

work and to do it perhaps with a high measure of acceptance. Perhaps to seem to accomplish more than some others do, but this - while the Lord will use it -- the Lord uses

even the wrath of wicked men to serve and He certainly uses the good objects and ideas of those who are not saved for His own purposes. But if we are truly to serve Him in a way that will be effective we should examine ourselves whether we be in the faith; whether we truly know God. We should examine ourselves frequently. We know that that if we have truly believed on Him we are saved. But we should make sure that we have absolute -- that we are absolutely certain that we have taken Him as our Saviour, not merely repeated certain words or said yes in reply to somebody's question. We should make sure that we are really putting God first in our desires and in the expenditure of our time. Now there are those who serve the Lord so fully, so completely who are unwilling to take a minute away from the Lord's service and then break down and accomplish only a few years of service. I think this is a mistake. A person should take care of himself, in order that his body and his mind will last for a considerable time of service. But those who make this error are comparatively few. A far greater number waste a considerable amount of time that the Lord gives them upon this earth. God wants us to take time for relaxation, time to spend with our families, time to keep ourselves in proper condition, but the amount of time that most of us waste would be enough to accomplish a great deal in our training and in the Lord's service. And so it is important that we examine ourselves and see whether we are really putting the Lord first.

Our salvation is not a matter of feeling. It is a matter of fact. It is not a matter of our condition. Our physical condition can affect our feelings. We must learn what are the statements that God has given upon which we put our trust, and our confidence. His statements upon which our justification rests. We should have them in mind. We should also have in mind His assurances for our sanctification. And we should constantly return to these and stress them. We should remember the