

can't go back and get those five minutes back. There are a lot of five minutes I've lost if you take the time I've wasted every day through my life. Put those together, see what I could have done with them. There is nothing I can do about what's in the past, but today and in the future there is a tremendous --what we can accomplish by just utilizing the time that we waste. To develop our talents and our abilities to accomplish for Him. And here is something we don't like to do, we don't feel we have any ability at. Maybe you don't. But maybe you have and don't know it, and you try and you overcome your natural repug-
 nance, get into it and try it. You may find the Lord has given you a real talent there which you are burying in the earth, and allowing to disintegrate because you're not stepping out, and trying to use it for the Lord. He expects us to use what H e has given u s and to increase it.

I remember when I was in Seminary, they had a course in homiletics and the president of the Seminary taught it and he told us how unfortunate it was that so many a minister has a wife who was always saying, oh, poor John, they just don't appreciate ^{you} ~~the minister~~, these people just don't appreciate you, they don't see your abilities, and they're always picking at you in these silly ways, when what they should do is to try to encourage that man to find out what there is that he can do that will win those people, instead of leading them to pick at him. They may be picking at him for something that is utterly unjust, it may be utterly wrong, but we're in a world of sin, you can expect that, the Lord suffered that, and when he was reviled he reviled not again. But when you find people picking at you, when you find them criticizing you, you may not deserve the thing they're criticizing you at all, but there's probably something else in you that is irritating them and is giving them a feeling toward you that they wouldn't have if you found ~~wh~~ that defect is in yourself, and remedy it. God wants us not to worry about whether other people are treating us right, but to find out ~~w~~ how to act toward those people in such a way that we will win them to the thing that we believe. That we will constantly do that (12)