

we cannot go along with anything that is the least bit contrary to what I think the Word teaches. That is the attitude that people unconsciously seem to slip into as they make a step. And I think that both extremes are very bad. Of course, the extremest that looks for perfection is an awful lot better than the extreme that puts up with any sort of thing, an awful lot better. But God wants us to be ~~pr~~ practical, and He wants us to take the attitude that Calvin~~e~~ took, that the vital thing is the getting out of the ~~sg~~gospel, and the vital thing is reaching souls for the Lord, and that we are to endeavor to build groups of Christians which will stand for His truth, and in which over sin, and blatant unbelief will be given absolutely no part, but not to try to insist upon a standard of membership which if rigidly applied would certainly exclude us ourselves, on some other ground perhaps, than that which we are ~~e~~...12... under. Another very important thing about this matter of separation which I think is vital, is that it is not a matter of our judging other people's character. It is a ~~practical~~ practical matter. It is the matter of our work. It is the matter of our serving the Lord effectively. It is not a matter of our judging other people's characters. Now it is very hard to avoid that. It is hard to make the lines between the ~~two~~ two. But there is a line, and there is a line ~~with~~ with which it is worthwhile for us to endeavor to find, and to endeavor to stand upon. I feel that in deal with other people, God wants us to be most charitable of their faults, and of their weaknesses. He wants us to leave their faults and their weaknesses in His hands, and know that He alone ~~has~~ has the right to judge, and not to judge other persons carelessly. Oh, I have been rebuked at times when I have seen somebody doing things and taking an attitude that has irritated me to the point where I have felt I must ~~speak~~ speak out and say something of what I thought about their ...13¹..., and then have found out later that they have just had a bad sorrow in their family, or that they were just ~~in~~ suffering from a bad toothache, or something, or there was some reason which made them under a special tension that I was not aware of, and which, if I had known of it, I would have felt like being ~~in~~ extremely