

taught and then very often they simply take some words that really have nothing to do with that truth and quote them and use them for it. And probably the people have been given great spiritual benefit from having truth presented this way <sup>at</sup> times, but I feel it is very dangerous. Those of us particularly who are to lead God's people we must get the principles, find what the actual <sup>are</sup> important principles/the Lord is teaching us. Now of course that may seem to someone to be contradicting the principle of verbal inspiration, but that is because they don't understand what verbal inspiration is. Verbal inspiration according to some <sup>select</sup> people's idea is that these words are sort of magical words. You can take three words out of the Bible, take them by themselves and any idea you get from three words that is God's teaching for you. Now it is true, that there are times when God stoops to our weakness and enables us simply by taking words out of context to get the truth that He wants <sup>us</sup> to have, but it is a thing to be careful. I think Satan could doubtless do the same thing and direct our minds to something that is really not <sup>which</sup> that -- the sense that God wants us to get out of a passage at all. By ~~xxxx~~ verbal inspiration we don't mean that these words are magical words so that three words taken by themselves have compressed into them a great amount of truth. We mean by verbal inspiration that the words of the Scripture are adapted to present the ideas that God wants presented and that these words carefully studied will not give you ideas that God does not want you to have. We don't mean that superficially, for example, they might give you such ideas. Verbal inspiration is to quite an extent a negative matter. We look at a word -- The instance that often occurs to me is the disciples on the road to Emmaus. Now the Apostle could have said there were two men walking to Emmaus but he didn't. He said there were two disciples, and so since he said two disciples we don't know whether there were two men or whether there was a man and a woman. We just don't know <sup>meaning</sup> If he had said two men, we might take the word "men" as ~~going~~ human beings, and then