

that gives the greatest purposes is the one where we can serve the Lord best. It should be immaterial to us. We must be seeking what can be accomplished most for Christ.

In deciding that we shall look to a fourth criteria. Look at all the known facts. I think it is good in making a decision to make a list of all the things you can think of on one side or the other. Be sure in particular you list all the things that occur to you in connection with the side that at first sight seems less important to you, or less desirable to you. If you think of a criteria, if you think of a fact, you may say, Oh that's not of much importance. Why bother to write it down. Write it down anyway. It may suggest something else that is of very great importance. Make a list. Do not try to evaluate them at first. Simply list the information you can get about the needs of a particular work. The advantages and disadvantages.

List the information you can get about your own particular gifts. That we have to get the advice of others on. One man had the gift of an evangelist. He went out with groups speaking all over the country. He had tremendous gifts as an evangelist. But he felt that scholarship was what was needed. He went to Germany and spent 6 years getting a degree that would ordinarily take a man 3 years. Then he applied for a position in the British Museum. He was a citizen of Britain. They wrote and asked some of my friends for a recommendation. After they got the recommendations they decided they would not fill the position at that time since he was the only applicant! That's what they said.

He worked and pushed, and eventually in scholarship he accomplished quite a bit for the Lord's glory. But from all the evidence I could see his particular talents were the other way.

Then I've known people who felt they must be evangelists, and they did not have the particular gifts for that. That's all that matters -- reaching souls for Christ! Well, there's nothing that matters more than that, but I've known people who did not develop the scholarly gifts or abilities they had that God could have greatly used, because they desired to go this way.

We must learn learn what our talents, what our gifts are. In order to do that we have to get information from others and we have to try different things. Some kinds of Christian work you don't feel like doing at all. It doesn't appeal to you. Do a little of it and see how you get along. Once you get into it you may get over your feelings against it. You may find out you have a special gift for it. You may find you love it! Try out all the different ways and get information from others. Look at all the known facts.

Number five I think is good to separate from no. 4. No. 4 is to look at all the known facts; no. 5 is to evaluate the facts. We look at the facts and this one looks in this direction. That's not of great importance, we think. Here's something more important over here. We look at something over here. Oh, that's not very important; this is more important over there. We're so busy evaluating