

so in tune with God that he would not be choosing Minneapolis because he liked the climate and the people and the place he was, and he would not be choosing Chicago because he would have a higher position and a greater, seemingly, opportunity of service, but he would be ready to do whatever the Lord wanted him to do, without regard for his own personal feelings ^{or desires}. It is the hardest thing in guidance and the most essential. To get rid of (record faded out)...

...I ever ~~had~~ met, think themselves to be the most unselfish. They are convinced that they are always doing everything for others when anybody else who can see them can see how they're deceived with relation to their own welfare or their own advantage. To get ourselves so in tune with God that we are cleansed of this desire for our own personal comfort and our own personal advantage, which makes so much noise--~~these things~~ ^{in our mind}--~~that~~ we cannot hear the Word of God. We cannot hear Him guiding, we can't know how he is leading because our selfish desires are interfering.

A most interesting instance of this is found in the book of Numbers. In that book, in the 22nd chapter we have an instance where a ~~servant~~ ^{prophet} of God received a messenger from a wicked king (record fades out)... (3¹/₂)

(4¹/₂)...and said to the princes of Balak, Get you into your land, for the Lord refuseth to give me leave to go with you. Balaam took time to learn God's will. He learned God's will and he stood upon it and he told the men I won't go with you. This is a splendid example, thus far, ^{of how a} ~~But how~~ Christian should follow the Lord. But then we read that Balak sent yet again princes and more honourable than they, and they promised him all sorts of things, far beyond what had been promised before and Balaam made a wonderful statement, verse 18, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of the Lord my God, to do less or more. A wonderful statement. And then he made a terrible statement in the next verse. Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the Lord will say unto me more. We have the wonderful statement of Balaam back in verse 8, Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as the Lord shall speak to me. Is Lodge a good thing, and is tarry a bad thing? Nothing of the kind. The first place, Balaam did not know the situation, he didn't know (5 3/4) what