

to meet. O I think that this is something that is very important as you lead people to the Lord and as they begin their Christian life, to realize that the one who accepts the Lord as Saviour is a babe in Christ and he is not now to be put upon eating hard meat as he is not now immediately to be sent out to fight for the Lord. The one who is converted to the Lord needs training. He needs particularly spiritual training. He needs time to come to know the Lord, time for the little sprout of faith that is in his heart to grow into a big strong tree. O I have known so many cases where people have been converted from a life of sin, or from a background that made it very sensational that these people had come to know the Lord and O the testimony that he gave and how happy they were in the change that the Lord had wrought in their lives, and then people have become taking them to big conferences and having them speak to great crowds <sup>and tell the story</sup> of their previous sinful life and how God had delivered them from it, and in how many cases these people have fallen into sin and disappeared. And we do not know if they were truly saved, God would bring them back before the end of their lives. Perhaps they never were truly saved. Perhaps they simply had an emotional experience. We don't know. But humanly speaking if these people had been kept from being placed in dangers or temptations they were not ready yet to meet, but enabled to gradually to know the Lord and to learn to understand His Word and be ready, then they could go up the way ~~we~~ of the Philistines, they could go up and do the great <sup>tasks</sup> ~~tasks~~ when they are ready for them instead of rushing them prematurely into that for which they are not ready.

I knew of a case where a man was converted from a good moral life as far as I know. He had been added to the ordinary, small vices you might say that the ordinary non-Christian person is in. I don't know that he ever did anything we would call a great vice, but he had a marvellous conversion and turned to the Lord. changed his whole basis of his life, and seemed to be marvellously growing in the Lord's work.