in between is very difficult. I can think of so many people I have know of real abilities and great promise who have fizzleed out for one reason or another.