

work in the United States today." Torrey tuned to him and said, "Don't you say such a thing. Don't you think such a thing. If you get to the place where you think you're that important in God's work, God can lay you on the ~~ank~~ shelf so completely that people will forget you ever existed." Dr. Torrey said that's exactly what happened. A year later he was laid on the shelf, and five years later he was al/most completely forgotten.

Noah's carpenters did a great work. They worked under Noah's direction and built the ark, but they were drowned in the flood. One can do great works for God. Doesn't God cause even the wrath of the wicked to praise Him (Psalm 76:10), men who are themselves castaways? God's purpose and will is our sanctification.

Galatians 5 gives us the contrast. What are the works of the flesh? Those of us who are endeavoring to serve the Lord immediately think, "Oh, I have nothing to do with them! That's those people down in the gutter. I'm not a drunkard like them." Paul says: "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, withcraft---" "Oh," you say, "I wouldn't be tempted by any of those things." But Paul doesn't stop there. He goes on: "Hatred, variance, emulation"-- ("This one is getting ahead of me! I'm just as good as he is! He gets better chances than I do. People don't listen to me the way they ought to.") --"Emulation, wrath, strife..."

~~Everyxxxxxx~~ Look at these things. Every human being is guilty of them. And many fall into the outwardly wicked traps as well. you cannot simply turn aside and say, "I am in no danger of them." We're all in danger.

(Gal. 5: 19-21)