

~~blessed us, and has~~ ^{left us to} figured out how we can utilize our talents and abilities, the and how we can accomplish ~~our-utmost-~~ ^{to our-utmost} for Him the possibilities, and our unknown abilities. The circumstances before us are unpredictable.

But we have the responsibility of determining how we can make to the utmost ^{for Christ} the potentialities that He has given each one of us. Now, that might sound

as if one man is developing this direction, and another is developing into that direction.... If not quite a complex ~~problem~~ like that.... Because there are a number of definite lines which are vital ~~to~~ for every one. One of these is

the matter of personal knowledge of God. To get to know Him, not ~~simply to~~ ^{as someone you've}

read about ~~Him~~, not simply to be able to quote from the creed, to know the orthodox doctrines. That of course is very important. But what is far more

important is to have a personal, experiential ~~knowled-~~ knowledge of God and His son, the Lord Jesus Christ. This is something that we ~~ea-~~ ^{grow in} ~~all-~~ ~~in-~~...

we become ~~a part of it, and we~~ ^{prepared and fitted for} ~~of~~ experience. I was very much

impressed by a story that my wife told me about Dr. _____ She ~~was~~ heard a sermon in which he ~~told~~ told her

~~taught, and observed~~ ~~---~~ ~~told~~ a story in which he told her how he was to

his wife to whom he was to marry about two or three years was taken ~~with~~ ill just born.

and she died, and left with him a little girl. He felt as if all the world had

come to an end. He said, How could God do such a thing ~~to~~ in my life. I have

been so anxious to make my life countable... to the utmost... How could ^{for him}

~~He~~ take my wife's life away from me this ~~wy~~ way? and leave me ~~with~~ this

no little girl? to take care of, and ~~to~~ help ... in this situation. He just could

not understand. This I believe, she said, had occurred in 1917. And about

six months later, that place was swepted by an epidemic ~~---~~ of influenza.

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In the church which he was pastoring there were forty people who ~~had~~ had

lost husband or wife. He was then in a position to ^{bring} comfort and encouragement and help