

to see that even in that experience that God had a purpose in it. Just 6 months later the great flu epidemic came. We've never had an epidemic like it in the U.S. ^{at least} in the last century. In 1918 it just spread across this country. Dozens of doctors, hundreds of persons died. Hardly a family did not have one who died. And he said that he went among his congregation trying to comfort his people and give them an understanding of the Lord's will in it all. He said he saw that after what he had gone through 6 months before, the Lord had prepared him in such a way that a few words from him meant more ~~than~~ to those people than a long discourse from someone who had never had a separation. The Lord knew what He was doing and hard as it was to do had prepared him to be His tool in this situation. Nothing ever happens in life-- whatever happens to us we can know God is preparing us to make us His ~~tool~~ jewel, or He is preparing us to be a more effective tool.

Now most of all we should become effective tools in leading souls into the kingdom of Christ. The one who says this is for somebody else; this is not my line is not understanding what the will of the Lord is. It is God's purpose for all of us to be His representatives in leading souls to a knowledge of Christ. But equally important is leading others to grow in an understanding of God's will and Word. God has a purpose for us as His tools that he may form and use us as He wants us to be. Then second for the members of our families. Here is a man who is greatly used of the Lord in reaching multitudes for the Lord, but his family has no background of understanding of what Christ is.

When you get married you are receiving a great blessing, and the generally attitude is what a wonderful blessing God has brought into my life. The attitude of the world in general now is, If this