

you find two fellows just about to graduate, who are thrown together in an usual way. They happen to have to travel somewhere together; they are put in the same room in a conference somewhere or something and they get really acquainted with each other. And they find that they have a tremendous lot in common, and each of them for some reason or other for the previous three years has looked down on the other and has felt that he has nothing in common with him, and they have established a real friendship but Oh how happy they would have been if they had done it earlier. We are so ready to judge by the outward appearance; to judge by the little incidental words; to judge by applying a standard of character to our requirement of the other person that we could not possibly stand having applied to us. Judge not that ye be not judged he says. When we judge others in such ways we should stop and think what it would mean if we were judged in those ways.

I could not believe it when somebody said to me some years ago, You notice what somebody criticizes other people for and you'll find it is usually their own fault. I didn't believe it and then I began to notice, and when I would get really irritated with someone else about something time and again I would stop and think, Well that's one of my own faults. That's one of the ways in which I am weak is the very thing in which I am seeing wrong in them. We should not judge others that we be not judged by those standards, by those false standards which we are using. But that doesn't mean we should not judge. Every one of us is going to have occasions when we will have to express an opinion in a situation where some important result may precede from it. And we should therefore be constantly observing others and having in ~~our~~ mind fact which will enable us to judge rightly when an occasion comes where it means something. Idle speaking, idle criticism is very foolish and very harmful. But careful judging and an ability to give a correct judgment of someone else is something that will advance Christ's church.

I remember some time ~~ago~~ ago when I was walking with a man who was a leader in one of our great denominations, and he was a leader of those who stood for God's truth in that denomination. And we were walking in the mountains together for a couple of days and as we were walking along he - we talked about many different things and he mentioned to me then how he had received a ~~letter~~ letter from a woman in California asking his opinion about a certain minister in the ~~West~~. East. And this woman knew of him as a man who was standing