

are discussing what has been accomplished, and when you find they make some reference to what you have done you will find, if you're human at all, and I think we are all human, you will find that immediately it makes an ~~impact~~ impact, a very definite impact, upon you. There is that in the personality of every one of us, and part of it is the natural good tendency, part of it is the result of sin, but there is that in every one of us that looks for recognition, that looks for recognition that is interested in what other people think of us/. But if you're going to try to make the basic thing in your life recognition by others I will tell you, as a result of a good many decades of experience, I will tell you that no matter how hard you work, you will find that some of the things that you think are most valuable, you will see no evidence that anybody else appreciates, even though/ they may be greatly benefited by their results. But I will also tell you that if you go on for many decades in almost any human activity, I believe, on the basis of my own experience that there will be time after time when you have just incidentally ~~done~~ something, or accidentally accomplished something, where you in your heart know you don't deserve any credit, where people will/~~just~~ ^{just} praise you to the skies. And so I would say that if you go ahead in life and do /your best to serve the Lord, by the end of your life you'll probably get just about the amount of credit you deserve, but the probabilities are that an awful lot of it will come to you in connection with matters which you know don't deserve any credit. And you'll find plenty f of others where you know you do deserve credit where you won't get any. So it is a silly sort of a business actually, but it is not so in God's relation to us. There is nobody today who knows anything to speak of about these men who are mentioned here three or four times in the early chapters of ~~Numbers~~ Numbers here, for their important place in these tribes. But most people today have never even heard their names, even Bible students, very few of them could name these leaders of the tribes at this important period of Israel's activity. Very few could even name them. But God preserved them, kept them in their proper place here, and the Lord knows what you accomplish.