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 was not one of God's people. And they are asking this one to give them his help, and they are telling him that the good that God gives them they will share with him if he will give them his help. So much for No. 1 - His Attitude. Now No. 2 - its application to us.

2. The Question of Relations with the Ungodly. I think here is a point where we need to think clearly. God ~~has~~ desires that our brotherhood shall be with those who are true believers. We should show love to all men, but especially to those who are of the household of God. In the closest relations of life, for instance the marriage relation, no Christian has a right to marry one who is not a Christian. Many a man, many a woman, has said, I will marry this woman or this man and I will bring him to the Lord. If you cannot bring him to the Lord before you marry there is very little chance you will succeed after you marry. There are exceptions, but they are rare. A Christian who marries an unbeliever, who marries one whom he does not feel shares to the full his beliefs in Christ is disobeying the Lord and is laying a foundation for misery in the life ahead. In the closest relations of life, they should be with those who are true believers. But we live in a world which is not entirely made up of true believers, We live in a world which will never be until our Lord comes back a world entirely made up of true believers. There has never been a country ~~which~~ that was entirely Christian, there has never been a state that was entirely Christian, there has never been a town that was entirely Christian. I doubt if there has ever been a church that was entirely Christian. There are always those who are not believers, and such is the power of Satan in this age that there are many in the world who refuse the Lord. Now of course they divide into many different categories. There are those who are utterly hostile to the Lord, and we have to be very careful about our dealings with them naturally. But then there is the great mass of the indifferent, the great mass of those whose sympathies are against the truth, but who perhaps are not ~~overtly~~ ^{working to} overtly/attack or injure the truth. And what is our relation to them to be?

Some years ago I got a phone call from a young man who had just been appointed as a missionary to China, and he was starting for China and he phoned me and he said, Would you please answer me this question: Is it true that the Union Pacific Railroad is