

who have started out to make their lives count for Christ, have been turned aside in trying to make a reputation for themselves or to have a pleasant life for themselves; to make a little more money so than they would otherwise, or in some way put a selfish motive in place of the service of Christ. And it is one of the saddest things in the world to look over the history of those who have started out so wonderfully to serve Christ and see how many of us the devil has succeeded in luring away by secondary objectives or desires. It == There is only one life, and only that which is done for Christ will last. Then as an eighth point I want to glance at the context. Now that's a bad example.

8. Ordinarily you should look at the context first. A text without a context is only a pretext. Yet everything I've said, I think truly is in this verse, but also we should note that the context is the previous verse: I have learned in whatever state I am therewith to be content. Three-fourths of the people of the world today do not have half of the physical advantages and pleasures that practically everybody in the U.S. has. In the providence of God we have an opportunity economically and physically to enjoy that which the world as a whole never dreams of enjoying. How long it will be I don't know, because there are tremendous forces seeking to undermine and destroy our country. That won't raise other parts of the world; it will simply reduce us to the level of all others. But the sad thing is that with all the good things we enjoy, most of us are anxious to enjoy a little more! Those who are on welfare want more welfare! Those who have jobs are striking for more ==