

To push ahead and study and work and eventually become the leading, practically the owner of six of our greatest railroads, in the United States? A man who had steamship lines and railroads--they used to have cartoons in the papers showing the meeting of the board of directors of one of our big railroads, and then they'd show eight men sitting around the table and everyone would have E. H. Harriman's face on. Theodore Roosevelt called him the malefactor of great wealth, and refused to receive him in the White House. So great was the position and the fame and the money and the standing that E. H. Harriman acquired, he died I believe about 1915. About 1923 I was talking with a young college student and happened to mention to him all that E. H. Harriman had possessed and all the power he had. He said, I don't believe a word of it, he said, I'd have heard of it if he was anything like that important. I never heard of him, I don't believe a word of it. Fame. Everybody knew of him. One of the wealthiest men in the country, one of the most powerful, disappeared, so that a young fellow refused to believe that he had existed.

What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Well, we don't have the choice between the whole world and our own soul. Very few of us will ever be in a position of having a fraction of the power and influence that Horace Greely had or that E. H. Harriman had. We don't have the choice between the whole world and our own soul, all we have the choice of is a very ~~vivid~~ little part of the world. It is a very small part that most of us will ever have a chance to get, and yet, as I have told Seminary students through these thirty years, it is amazing how big that little part becomes as you look at it. What shall it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul. We have no chance to gain the whole world, any of us, but what shall it profit a man if he gain a little tiny bit of the world, and fail to accomplish what God has called him to do in that. What is the little part of the world that any one of us can get ahold of, compared to what God wants us to do, to the spiritual accomplishment, the spiritual blessing, that God is anxious to shower upon us. I was thrilled yesterday when I heard Mr. Dedick telling us how he took this church where they had this very small