

because we spent ~~ouf~~ time on matters of secondary importance. The time has gone. Often we use God's time as an excuse for our own sloth, for our own wastefulness.

I was much impressed the other day at seeing Brother Andrew on the TV. He told about a conference ~~in the Pacific Ocean~~, on an island in the Pacific where representatives of many mission boards met together to talk about the possibility of mission work in China. He said when they came together, most of these representatives said, "We must be ready to go into China when God opens the doors." But, they said, "There is nothing that we can do now. God's time has not come." Brother Andrew said, "God time is here. The trouble is not with God's time, but with your timetables. The situation in China today is one in which the people themselves are spreading the Word of God." He said, "The persecution has killed all the known leaders, but it has scattered the believers like in Acts where the Apostles stayed in Jerusalem but the disciples were scattered and went everywhere preaching the Word." I don't know what the basis was of the statements he made, but he said that there is in every village in China someone who knows the Lord who is telling the others about Him. There are more believers he said in China today than ever before. But, he said, these believers need Bibles. They are crying out for copies of the Word of God. God's time may not be here for us to go in and preach the Word, we would probably be expelled immediately if we started; we probably would not even get inside but the time is here to ~~get copies of the Scripture~~ *do everything we can* to get copies of Scripture to believers who need them.

The right time for us is the time when we have opportunity. Dwight L. Moody one evening was studying the grace of God. He traced through the various references to God's grace in the Scripture. So enthused did he become that he just could not contain himself. He had to speak to somebody. He rushed out