

at least 9/10th of the people could survive an atomic war and the other 10th the Russian bosses wouldn't care if they were killed.

But with our people we have done very little in either of these directions, and it would be highly improbable that we could ever catch up now. I am sure that ~~if~~ the people of eastern Europe, I am sure the people of China before World War I never dreamed of being subject to such a control. In Russia if a person tells his child that there is a God, and it is heard of, it is most likely that the child would be taken away, put in an orphanage and brought up to be a atheist. People in Russia today know what ~~is~~ it is to suffer for the cause of Christ.

Now it would seem possible and at least in fact at all present appearances highly probable that our country will have such a situation to undergo. It may be 50 yrs. from now. Much more likely 20 years from now. Perhaps 10, perhaps 5 years. When that time comes who knows but what the Word you have spoken today for Christ, even to someone who looked the other way and seemed utterly uninterested, who knows what that word might mean and God would cause the seed to grow and germinate in that person's life, and they would be ready to suffer for the cause of Christ.

Do you really love the Lord with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength? Are you ready to go to the effort of doing what you feel the Lord would have you do even if you don't feel like it? I've heard of cases where there has been an automobile accident, and a person has been pinned under the car. Somebody who truly loved that person has been able to show almost superhuman strength to lift up what was pinning them down, and others twice as strong have taken hold and said, I can't do it! "All your strength." Our strength is beyond what we realize.

God will give us the strength necessary when the time comes when we have to give our lives for His cause. God will give us the strength to meet the situation that comes to us, but how easy it is to forget to look to God == to neglect to look to God to get the strength to have the regular, systematic, steady Bible study and constant witness for Christ that God will use and desires to use today.

We have reference in John to three different aspects of our lives: the desires of the flesh. The desires of the flesh is a very encompassing subject. The desires of the flesh pass away. They are simply part of this world. But we do not honor the Lord by simply rejecting the desires of the flesh altogether. God has given them to us for His own purposes, and for our continuance. We find that most of the desires of the flesh if we put them primary, if we give ~~xxxxxxx~~ too much time, too much attention to them, they soon react on us. They lose their taste and we become unsatisfied and unhappy. God wants us to adopt a ~~xxx sane~~ sane ~~xxxxxxx~~ attitude regarding every desire of the ~~xxxxx~~ flesh.