

we should learn what particular talents the Lord has given us and then we should work to develop those talents, not let them lie barren. Oh how ready we are to say I want to do this because I enjoy doing this, but you may do a thing better if you enjoy doing it than if you don't ~~enjoy~~ enjoy doing it. But you may enjoy this best and your talents may lie in this direction. And if you will work in that direction you will find that you will come to enjoy that just as much as you would enjoy this.

I knew of one man who felt that it was tremendously important to do work in Semetics scholarship, in the study of languages. He studied under Robert Dick Wilson. He saw the need of defending the Scriptures. He went to a university in Europe where the average person could get a Ph.D. in 3 yrs. of work, and it took him six. He worked very hard, but he had very little ability in language, but he worked very very hard. He got recognition. He made progress in these lines. But that man had one of the finest young evangelists I had ever known. And in the evangelistic work God could have used him in a tremendous way. Now the Lord has used him in the other way, and on the way he has done a certain amount of evangelistic work. But he set his heart on a certain thing when his abilities were in another direction. Then I've known people to do the exact opposite. People who had no ability in the popular field and in the evangelistic field -- now I think everyone can develop some ability in that line, and everybody should. But there are those whom the Lord has marked out for the more scholarly work; there are those whom the Lord has marked out for organizational work, for different ~~types~~ types of work, and we should learn to have a certain development in all these fields, but we should learn where our abilities are, not just where our tastes are, but where our abilities are and then work to develop ourselves in these lines. If we can make the minutes count, we can make the hours count; we can accomplish -- every member then -- a great deal for the Lord.