

from the town who was rather closely connected with the college; stood with him on the railroad platform and he started telling me what he thought about this president and there were people milling all around us and we didn't know who might hear, and he was just idly criticizing him, which I thought was rather foolish. I talked with a man who was head of one of the departments in the college, whose opinion of the president was just about the same as mine and I told him about this. And he said, to me, I decided some time ago that I would not attempt to get anybody removed from a position or to oppose the activity of anybody whom I considered to be a real Christian unless I have in mind a possible alternative that would have a chance of getting into that position and would definitely be better. We should judge between viable alternatives, not between other people and perfection. We ourselves can't stand to be judged as against a standard of perfection. We live in a practical world and Jesus wants us not to judge where we should not judge, but He wants us to judge righteous judgments and to be ready to express these judgments in situations where it accomplishes something. How easy it is to go from one extreme to the other.

I think one very important aspect of this matter of judging relates to ourselves. God wants us to judge righteous judgments about ourselves. And easy -- interesting example of a man who made two opposite errors in this regard is the case of Saul. We are all thoroughly familiar with the latter part of Saul's life; with his arrogance, with his jealousy, with his feeling of his own great importance. And we see there an example of something that we should carefully avoid. But how different was the early part of Saul's life. 1 Sam. 9 tells us how God told Samuel to go and anoint Saul to be king. We find in vs. 20 that he spoke to Saul and told him there were great things ahead for him. Vs. 21 Saul answered and said, Am not I a Benjamite of the smallest of the tribes of Israel? And my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? Wherefore/then speakest thou so to me? Then you remember how when the people were gathered together to anoint their king and God showed them that Saul was the man who was to be their king, they looked for Saul and could not find him. He had gone and hid himself. He was bashful. He was shy. He underestimated his abilities. He was not ready to step out and use his abilities such as they are for the cause of the Lord. And I think that most of us have a great danger of