

particular view on these particular points, or you must have this view. If it is == It is important that we stand for the great things of the gospel, that we stand for the primary things in the gospel, that we recognize that God has given us His book that is inerrant, a book that is the foundation of our knowledge of spiritual things, our only source of knowledge of these things.

When it comes to creation, the origin of the world, why are we here, what is our purpose in life, does life have a meaning or is it absolutely absurd as existentialism teaches? When it comes to these things there is no way we can prove them except to see what the Word says and we need to get that message out to people.

So in the beginning of the year, I think it is good to take this theme, Be still and know that I am God. Look away from minor things. Look to the great things. That is what is almost unique about our seminary/ Most institutions of this type try to give you a detailed system 1, 2, 3 right down... Well, we want to stand 100% for the fundamentals. But one of the queerest things is that some people call themselves fundamentalists and then insist on all sorts of little details that have nothing in the world to do with the fundamentals.

I used to know people who questioned whether you were a fundamentalist if you had a beard, or if your hair was longer than a certain length. It is one of Satan's great devices to get our attention away from the major issues. We don't know what's ahead, but we know that God is in control. We know that God's purposes will prevail. We know that if we put first things first God is ready to use everyone of us in ways we never dreamed of to accomplish his purpose and to lead souls into his kingdom.

Some can go out and speak to this person, to that person, to the other person and they immediately make a profession of accepting Christ. But underneath goes on. None can tell. Only God can tell. Others speak and seem to get no response. Present the word of God, and no one seems to receive Him. You can become discouraged. But if you plant the Word of God in people's hearts, God may use that word a month from now, a year from now, even 50 years from now to lead that person to turn to Christ.

If somebody doesn't plant the Word, the Word is not there. for God to use. Calvin said, God uses men, not angels to spread His Gospel. Men are God's instruments for the accomplishment of His purposes. Oh, may God use each of us this year, 1980, to lead souls into his kingdom. May He enable each of us to have more a greater realization in our lives of the fact that God is supreme; that we should be still and know that He is God, and then that we should step forward to proclaim His message. May He enable us each one to grow in grace, to be more intelligent Christians, more sincere Christians, more thoroughgoing Christians at the end of 1980 than we are now.