

He knows every human spirit he has put here, and through the molding of circumstances he makes us what he ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~has~~ has chosen us to be. He is looking forward to the time when we will leave our bodily characteristics, and leave those mental characteristics that have been inherited. ^{As we leave} behind all that is ~~earthly~~ ^{the our} spirits and ^{go} to be ~~with~~ Him, He is interested in how ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ that spirit has been developed. Has that spirit been molded, first by faith in Christ, and then by ~~going on~~ growing in grace and in ^{the} knowledge of Christ "till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ?"

One can be ~~greatly~~ used of God as an evangelist, and yet utterly fail in that which is of utmost importance--his own personal growth in grace. Of course, any meaningful growth in grace must be accompanied by evangelistic zeal. But one can be a great evangelist because he is a wonderful speaker who can gather facts with skill and present them effectively, and yet have a heart full of wickedness, and never receive God's approbation. Paul said: "But I keep under my body, and bring it ~~under~~ into subjection, lest that by any means, when I have preached to ^{to} others, I myself should be a castaway." (I Cor. 9:27) 27

If we are to grow in grace, we must be interested in producing in others fruit, leading them to Christ. But most important in God's sight is this question: Are we ourselves, with our particular qualities and circumstances, developing as God wants, and helping others as well?

I was greatly impressed when I heard Dr. R. A. Torrey tell of an experience he had had once. A man said to him, "Torrey, you and I are the most effective Workers in Christian