

impresses me as being very great when we think of the true situation. There are about 200 million people in the U.S. And suppose that we took almost any line that you want -- speaking ability, intellectual ability, physical ability, ~~sp/ly~~ ability to run, to play basketball, almost anything you want to think. If you took the 200 million people in the U.S. and from the line of any one of these abilities or others you think of, arranged them from the poorest at that end, to the best at that end of the $\frac{1}{2}$ whole 200 million, how many of you do you think would be in the top million, or how many of you do you think would be in the bottom million? In any particular line you want to think of we would all be somewhere around the middle or perhaps between the upper third and the second third. We'd be some where along there. And actually the difference of where we would be in this whole position would be -- everybody here would be high enough in it that it's perfectly silly/^{for you}to get an inferiority complex when you think of all those who have far less ability in almost any line you think of than you have. And any one of us has so many superior to him that it is utterly silly/^{for us}to get boastful or proud because we're better than two or three other people with whom we have contact in any one of these particular lines. When you think of the thousands who are better in any particular line and then the thousands who are worse, and you extend that on to the whole world then of course the distinction/^{the difference}becomes even greater. Billions and millions far superior. Millions and millions far inferior. Where do you stand in the particular line. It makes the slightest difference. But how effective are you in utilizing every ability you've got to serve the Lord to the utmost, and appraising and finding out just where you stand not for the purpose of your own glory or for your own self-abasement but for the purpose of honoring Him who saved you and desires that your life should be devoted to His service

Another factor that enters in here in the matter of our our joy or misery as to our place in the --- as to our being better or worse, another factor that enters into it is that we ~~we~~ see only a small part of the whole work of God, and God sees the