

short we come from it. The ministry is in some ways one of the most unsatisfactory ~~MMM~~ professions in the world, you know? You can go into medicine, you can go into law, you can ~~M~~ go into various phases of education, and you can do a good, steady piece of work, an average piece of work or a little above the average, and you win the respect and honor of the community, and it's very satisfactory. And people aren't apt to ask much more: some excel, a few drop out, but most people are right in this avenue. But in the ministry, I'm afraid you will find that it's just about evenly divided into two groups one of which is like Paul -- there's necessity laid upon me, and they work so hard, ~~MM~~ and they toil so ~~MMM~~ vigorously, ~~MM~~ and they struggle so desperately to serve the Lord, that many of them drop into an early grave -- and the other half, sits back, and lolls around and takes it easy, and perhaps raises prize cabbages, and maybe goes and makes a clever speech at the Rotary Club once in a while, but does the work as a minimum of what's needed to be done; and there's no profession in the world in which he can get by more easily with less effort and be fairly ~~MMMMMMMM~~ satisfactory than ~~MM~~ the ministry. ~~M~~ And there's ~~MMM~~ no profession in the world in which if you really fulfill its demands you'll ~~MM~~ work harder and wear yourself out quicker than the ministry. Paul, as the example of the compulsion.

Well, now let's look, secondly, at the compulsion as it relates to the Christian.

~~MM~~ We're talking about the Christian ministry, and yet I think we should say the Christian, because everyone who really believes in Christ, must have something of this compulsion that Paul had. These people that come to church and let the minister preach for them, let the minister do the Bible study for them, let the minister do the praying for them, let the minister have the religious life for them --- I sometimes think they should expect the minister to go to heaven for