

on TV not so long ago. He gave this long series about the universe in which he tried to show how there was no God, how it is all material development, it is all simply atoms (?) moving in certain ways. As you think through his view, what a despair it can lead you to.

Henley said, Out of the dark that covers me, I thank whatever gods may be for my unconquerable soul! Do you think he really means that? Do you think he really has a unconquerable soul? Don't you think he's just whistling in the dark? People who do not know God, who do not know God's creation and God's control, if they think about it at all, they are like somebody walking through an eternal darkness not knowing where they are going, not knowing what anything means, or what anything amounts to. If they stop to think about it.

We know God who created the universe. We know Jesus Christ who gave his life in order that we might be saved from sin. We know Him, but is He the most important fact in our lives? Is it so important that when something goes wrong with our lives, when something goes wrong with someone's attitude toward us, we realize what Jesus Christ means to us and we realize the importance of our showing forth His glory rather than in worrying about what they think about us, or being driven to the opposite extreme as it is so easy for us to do when someone criticizes us.

You will probably win more people to Christ through your life and your attitude than through your words. It is all too easy for the unsaved to see through the hypocrisy and the superficiality which we all so readily follow. Your life is tremendously important in the effectiveness of your service to Christ. But don't carry that to an extreme.

Some people say, I don't need to say anything; my life is a testimony to Christ. It isn't. If you don't say something it isn't a testimony to anything! Your life is like a sounding board. Without that sounding board your words don't go very far. They reach out a little distance and they disappear. But with the sounding-board of a life that is really consecrated to Christ, it gives an impetus to your words; and it makes them mean something to people. Your words are nothing without your life; and your life accomplishes nothing for Christ without your words. You need them both.

Examine yourselves whether you be in the faith. Examination is good; it is vital we have it. The best examination is a self-examination that we should give to ourselves and we should think how we can improve in ~~some~~ many ways. Examine yourself. The self-examination. How important a habit to carry on day after day, and year after year. Examine yourselves whether you be in the faith.

Is your understanding right? None of us fully understand. But work thru the Bible. Think through your ideas. See what God will bring you. Keep examining yourselves as to whether your ideas are right. But most important examine yourself whether you are truly living for Christ, accomplishing for Him and showing forth His glory. Let us pray.