

on its own turning in a direction that you don't want it to, it becomes a source of tremendous danger. God wants us to keep our bodies under. He wants us to be in a position where we recognize that the desires of the flesh can become such that they are against the spirit. We must watch that, but they are not necessarily against the spirit. He wants us to use the body, use the flesh as an ^{instrument} ~~instrument~~ and keep it in its proper ~~place~~ place. The sarx, the soma are vital, they are good. They can easily become harmful, become bad if we let them get out of their proper place.

God gives us different types of flesh. One person has great athletic ability. One of you could go out here and play baseball and do better right today without any practice than I could do if I spent 50 years practicing at it. There may be something else I could do better than you could ever learn to do. We have differing physical abilities. We have differing mental abilities. How ready we are to get proud of the things we have inherited ~~from~~ from our parents. God is not going to hold us responsible for what we have; but he is going to hold us responsible with what we do with what we have. The spirit is moulded by the body; the body can be moulded by the spirit. God is going to judge us as to whether the ~~spirit~~ spirit uses the body, uses the flesh for His purposes, or allows the flesh or the body to become dominant. May God enable us to so ~~to~~ live in this life that our spirit when it leaves this present body may receive His approbation, that He will say, Well done thou good and faithful servant, thou ~~has~~ hast been faithful in a few things, thou shalt be master over many.

Let us pray: God our Father, we thank ~~you~~ you for the great and varied teaching of the Word of God. We thank you that its depths are beyond realization. We can get a few truths just by a brief glance at Scripture. There is much that stands out and is obvious but Oh our God there is so much there that is vital to our understanding that we do not get unless we dig into it and study and find what is there. Father, we thank you for the depth of the knowledge of your Scripture. Help us to bring everything into captivity to the obedience of Christ. Help us to make our lives count for Him. Help us to use these marvelous instruments you have given us, and help us never to let them become dominant. We ask in Jesus Name, Amen.