

nor have they had sense enough to do it yet. So that the fact that something has been done and is being done does not prove it is right, and you as a young man may see much better ways to do things, but Oh how easy it is to step into an organization, step into a church, step into a situation and think: Well now these people will be reasonable, they will see this, they will do it. I'll show them, I'll urge it and I'll fight for it, and you get flat on your face, and time after time I've see wonderful chaps, loving the Lord with their lives accomplishing a fraction of what they could because they pushed ahead too fast in matters comparatively minor.

You look at the men who have made great changes in the world, and you will find that the bulk of them have fit into situations and they were. Now if the changes they made were good, I don't mean they fit into any situation that was immoral or was clearly contrary to the Word of God, But they have fit into situations where their judgments was that there were many aspects that would be far better in some other way, but they have fit into them and they have gained a standing and accomplished a work and reached a point ~~at~~ where they had influence earlier and then often they have made changes which they probably knew about 20 or 30 yrs. later(?) but which at that time their influence would not have accomplished at all.

Socrates said Know Thyself. This is the statement that Jesus said: Judge righteous judgement, but turn into the matter of judging ourselves which is certainly included in Jesus' command. Learn to know ourselves; learn to know what we can do and step forward and do it. The fields are white unto the harvest. The ~~opportunities~~ opportunities are great. There is no one who knows the Lord who cannot accomplish for God if he will step out, but then judge yourself, judge righteous judgments. How much of this am I doing that I may advance the work of Christ? And what ~~am~~ am I doing to raise prestige for myself? In order to get money for myself, or in order to get power for myself? What am I doing so that people will see what a fine person I am? How easy it is for a Christian to fall into that error of letting his personal prestige, his personal honor, people recognizing how good he is become a greater motive to him than the desire to serve Christ. We've all got that in ourselves. We cannot help it. It is a human attitude. A certain ^{amount} ~~amount~~ of it is necessary. It is necessary to off set this natural timidity which prevents us from stepping forward and doing what we should.