

should make at point after point in his life.. So I want positively to look at twelve points that are extremely important in this regard. Of course all these are related to what we have just said: **S**tudy the Word and get its principles in mind. Learn to understand what God desires, to know God as you can/~~only know Him~~ <sup>learn to know Him only</sup> through the Word. But positively as specific points I would mention what is perhaps the most important of all.

1. Be sure you really want God's will. God will lead us if we really want to do His will rather than simply looking to Him to give us what will advance what we want. Jer. 17:9 is a vs. that is very appropriate here to everyone: "The heart is deceitful' above all things and desperately wicked, who can know it?" No man is completely== sanctified. There is no one of us who does not face situations and come to make decisions and unconsciously we are thinking of what will ~~advance~~ <sup>advance</sup> our pleasure, what will give us certain pride, what will satisfy subconscious desires we have. We are seeking what we want instead of what God wants. And so the very first thing to do in facing any vital decision is to do the best we can, to get yourself into a situation where you are sure that you really want God's will no matter what it is. I wonder how many of you have ever read that very fine book In the Arena . I think it is one of the finest books of Christian life I have ever read. It was written by a young lady who was brought up in a very fine Christian family, <sup>her mother</sup> ~~and then~~ was very very active in' Christian work and <sup>in</sup> supporting missionary work. But when the girl decided taht God had called her to go to China, her mother said, "You go over my dead body." She was ready to work in the missionary society. She was ready to entertain the missionaries. She was ready to do everything she could to advance missionary work, but when it came to haveng her only