

Lord's provision for this man to provide for him. But as far as the other was concerned, if it were the Lord's will that he come to the school it was the Lord's will that he study whether he felt like it or not. This feeling that I have liberty to do this, or I don't have liberty to do that, is usually a result of our inability in a certain line or our laziness or our temporary situation of mind. It is not the way ordinarily in which God leads.

I met a woman one time who was a very, very fine woman, a ~~woman-who~~ very fine missionary, connected with an organization in the Orient and she told me that she wanted to tell me of some experience that she recently had in which the Lord had worked it out to provide them with the leadership they needed in their organization. And she told of different people who something had happened this way and this way and this way and circumstances had just led them in that way. And I'm sure that God makes circumstances to work in the accomplishment of His purpose. But are we to be led by circumstances, is that the way God shows us what we are going to do? If a door opens...

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...whichever comes. how much more the Lord has given you of that which is pleasant to use than you would ever have gotten for yourself. He may choose not to because he has a greater work for you to do in this place and if you're really his you will be well satisfied and rejoice. But unless you have this frame of mind you cannot know truly the guidance of God and it is the hardest thing in the world to get and it is the hardest thing in the world to keep.

I think of Dr. Torrey, when he was in a work in Minneapolis where he had a great opportunity and was accomplishing a great work, had been there for years, and when he was called to become the first head of the Moody Bible Institute of which Dwight L. Moody was then founder. And he did not know whether to leave his work in Minneapolis which was going so well and accomplishing so much and go to Chicago, or not. He said he spent three days in prayer, in prayer and study of the Word, and his principal endeavor in those three days was this, to get his mind so free of personal, selfish desires, to get himself