

in which she had been brought up be more important to her than standing for Christ. And I don't care. And I don't care what the denomination is, what the group is, what the secondary point is, if it becomes more important to you than doing the will of Christ it is an obstacle to truly serving Him and you cannot expect Him to really guide you and lead you if you let some other point become more important than putting Him first. That's No. 1 - Desire to Do God's Will no matter what it costs. This is the most important thing in guidance. I've known men who have been faced with a decision, and important decision and then have gone aside by themselves for a week to think about it and the reason was to try to get rid of all the selfish thoughts that entered in, whether they would enjoy being there or here, whether this would have greater -- more for them of fame, more for them of money, more for them of connection they have loved in the past, whatever it is to get all those thoughts out of their minds, to where the only thing that mattered was is it the best ~~easy~~ way to serve the Lord effectively. And if you truly put the Lord first you can know that then He will guide you and lead you in your life. And that is one of the hardest things to do, one of the easiest things to forget, but one of the most important. But we must also not forget No. 2

2. Determination to accomplish the utmost for the Lord. I had a good friend who graduated from ^{same} seminary the ~~same~~ time I did, and he belonged to an entirely different denominational background. I haven't seen him for 30 yrs. now. But we were good ~~gr~~ friends at that time. We were together studying in Germany. I used to see him quite frequently there. He said to me, O, he said, So many ministers they simply look for the best paying ^{job} ~~job~~ they can get in the place where they have the biggest salary, the most fame and all that. He said, I have determined that I will always, ~~if~~ two positions are open, ~~take~~ take the one with the smallest pay. I will not take any position of leadership. I will not take any position that has fame, or name, or standing connected with it. I will honor the Lord by simply refusing everything like that. Now ~~if~~ that was a much easier thing to do in the middle ages when ~~if~~ nobody had very much of anything anyway. And a man could go into the church and go about begging and probably live as well as most of the people he begged from. But today when the people next door have got all the nice things which ^{science} ~~science~~ has invented in the last 10 yrs. it's pretty hard not to feel that our family can have just as well as the next family.