

felt nothing was worthwhile except reaching people for Christ, and who belittled their own gifts and tried for a gift the Lord had not given them. God wants us to try the different types of service and find where our abilities lie.

We often fail to discover these because we are not diligent in seeking to discover them and to serve the Lord wherever we may be. We all have a duty to try to discover what our gifts are and how to use them effectively. We

No. 4 We all have a duty to seek means of using the gifts the Lord has given us. We live in a peculiar day today. There are methods ~~many~~ of serving God which probably during the course of 200 years until fairly recently were very effective which today have little effect. And there are methods of serving the Lord today which can be very effective if we only discover them, which would have been utterly ineffectively a few years ago. The whole character of our world is changing. in many way.

I think TV is one of the things that changes it. We have such a short attention span now. When the Pilgrims came here and worked on their farms for 8, 10, 12 hours a day for 6 days, when they came into church they had minds that were hungry and the minister could preach an hour and a half, and they never got tired of it. If they dozed off there was someone there to tickle their ears and make it easier for them to stay ~~away~~ awake. But at least it was a change. But today people are used to going from this to that and from that to the other thing, and we have to find ways to catch their attention and hold it. Not just doing things in the particular way it was always done.

This is a day in which we need inventions. In which we need originality. In which we need to think things out. We have a duty to seek means of accomplishing the same objective as all through history but different means often are necessary. A few years ago it was very easy for any young man to go to a seminary run by a denomination. He would graduate from the seminary and immediately he had his choice of three or four churches to candidate in. Two or ~~three~~ churches probably in which they had had a fine old man who had ministered to them 40 years and the people loved the man. They slept through his sermons. When they heard of a young man with a little enthusiasm they were so thrilled. No matter what he did they were happy.

We're not in that sort of a situation today. We're in a situation today in which you need to ~~use~~ use your inventiveness. Of course in those days you immediately had the backing of a sizeable denomination. In these days most of the large denominations have been taken over by unbelievers. If a man is ready (as I've known a number have) to step out by themselves and support themselves while doing it and build a work absolutely from scratch they ~~can~~ they can build along the lines of what they think on just about every point. The tendency of most people is to follow along with whatever they are told by the man who led them to the Lord and build up the work.