

interested in training pastors. I think that statement could easily be misunderstood. There is nothing I am more interested in than training pastors. But we are primarily interested in training servants of Christ who set their hadd in whatever they do to accomplish for Him. I can think of no greater service than going out among God's people and presenting God's Word to them. Going out and reaching the lost for Christ, whether it/s done in this country or done in other countries. The world is the field and the needs are tremendous.

But that is not God's will for everyone necessarily. There certainly is need for far more than wwe have today, who are giving their lives in full-time activity in presenting God's Word. But if the Lord does not openup the pastorate. If a man spends the rest of his life in secular activities as far as living is concerned. I've known men who in doing so, in connection with S. S. work, working in missions, helping in churches to make tremendous contributions to the work of Christ. The ~~wxx~~ one with the seminary training, the one who can go to the Bible for himself and see what God has said and understand it can make a contribution to the Lord's work even if he is not in the pastorate that is far greater than what he could do if he did not have that training.

We are not so interested here in trainging in any particular kinds of methods as we are in training you to go to God's Word and get God's message and then be prepared to use that message wherever God opens the door for it. All of us have gifts that we do not realize. These gifts vary greatly. The one who had 5 talents the Lord commends. The one who had 2 talents He commended too. The one who had one talent if only he had used it roperly would have been commended equally by the Lord. It is not a question of what ability we have but how diligent we are in using it and developing it--the talent God has given us.

No. 3. We often fail to see what our gifts weally are. I think of the way God led Dr. Francis Schaeffer. I am sure that when he was a young man he never dreamed that he would be witing books. I'm sure he never dreamed he would be starting a place in Switzerland where students would come from all over the world and would there hear the Word of Christ and would there grow in the knowledge of theLord. But F. Schaeffer went ahead to do the best he could in every situation he faced in order to try to serve the Lord there. The Lord gradually led him through various types of activities until only within the last 15 or 20 years it became clear how he would have his greatest influence. It rested to agreat extent on his being ready and anxious and eager to serve the Lord wherever he placed him.

I've known people who would have made wonderful evangelists who have seen the need for scholarship so that they have spent years in studying to become scholars and making only a very poor amount of progress in it, when they had a natural gift as an evangelist but theyconsidered that an inferior thing. I've known some who could have been wonderful Bible teachers who could speak and could help people grow in the knowledge of the Lord but who