

~~my~~ and his bad points and be ready to give the best advice I can when such situations occur. But otherwise in a situation ^{where I have} ~~where I have~~ a responsibility to make a judgment about a person, if the person is trying to serve the Lord, I keep what I dislike about him or what I think is wrong about him to myself unless the Lord gives me opportunity to perhaps have a personal influence that will help him. I think that is a good rule to adopt and I wish that more Christian workers adopted it.

Well Miriam and Aaron were going about criticizing Moses, gossiping against him. And we read: And the Lord heard it. And I think, why did they put that in: The Lord heard it? God hears everything. God knows everything ~~of~~ that happens. Why say The Lord heard it? Did God just happen to hear it? No, I think this is an important thing in connection with our pilgrimage journey to know that sometimes we see that great cloud of fire and smoke and we are very greatly conscious of the Lord's presence, and other times we just don't seem to see it. It just seems as if the Lord is very far away. But whatever we say and whatever we do the Lord is there and the Lord hears it. And when we allow ourselves to become Satan's instruments in tearing down somebody who is serving the Lord, or in decreasing the influence of one who is really serving the Lord, or in building up the influence of one who is really opposing the great fundamentals of the gospel or is perhaps leading God's people astray. Whenever we do either of these things we should stop and think. It's not just the person I'm talking to that hears me ~~now~~ now. The Lord is hearing, the Lord knows about it. Would I say this if I were in His presence?

After my first year in seminary I went out to New Mexico in some mission work there and I was in a mining town. And one day I remember walking along with a young fellow I just happened to meet in the street and as we walked along and chatted and spoke about this and that and the other thing, and in everything he said there were about six ~~or~~ curse words and just about every sentence a number of obscene expressions. He wasn't talking about anything obscene. What he was talking about was perfectly alright, but he just threw in these words as we went along. And then he said to me, What are you doing? What's your business here in down? I said, Oh I'm preaching