

to others and be His instruments in leading others to Christ. But I don't think it stops at that. We are here to lead others to be saved and also to show others how they can grow in Christian life, and help others spiritually. A very ~~grat~~ great part of God's purpose for us is not simply the work we do here, but the development we have in it. He leaves us here in order to develop us ~~and~~ as He desires us to develop. I've often had people say, Well you say this man is a Christian, and now look at this other man who professes nothing and he's a far nicer ~~p~~ fellow with a far nicer ~~character~~ <sup>character</sup> with a more gracious manner and seems to me better in every way. I've always said, It is not a matter of where you are but what direction you are moving in. You show me the real Christian today and 10 yrs. from now ~~he~~ he will be a better man. And you show me the man who ~~is~~ has inherited a very lovely moral character from his upbringing by Christians, but who never adopted Christian beliefs himself but has scorned them and 10 yrs. from now you will find him ~~==~~ you will find his moral standards have slipped in many ways, and that in many ways he is a less fine character than he is today. It is the direction <sup>of</sup> you are moving. Justification of course is ~~the~~ primary importance, but the one who is justified is always being sanctified. Not steadily, it is a process that goes in fits and starts. It is a process that we have to work out, or at, and ~~God~~ in which God works, but it is a developing of the fruit of the Spirit for which He has created us. He has created us in order to live with Him for all eternity, and He desires that there be developed in us the fruit of the Spirit. They are named here in Gal. The fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance, these are the fruit of the spirit. And whether God has given us a strong body or a weak one, whether He has given us an able mind or a slow one, these qualities can be developed. He desires this fruit, and He assigns us each such a body as He chooses for His own purposes. So we have the purpose of life in that we may serve Him and represent Him to other, but it is a purpose of creation altogether is that we may have fellowship with Him thro all eternity.