

as serpents though as harmless as doves. He wants us to think things through, and we should not wait but we should look ahead.

If I can be of help to you on any of these points, please get in touch with me. Don't be like the fellow I mentioned that came to me with a problem and I got him in touch with somebody and I didn't hear from him again, and I found he'd spent three years wasted as far as his Christian activity was concerned. Quite unnecessarily. He might have had to spend one year and that one year could have been saved if he'd thought it through a year before he graduated from seminary.

He who puts his hand to the plow and looks back-- Oh, may God give us the ability to look forward, and not to look back and not to be led aside by the wiles of Satan. May He give us the power to see ~~xxxx~~ things through.

But may we not merely not look back, may we look ahead. May we plow a clean furrow and keep our eyes on what God teaches in His Word. And may we look far ahead, far enough ahead to think of some of the problems we are going to meet later and to get ready now to meet those problems in a way that will conserve some of the precious time that God wants us to use for His service. Let us pray:

Our Father we thank you that we know that you will lead us step by step. But O our God we know that we've put our hand to the plow and you desire us to look ahead. You desire us to make sure we don't turn back or ~~x~~ turn aside from the path you have for us, but you want us to look ahead and to think things through, and to so think and so study and so plan that after the years we can look back and say that all of our life ~~xxxx~~ has been devoted to Christ and has accomplished what you desired us to do. We ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.