

and slothful servants. The Lord has given us these talents to use, and He wants us to learn what they are, and He wants us to learn how to develop and use them. To me it is one of the saddest things the way so many ministers are such poor speakers. Anyone can tremendously increase his effectiveness as a speaker if he will work at it. But most people will not bother to work at it. Most ~~XXXXXX~~ people -- they can hear their voices (in their head) and it sounds good to them. But that is not what it sounds like to other people. If they can work at it anybody can become far better speaker. For most Christian work that will make more difference in effectiveness than most anything else one can do. Onemay of course speak well. People love to hear him and you don't ~~x~~ give them the truth it is wasted. You are a wicked and slothful servant. You need to put the effort to learn what the Scripture means, to learn to understand it. People don't see that, but the Lord sees it. If you give people true food, and give it in an effective way they will grow and the Lord sees the growth and the Lord will give you credit for it and He will praise you for it. If you give them nothing but give it in a beautiful way, they may think you are wonderful, but the Lord won't think you are wonderful. But if you give them wonderful stuff, exactly what God wants them to have and you don't put it out in a way they will get it, you don't accomplish anything. You ma- work hard but still you are failing to work along the lines that will accomplish what the Lord has for you. to do.

A person goes into business, goes into many lines of work is is told Do this, and do that. He watches. You are advanced or held back according to your effectiveness. In the Lord's service, the Lord does not directly that way. But he wants us to study. He has gone into the far country. He wants us to study. He wants us to work. He wants us to think. He wants us to see ~~XXXX~~ how we can develop our ability to see how we can accomplish His purposes.