

did you drop this man? Well he said, There were a few students who thought he was wonderful. The material, they said, was excellent. They were very enthused about it. But most of the students just could not understand him. There were too few interested in what he gave, too few interested for us to keep him on the payroll.

Well I thought that was tragic. A man with real knowledge, a man with much that could have been very useful in God's work, but he just could not bother to try to learn to speak so that he could be understood. None of us see ourselves as we are. We are inside, and inside each of us to each of us our own voices is perhaps the most melodious thing we ever hear. But to the people outside it sounds very different, and how stupid we are to insist that we are in this and in 100 other regards that we do not learn to make our lives count as they should. "They that be wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." Socrates said, Know thyself. I believe that we would be wise that is one of our first necessities is to try to know ourselves. To learn what our weaknesses are and what our strong points are. To learn where we are heading and how to train ourselves in order to reach that place. To learn to know ourselves. Most important of all is to learn to know our own sin. To learn to see our shortcomings.

I heard R. A. Torrey say one time that another man had said to him at the middle of his career, Torrey, you and I are the two most important figures in Christian work in America today." Torrey said he turned to that man and he said, Don't you ever say such a thing. Don't you ever think such a thing. When you get an exalted idea of yourself, that you are really something, he said God can put you on the shelf so quick you won't know what happened." Torrey did not say who the man was but