

the work for the Lord, and what am I doing? And he said, to her, All this that you are doing helping me in my work is truly a part of really service to the Lord and I am sure that the Lord is honoring you for it, but you, he said, come in contact with many people during the day. You come in contact with delivery people, with people who come to perform different <sup>services</sup> ~~services~~ in the home, with people whom you have contact with in stores and other places. He said, You have opportunities to present the Word of God. And this talented woman who was his wife, who had not thought along those lines before set to work to think how she could use these opportunities to serve the Lord. And he said in the course of the next year or two she led many individuals to a personal acceptance of Christ and some of them became earnest workers and effective Christian leaders.

We all have opportunities if we watch for them. God's wishes us to have this as as primary part of our work, but everything that we do should relate to it either to what we do or to helping others in this direction or what is helping prepare the way or helping protect people ~~from~~ ~~from~~ that which would blind their eyes to the truth of God.

I sometimes think that apologetics can be well compared to the -- to what -- the cutting down of a tree. For instance in the Garden of Eden. ~~You remember that in the~~ ~~Garden of Eden when Adam sinned and fell. God came as he had been so often in the cool~~ ~~of the day to speak to Adam, and He said, Adam, Where art thou? Now God knew perfectly well where Adam was but the vs. before tells us that Adam hid himself in the trees of the garden. Adam thought he was ~~hiding~~ hiding from God. God knew perfectly well where Adam was, but God called attention to him to the fact that he knew where he was that the tree could not ~~hide~~ hide him. And I believe that most of the unbelieving attacks on the Scripture are like trees behind which people hide to keep from facing their sin and facing their obligation before God. And we do not plan to build an argument which from a purely reasonable basis is going to convince everybody that they should accept the Lord and become Christians. Comparatively few people think that way, and it is usually~~