

we fail to think of important facts. List all the important facts you can get. Gather them -- gather the material (the factors) before you do much trying to evaluate them. And you'll be less apt to overlook some things of great importance.

If your inclination lies in one direction, try particularly to think of all the factors you can that would point in the opposite direction. Only after you have listed all the factors you can think of on both sides, only then should you go on to no. 5 to evaluate the facts. To compare them and decide which is really most cogent. Which are most important.

Number six. In your evaluation stress the primary purposes of God, for all Christians. His first purpose for every Christian is that that Christian live a normal growing Christian life. No one should sit back and say, No one has offered to support me while I'm doing Christian work; I must wait until somebody does! No! God expects us to do what is necessary to earn our living. He expects us to take care of our families. Whether he gives us an opportunity where others give us the money to support us, or whether we have to furnish it ourselves, whatever His will is in this regard, most important is that we live a normal growing Christian life. If we have a family, that we do not neglect it.

I've known of men who have done great works for the Lord and their children have grown up as little heathen. A person has a duty when he gets married to take time with his wife, to think of her spiritual life, to help her. To discuss the things of the Lord with her. We must not be so busy we neglect this important part of his life. God wants us first to live a normal, growing, Christian life. Secondly he wants each one of us, whatever we do, if we are Christians to be means of leading others to know Christ. Anyone may be used of God in this way.

If you live a good Christian life in an unobtrusive way, in the midst of unbelievers, the time will come when some of them will see you are different and ask what is different. If you speak a tactful and well-chosen word for Christ, you never know whether God will sink it into someone's heart, and perhaps 30 years later bring it to their minds and lead them to receive Christ.

Some are given the gift of dealing strongly with other people, and getting many decisions. Others do not seem immediate results but they may in eternity see much result that has occurred as a result of their consistent Christian life, and their unobtrusive testimony to Christ. Evaluate yourself in this regard and stress the question as to what you do whether you are able to fulfill these two objectives, and also the third: to be a means of helping others grow spiritually.

One time after having some rather peculiar experiences, I saw a roommate whom I had not seen for several years. When I had seen him before he had seemed to be far ahead of me spiritually. I felt I should be with him quite relaxed. There was no need of witnessing to this man. No need of trying to help him spiritually.