

back and to find out how he can please and get her interested and arouse her. On the other hand it can be the other way around and if it's the other way around people have little idea how to go about it.

I heard a thing on TV one time which I thought worth passing on in that connection. If I recall correctly this woman told of some incident == some institute or organization in NY that was helping finding that one or the other was not finding the other sexually attractive. The idea was for them to experiment. Touch each other in different ways and see what the results and feelings were. Then they came back and talked it over with these counsellors.

I imagine there are an awful lot of people that are unhappy through not getting a decent adjustment in this regard who by some method like that and going slowly would find an adjustment. But if one marries only for that, or if that is the primary thing, I think they are doomed to find that their life is quite disappointing.

Some years ago there was a fellow who was my roommate in seminary. He went to Canada and preached for a summer and got well acquainted with a minister who told him that his wife -- this other minister's wife -- had hallucinations, and as a result of her hallucinations she had had him committed to the insane asylum. That had happened a couple ~~of~~ times. He said he would get in there and he would say, I'm perfectly alright; she's the one that's off! They'd say, That's what they all say. He had a terrible time getting out. My friend described that this man had gone through misery the way this wife's mind ~~xxxx~~ had gone and the way she had treated him. Yet he said, If I had it all to do over again, I'd marry her again! He said, My marriage meant so much to me in spite of all that difficulty.

I don't know how many people would feel that way, but I do think the important thing is companionship and that's a thing people can find out in advance if they take time and effort. I used to hear people when I was in college say, They had gone together 4 years and thought they knew each other thoroughly and then they got married and found they were like two different people. You don't really know until you are married. I don't know how much truth there is to that.

There is this to say. People's tastes differ strikingly, yet I think any two people who have a love for the Lord and who have common desires to serve Him and a desire to make a thoroughly worthwhile marriage, realize a marriage isn't something one receives, it is something one works at. It is something one builds. And any two Christian people could develop a satisfactory marriage, I believe, because they will find something in common if they look for it. The thing in common may be a very different from what they expect. People when joined (before) together it is so easy to try to be pleasant and nice and seem interested in things you are not. And then after people are married they don't keep up the pretense. I don't mean it is an intentional pretense, or that it is deceitful at all, but it is just natural, with someone you want to have like you to do your