

Our Responsibility to Ourselves

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It is taken for a subject in a Bible Conference. but as I thought about it, I thought it was very wise of those who asked me to speak on it, because it is something that Christians sometimes neglect or make a mistake about. and as a ~~xxx~~ result other elements of their responsibility also suffer. We spoke last night about our responsibility to God and certainly that is what is most important, it is our responsibility to ~~him~~ Him that is most vital, and what we discussed this morning, our responsibility to others is important because ~~of our~~ it is a part of our responsibility to God, but it is also true that if we carry out properly our responsibility to God we must have a certain responsibility to ourselves, I've heard it sometimes said that why the question asked ~~w~~ that why, when a person is saved, ~~xx~~ God doesn't ~~tae~~ take them right to heaven, after all, heaven is much finer than anything that ~~w have~~--we have on this earth. Here we have a world of sin, we are beset on every hand ~~x~~ with that which would drag us down, which would injure us, which would destroy us. We may have suffering to go ~~th-u~~ through, ~~kwe~~ may have misery to go through. Why ~~does~~--doesn't God when someone ~~said~~,-- is saved take them right to heaven, he leaves us here in order to witness the to others. That is of course, a big part of the answer. And if we are not witnessing to others, there ~~isn~~ isn't much point in ~~God's~~ God's leaving us here. But it is ~~also~~ also true that that is not ~~the~~ the whole answer. Salvation is something that is instantaneous, but it ~~x~~ also something that is a long process. We find the word salvation used in the Bible in the sense that the first ~~x~~ vital beginning of being born again~~x~~, but we find it also used for the whole process, and then we find it used for the consumation of ~~the~~ that process, when we will be ~~like~~ like the Lord, and so it is true that He leaves us here ~~in~~ in order to witness to others, but it is also true that he leaves us here in order that we may grow