

I have sometimes thought that if only all Christian people, all true Christians would have their children trained under those who are true Christians instead of sending them to be trained under unbelievers, the modernist churches would simply dry up in the course of a few years. There is no question of that. The modernist pulpits are constantly being refilled with people who have been brought up in fundamentalist homes and then who went to churches where their faith in the ~~scripture~~ scripture was torn down, went to schools I mean where their faith in the Scriptures was torn down, went to seminaries where they were taught to put everything else ahead of the Word of God, and as a result all this ^{emotion} ~~emotion~~ that was built up in them by the preaching of the Word of God is turned into the destruction of the Word of God. And the modernist churches would not have sufficient ministers to fill their pulpits if -- and they would have very few who would be able to enlarge their churches or to attract great numbers of people if this was cut off from them, this line of people with Christian background who are led astray. And so separation from apostates, ^{separation} sepat from those who deny the Word of God as far as Christian work is concerned in these certain aspects is a very vital thing. But it is for a purpose; it is not an end in ~~itself~~ itself. And it should always be thought ~~of~~ of in relation to purpose. They said of Jesus that He consorts with harlots and publicans. He goes about with those people And yet we know that He was separate from sinners. He was separate from any association which would tend to contaminate Him or destroy Him but He did not let anything deprive Him of opportunities for such association as might help others and lead them to the knowledge of the gospel. And so it is not a matter in which you can make a few simple clear statements and a few ahibboleths and everybody must stand by those. It is a vital matter which we must not neglect. but it is a subsidiary matter to the other 3 important purposes.

For us to put up great banners WE BELIEVE IN THE WORD OF GOD is vital if there are people to see those banners and to be affected by them, but has no ~~any~~ purpose at all if those banners are put up out in the wilderness somewhere wherenobody sees them, where they have no effect. on ~~of~~ people. Our whole activity must be related to the central primary purposes. And so God wants us to appraise our abilities; to take a census from