

to bring the ideas across, to make himself effective. This man who had been a poor mumbling failure as a speaker became one of the greatest orators that the world has ever seen. Because he found what the particular points were on which he needed to develop himself and he worked and developed <sup>himself</sup> ~~himself~~ and he prepared for the future.

Over 100 yrs. ago there was a great debate in the U.S. Senate. At the conclusion of the debate Daniel Webster stood up and made the greatest oration of his career, i.e. Webster's Reply to Haynes. It was the oration that moved the Senate and as it was reported it moved the nation. Somebody asked Webster afterwards, How much time did you put on preparing your reply to Haynes. Webster said, My whole life has been preparation for this reply to Haynes. Everything we do can be preparation for something in the future if our eyes are to the future, and if our eyes are upon getting what we need in order to accomplish for the Lord what He wants us to accomplish in the time ahead. Even the Apostle Paul -- who would think he would need to prepare? Surely Paul had reached the very summit of what he would like to have reached in his Epistles when Paul could take the stand he did in the development of the Christian church surely Paul had reached the climax! But Paul said in this same writing to the Philippians in ch. 3:12,13 he says, Not as though I had already attained either were already perfect but I follow after if that I may apprehend that for which I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren I could not myself ~~not~~ to have apprehended. But this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and pressing forward to those things which