

learn to avoid the mistakes. We learn to do things the best possible way and good results follow. We should learn to improve our method. But we also can know that God is controlling all things. That God directs that in the end God's will is accomplished \*\*\* that God will work His will through us or He will work it inspite of us. Both are absolutely true, and we cannot overemphasize either one. But we can emphasis either one to the extent that it makes the other seem nonexistent. And when we do we fall into error. They should be equally emphasized --- man's responsibility and God's complete control

### B. The Spies Selected and Commissioned.

1. The Selection of the Spies vs. 3-16 -- (reading text - vs. 3,4) And these are their names: and we have the names of the men one from each of the tribes whom Moses sent to spy out the land. This is a very important task for anyone who is serving the Lord -- is selection. Selection of those who shall perform tasks. There are some people who have great energy and seem to accomplish far more than most people can, but no matter how much energy we have if we are going truly to accomplish we must learn to select others to carry on tasks. We must learn ~~to~~ to <sup>select</sup> ~~select~~ others to get work properly done. And it is a very difficult thing to do, to make proper selection. Jesus gave us -- Judas of course was selected because it was part of God's purpose. But possibly a part of the purpose is also to show us how even tho you make your very best ~~select~~ selection you will not have all men, entirely men who are sincere, who are genuine who are effective for the purpose for which you ~~select~~ select them. ~~Here~~ Here Moses selected 12 leaders and 10 of them proved in the end not to stand true. Now they all <sup>may</sup> have been very capable as far as the spying out the land ~~is~~ is concerned, as far as making the maps and decising on the information needed about different aspects of the land; ~~in~~ examining the kinds of trees and the kinds of produce and different things. For those many ~~tasks~~ tasks those 12 men <sup>all</sup> may have been well selected. But 10 of them had qualities which were -- which far overshadowed those abilities and which interfered greatly with their work and <sup>made ~~them~~ it</sup> ~~may have~~ in the end a failure. It is very very difficult to select proper assistants for any type of work. It is very easy to be misled in making selections. One needs a great deal of prayer in selecting