

And there are qualities that we may think very strange in one of these individuals. Which may simply be inherited, and therefore do not deserve any particular

They are nice. We like them better than people who don't have them. But I don't think in God's sight they make that person as good as the one who has to struggle to develop them, because his inheritance is inferior.

Question: You say then that the fruit of the spirit is possible in an unregenerate man.

Well, I can't say anything is impossible to God. There is a matter of definition there. I believe in common grace, and that the Holy Spirit

I know people who have become very very much upset that human beings should be violent, should injure. But I've always found it the other way. I remember being at a world's fair in Chicago, and seeing a great crowd. I found that all these people came through without injuring one another. Without constantly grabbing purses and trying to get what they could. There is in natural man that which keeps him from dissolving into utter chaos, and we usually think of that as the common grace of the Holy Spirit. I think the Holy Spirit works in people in preparing them for regeneration. Very often when you present the gospel you find that the Holy Spirit has prepared the man beforehand.

How

He may have prepared him to some

extent

for sanctification. I don't think we can speak dog-

matically one way or the other. I believe the Holy Spirit works where He

chooses, and I believe in

commonly working and I would not be

surprised if many men who have been won to the Lord and have accomplished

a great deal for Him, find that the Holy Spirit has been working in their

lives before they were saved preparing them for the work He has for them

specifically. Now how much

would enter into the Holy Spirit's

I just don't know. But it's a good question to think about.

I don't think we can be dogmatic. I think there is too much dogmatism in the