

Therefore we can't build on either one of them unless we find clear evidence elsewhere as to the truth of the particular one.

I've seen things distributed lately in which people say, What is the Word of God? I want the Word of God that I can hold in my hand! Here's the KJV. I can hold it in my hand. That is the (thing) that is free from error. I've got to have that. Well, God's Word is free from error. But what it means that it's free from error is that the words if studied carefully and Scripture compared with Scripture, will not lead you to an erroneous result. It does not mean you can take a few words out of context and can from them reach conclusions. You can't hold the Word of God in your hands! I believe God intentionally caused that among the many MSS that have been preserved there should be no two that agree so that we would realize that we have to compare Scripture with Scripture, and if we take only verse, take it because it is a summary of what is there and not because those words by themselves can give you a decisive answer to a problem.

The Apostle said that we should strive to win, now in a race only one can win,--that of course is not true in the Christian life, and he doesn't mean to say it is. What he means to say is that the way one works and struggles in order to be the one should be characteristic of the man who preparing to serve the Lord or of the man who is serving the Lord.

I read just a couple of days ago that someone told of having interviewed a number of men under 40 who were receiving salaries between \$40 and \$80 thousand a year. He said he was interested in the question, What has enabled these comparatively young men to reach such positions of importance. He talked with them and with their associates and he said he found that intelligence entered in, he found that the amount of preparation entered in, he found that personality entered in, but he said the conclusion he reached was that the one factor that was of more importance in the majority of these cases than any other was Determination. They had a goal and they worked for it, and they brought everything into subjection to their determination to reach the goal. How many of us are showing that spirit in our Christian life?

The Lord wants us to think of ourselves to think of ourselves as in a race. He wants to realize that our justification is entirely of Him. But he wants us to push forward and to make every effort count to serve Him effectively. I've had the experience in past years many times of talking to someone who has just graduated from a Christian College, who after (as I talked to him said) Why do I need to go to seminary? I can read the Bible. I can understand it. I can draw a great deal of Christian truth from it. I should get right out into Christian work now. I have tried to show him how much more effective he would be if he knows how to read the Scripture in the original and know just what God says in relation to each problem as it comes up and just what God emphasizes. I've been glad in a number of cases to see a man realize his need of a seminary training and get it.