

The flesh is the instrument thro which we exert power in the spacial world. It is the means by which we have contact with the spacial world. It is ~~is~~ the means by which we influence the spacial world, and we in turn are influenced by the ^{spacial} ~~sacial~~ world thro it. So it is not us; we are a spirit, but for the time we have it it is a part of us, to a greater extent than an automobile is a part of us, or clothing is a part of is, to a greater extent but the difference is a difference of degree ~~t~~ rather than a difference of time. Thus the body is a very important instrument.

Now if you ride a horse and the horse decides to buck because he's interested in doing things contrary to what you want he can be a great hindrance. If a car decides to run off the road or to act up in various ways it can cause you great difficulty. If the body becomes supreme it can cause us great difficulty because the instrument should always be an instrument and a means, not an object to an end. That is true not only of the physical it is true also of the emotional and of the intellectual. There are

When I was a young fellow I used to see people whose great delight in life was playing baseball, others whose great delight in life was ^{gam-} ~~b~~ ~~gam-~~ bling, others was drinking and various ~~other~~ people. Personally none of those things ever appealed to me a great deal. Some of them would give me joy for a brief period of time. But if I could have a book about history, or some intellectual subject to work into or something new to learn I was happy. I enjoyed using my mind, but I ~~came~~ came to the conclusion while I was very young, that there was simply a difference in my inheritance from that of some other people. And the fact that I get my please in some intellectual thing, and they ~~t~~ get it in liquor, or in baseball, or in something else good or bad is == does not make me any better than they. I am simply enjoying the things that my particular constitution is adapted particularly to. They enjoy the things their constitution is adapted to. But any of these things can be used in a sinful way. Any of these ~~t~~ things can be used in a wrong way, and if any of these become a goal, become the objective, become the