

for God's truth and she was anxious to get a minister for their congregation. She was a woman who possessed a great deal of wealth, and she was anxious in that big town in Calif. to have a strong witness for God's Word, and so she wrote him and asked, What do you think about this man? Well, he said, I knew the man was just an ordinary liberal. He just goes along with the ordinary false teaching of the day. But he said, He and my brother were very close friends, and he said, he had close relations with our family, I could not speak critically of him. I just wrote here a nice letter ~~and~~ in which I said, He was a nice fellow and an able preacher. Well the woman gave her approval of their calling this man. And she gave sever hundred thousand dollards to build a new church in place of the one they had before and tried to build a great witness there with a man who really was just as different from the man who was talking to me as a man could be. And the church eventually proved to be --p-- it just didn't work because the people who were supporting him wanted a Christian -- a real Christian witness and the minister was one who in his heart had little belief, and in the end it petered out. And this other man who had done a great work, and made a great stand for the Lord and accomplished a great deal in many ways, by his refusal to give a straight answer where it might offend somebody caused great harm to be done to the church of Christ. It is one thing to idly criticize, to idly gossip. ~~It is~~ It is quite a different thing to give a good serious considered answer in a situation where it is going to accomplish something. So it is our duty to judge. It is not our duty to speak idly. It is our duty not to speak idly. It is our duty not to judge on minor matters; things not to judge on things we would not wish applied to ourselves but to weigh and consider and be in a position to give a proper judgement at the proper time and in the proper situation. Judge not, but judge righteous judgment. This is very important in our dealings with others.

Satan comes as an angel of light. Here was this great good man who did so much good, but how Satan led him to shirk his duty in this particular place, and Satan can lead us to shirk our duty if we are not careful. I believe it is important we recognize that we must judge between viable alternatives. Do not judge between a person and perfection. Do not judge between an institution and perfection. Perfection does not exist in this world. Judge between viable alternatives. I was at a College one time where they had a president whom I did not think a great deal of though he had some good qualities. I stood with a minister