

The last I heard he was running a motel out in Arizona! A man who knew the truth but never bothered to learn to get it across. At that time I used to have a tape recorded and have the poem and I'd have each student read two lines of the poem one after the other. And they then played it back and as he played it all the students but one said, My it's exactly like his voice. If you did not see it was a tape recorder you'd think he was talking. But the one who was being reproduced would say, What's the matter with that machine. It doesn't sound a bit like me. It gets everybody else just right but does not get me. I don't understand it. We don't hear ourselves speak, and don't see ourselves speak, and we all imagine including myself that we are 5 times as good a speaker as we are. That is where we need the help of others who will give us instruction and help in this regard.

It's like throwing a ball. Let us suppose there was in the middle of this room an invisible curtain so I could not see beyond that curtain. And I was trying to learn to throw a ball in order to have it go through the doors back there, and I kept practicing but I could never see whether it went through or not. I don't think I'd ever learn how to throw it well. I have to see what results I'm getting and you don't see when you're speaking. So that is where our instructors will try to show you what the places are in which you can improve most. There may be other things just as important, but work on the things they say you need even if you think it's a lot of nonsense. And then when you get that work on the next thing they tell you to do, and if you have a tremendous amount of truth and you can't get it across what good's it going to do. Get all the truth you can, but if you have only a little truth and can really get it across how much better.