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stand with him. To give an assurance to the people that God had actually spoken to Gideon and to give ~~to~~ an assurance to them that God was going to use Gideon. So I don't think putting out the fleece is really properly an example of guidance, but it has other purposes. It maybe guided the other people to know that God had really ~~spoken~~ spoken to Gideon. I believe when John Wesley began his work he used to cast lots occasionally as to whether he would speak in this place or that place. I think that there is no way we can say that God would not show His will by wasting lots. You read in the NT two or three cases where they cast lots and felt that they received there from an evidence of the Lord's guidance. But I would say this: If you are going to cast lots, it should not be, If it comes up heads you go here and if tails you go here. That is forcing the Lord, you might say, to give you his will, or thinking you can force Him to give you His will. I would say. If you are going to do it there should be several alternatives rather than just two. I myself did that once. After I graduated I think the Lord bowed down to my weakness in that case in helping to help me. I finished college -- took a master's degree, took an extra yr. and then I thought of going to the Bible Institute for a year. And I was just about decided that I was going to do it. I was ~~to~~ working on building trails up in the Sierras. and was just about decided that that was what I would do next year when I received a letter from one of my friends who had been in my class in college and he had worked with the Prohibition Oratorical Society for a yr. lecturing in colleges all over the country, and he had had his yr. and they wanted him to recommend someone else to/it. He said it was a very valuable experience and he said that he would recommend me if I would come a talk with the people in charge of it. And I thought it would be a very interesting experience, very worthwhile. One would also be doing some good, and yet I felt that my yr. at the Bible Inst. would give me an experience and a knowledge of the Lord that was so worth while that I did not feel that I should lay it aside for this other training for this other experience. And I was uncertain and I had to get word to him right away. And I took two ~~bits~~ coins. I ~~to~~ took a nickle and a penny, and I said, Now I said, If these come up with the nickle ~~and/the/~~ heads and the penny tails, we'll say that means go to the Prohibition Oratorical Society. And if it comes up with the penny heads and the nickle tails - the opposite of the other -- it means to go to the Bible Inst. And if it comes up any other way it just means that it doesn't mean