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worthwhile, God will recognize it when you stand before the judgment throne of Christ. You don't need to worry about that. ^BBut as far as people recognizing it is concerned, if you waste your time trying to get people's recognition, you're taking the time that should go into doing what the Lord wants you to do. While his servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And many a Christian has been so busy worrying about whether somebody had the right ~~to~~ opinion of him, or somebody thought of him less highly than he deserved to be thought of, that he failed to accomplish the task for which God has put him here in the work.

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...we ~~have~~ to be anxious to be Overcomers, we ~~have~~ to be watching for the ways in which Satan is going to lead us astray in order ^{that we can learn} to grow in grace and to be ready for the crisis, for the temptation that comes. I remember hearing about a man in a community, who was very highly thought of, one of the most respectable fine citizens of the community, and the one day he fell into a temptation, a sudden temptation that was before him, and he fell into the most terrible sin, and in fact it finally resulted in his being put into the penitentiary, and put there for quite a time, and people couldn't understand it. How could this man who seemed so respectable, so outstanding, how could he fall into this terrible crime. The sudden temptation, an opportunity he never expected to have, and he fell into it. How could he do it? But you know, they started clearing up the house in which he lived in order to sell it, and as they went through they found hidden away in a closet, they found literature on which that man had let his mind go through that literature, which was degrading. They found books which pandered to the lowest instincts of humanity, and that man outwardly so respectable, outwardly so fine, was busy here and there, satisfying these aspects ^{of his character}, not satisfying them, building them up, stimulating them, all hidden away, nobody ever dreamed of it. And the temptation came, and he fell into it, because instead of building up ~~his~~ defences, he had been weakening