

We pray for each one of you that God will truly give you that attitude and we beseech your prayers for us that we may continue more and more to have that attitude.

Now there's a third element in the life of Moses that we need to say a word about. When God called Moses in the burning bush and told him to go to Egypt and represent God, Moses said I cannot speak. Send whoever you want but I can't speak." Moses later became a great speaker. The book of Deut. is one of the great orations of history. Bultman of the U. of Chicago said after reading the great orations of Demosthanes and Cicero, "I turn to the book of Deuteronomy and find that I am reading oratory on a higher level than was ever attained by the Greeks and the Romans." Moses became a great orator but it took Moses a lot of consecration and ~~xxx~~ lots of hard work.

In his earlier days Moses insisted that Aaron be his spokesman but soon Moses realized that Moses was God's representative and he couldn't use somebody else as His spokesman. From then on it was Moses who spoke.

This is a very hard thing to get people to realize. Moses deserves great credit for his realization that he wasn't a speaker. How many people think they have arrived at this stage! Many people think, O I can just get up and talk; there's no problem in that. But there is a problem. One time I took 10 students and I took a tape recorded. I took a selection and had each of them read for about half a minute. Then I played it back and it was most interesting to see their reaction. Because at every segment of it there were nine who said, Oh that sounds exactly like Henry. I 'd think he was talking! But Henry would glower and say, That doesn't sound a bit like me. I sound twice as good ~~kw~~ as that!

No one of us ever hears himself speak. You hear what's inside your head And other people hear what is outside theirs. You can't hear what you sound like But other people hear. Some people talk as if their mouth was full of mush. Others speak in a very high voice when they could just as well use a normal speaking voice. Some people speak very unclearly. You just can't get their words. There are all sorts of weaknesses in speaking.

But there is not a person living who cannot become twice as good a speaker as he is. But this is one of the hardest things to get students to realize. That you need training in speaking. You can have all the wisdom and knowledge that you want, and you can think I'm going to do it all in writing, I'm never going to talk. But no matter what you are doing when you are trying to serve the Lord. there are going to be times when it is crucial whether you can get a message across using spoken words, and if you are not going to train in this direction your effectiveness will not be one half of what it should be.

I had a student once who TALKED LIKE THAT ALL THE TIME You could not hear what he said with the sounds, but he had a brilliant mind. I said to him recite Longfellow's poem: Thou too sail on O ship of state; sail on O Union strong and great; Humanity with all its fears; humanity with all its tears, is waiting thy fate."