

We have to think of these things and look to God to protect us. But there are among the works of the flesh those things which none of us completely get away from in this life. None of us do. None of us do completely. But God wants us to learn to put His will and the welfare of others primary, and ourselves to make our lives count as He wants and think only of His glory. None of us have reached perfection or come anywhere near it. When you hear someone say they are completely sanctified, I just feel <sup>sorry</sup> ~~so~~ for them. Here is the man down in the gutter, let us think of him as right on the floor here. Some of us are as high perhaps as the arm rests of the chairs. Some of us may be up as high as the back of the chairs. But to get up to God's standard as high as the ceiling here or as high as the heavens is a long long ways, and we have a lot to do to reach it. And that is what He is greatly interested in, not merely in what we can do for others but whether we are accomplishing this primary purpose of our life upon this earth. Vs.22-23 tell what the fruit of the Spirit is: The fruit of the spirit is love, joy peace, longsuffering, gentleness.... The fruit of the spirit, how much is the fruit of the spirit developing in your life? Are you making the progress that God wants you to. Understanding what the will of the Lord is. All <sup>should</sup> about whether we ~~se~~ go here or go there, do this, or do that there are thousands of things upon which He may choose to give us some direct leading or He may not. But we know it is His will that our lives count for the utmost to lead souls to the knowledge of Christ. We know that it is His will that whether He calls us to full time service or to some other line of work, ~~th~~ we know that it is His will that a great part of our time and energy is given to helping others to grow in grace and leading them to understand the Scriptures. Oh, most important for everyone upon this earth is the question, Are you growing in grace the way God wants you? That's the will of God even our sanctification. May God enable each one of us to understand His will, to put our stress upon