

All those who have accomplished things for God have been men who worked hard in order to reach an objective. You think of Martin Luther and how he stood before the Emperor and he said, "Here I stand I cannot do otherwise." You think of these great dramatic incidents in the lives of some of the characters of church history, but when you think of a man like Martin Luther we don't always realize how he made every minute count in order to accomplish for the Lord.

When Martin Luther was placed under the ban of the empire and a favorable nobleman had him seized as he was going through the forest and had him seized and carried off through the castle so no one would know where he was. And he kept him in order to keep him safe for nearly a year and a half. I think you or I if we were in that situation under the ban of the empire if anyone told he would be carrying out the law properly if he seized him and killed him, you or I in that situation would have been running to the window to look out, "Are these hostile people coming? Are we going to live through this week without being seized."

But Martin Luther sat down at his desk and set to work to translate the NT into German. During that year and a half he made his first translation of the entire NT into German, and worked ever it the rest of his life improving it and issuing edition after edition of the NT. He did the same with the OT. The way that man worked was tremendous and it's no wonder that his life made the tremendous accomplishment that it did.

John Calvin as a young man wanted to devote his life to study. And he worked hard with his studies. But when he went to Geneva a preacher there in Geneva who liked what Calvin wrote asked Calvin to become his assistant in the church. Calvin said to Farrell, "I'm not interested. He said, 'I'm a student. I want to write some things that will be worthwhile. And we know that during his life he did write a tremendous lot that was tremendously used of God. He said to Farrell, 'I'm just not interested. I don't want to be your assistant."

Farrell said, "I've taken a stand here." Farrell was a very tempestuous sort of fellow. He made a big impression. But he said, "I don't have the ability to establish this church as firmly and solidly as it should be, I need your assistance. Calvin said, "That's not my work, I just pass through here." Farrell said, "The cruse of God will be on you if you don't stop and help me in this work." They say it was the only time anyone ever spoke harshly to Calvin and Calvin adopted what they said and recognized the rebuke. Calvin recognized it was the Lord's will and stayed there. But to the Council that controlled the church in Geneva, Calvin was simply that Frenchman, that assistant to Farrell.

He had been there sometime when Farrell was asked to go and debate with the representatives of the Roman Catholics who wanted to reclaim Geneva from the Reformation. Farrell suggested to Calvin he come along with him and possibly he could help to carry his stuff as they went. So Calvin went along to carry the