

John Wesley, the founder of one of the great church movements of ~~ex~~ our day, John Wesley travelled across England, thousands of miles with a horse and wagon every year, and he had fixed up a little book shelf there, and he had a little chair where he could sit and study in the wagon that was carrying him across England. He travelled thousands and thousands of miles through the country, and he was constantly studying, he was a student of the Hebrew and the Greek. And he was constantly studying and writing, writing papers and books and sermons. Planning organization of the many churches, all of which he had under ~~his~~ <sup>his absolute control</sup> ~~absolute~~ as long as he lived. Simply from the viewpoint of the amount of work done, the output, ~~W~~ John Wesley was almost ~~superhuman~~ <sup>inconceivable</sup>.

One of our graduates of some years ago, was teaching pastoral theology some time ~~ago~~ ago, and he will be back with us before too long. I remember when Francis Schaeffer went to Grove City, and there in Grove City he had a little church with about eighteen people, and he started to try to build up that church, and he tried to prepare sermons and do other work that would be helpful in building up the church. And I saw him a couple of years later, and I was impressed with the way in which he had improved as a preacher. And I said to him, what ~~did you use as~~ <sup>is</sup> your technique in preparing your sermons, and he ~~said~~ said that he planned his sermons a couple of weeks ahead. He said that on Monday I work hard and get my sermon into pretty good shape, for the following ~~Sund~~ Sunday. And then, he said, each day I go into the ~~xxxxxxx~~ church, or down into the basement, and I preach ~~xxxxxxx~~ through the whole of both sermons once or twice every day during the week. And then on Saturday I practice them through in the morning and Saturday night just before I go to bed I go through both sermons, ending with the ~~xxxxxxx~~ morning service, ending with that. And then he said Sunday morning I go down in the basement and I preach through my sermon again. (end of record)

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Of course he couldn't possibly do that with each of his sermons now, but for a period of years he put that much into the delivery of every sermon.