

We are all different. God has made us different. I wake up in the morning at 5 o'clock. My mind is fresh and I want to get to work. When night comes I'm half dead; I'm not much good. My wife gets up in the morning; she says it till noon to be awake; not much good in the morning just when I'm ready to go to sleep she is full of life and ready to make progress. There is that difference between people. Learn how you are made and what and what your ability is. My wife hears a lecture and she does not remember much of it. She reads a book and she remembers it thoroughly. She says I learn through the eye, not through the ear. I think that's the usual way, but I'm the opposite. If she reads a book to me I remember just about every word she read. I can read it through and remember a fraction as much. I have an ear memory rather than an eye memory. People are different.

Some people write something laboriously figuring it out. I admire those people who do that, but I'm not built that way. I have to get the idea ~~XXX~~ and dash ~~XX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX XXXXXX~~ something off and then go through it and revise it, work it over and change it around. But it takes a different approach. We're all built differently. Learn what your abilities are. Learn what the talents are the Lord has given you. He made some Apostles, some Prophets, some Evangelists, some Xeachers. Every Christian has got gifts from the Lord but you may not know what those gifts are, and you may not use them. Learn what you are good at, and develop yourself in it.

I don't mean you shouldn't do the things you are not good at. Learn to do a little bit in every line of Christian work because you don't know what situation may arise and it may be necessary for you to step in the breach and you can't do it a fifth as well as somebody else. But that other man is not there; it's far better you do it. Learn a little about every type of Christian work, but learn the particular ability God has given you, and learn to utilize it and develop it to its utmost.

There are some people who have a tremendous drive and they can work at a tremendous pace and they can kill themselves off in a few years. Learn if you have your drive that is bigger than your abilities and learn to pace yourself so that you can last a lifetime of service for the Lord. Now that's not a common case. The more common is the person who does a certain amount of work and he gets tired when he could do three or four times as much. Most of us need to push and to shove. Learn what it is you need. Learn to know yourself.

A teacher said to me one day, a teacher in a grammar school, a public school, she said you know it's an awful problem when I speak to these 40 youngsters here. She said, If I say now get busy, work, work accomplish something. Somebody that's there and is working his head off trying to get ahead will work so hard he'll get a nervous breakdown! But if I say, Now take care of yourself and don't do too much and get rest and get a change, someone else who is just doddling away == along will take it as an excuse to do nothing. Learn what your own abilities are. Learn what your strength is, and in most cases it is a lot more than you think it is.