

tremendous abilities. Some seem to have much less in any particular aspect. I've know fellows who would just come into a room and everybody is thrilled! They see this fellow. He's got charisma. I knew one man who was such a speaker you just felt his charisma, and he would stand up and speak on anything. He could have said A B C D and people would have said, Oh, how marvelous! He will receive no reward of the Lord for having this particular ability way beyond what most of us have. But he will be judged on whether he used this ability in order to make Christ known.

This man had been brought up in China. When he and I were studying in Berlin, we read in the papers how a group there had taken one of the largest cities in China and the papers with filled with these tremendous developments in China, but it did not say much that would give us an understanding of what it really meant. He had been brought up in China, and they asked him to speak one afternoon in the American Church in Jerusalem(?) ((Berlin)) about what these developments in China meant.

He spoke there for 20 minutes. For the first 15 minutes he talked about, "I wish I had more time. Oh, if I could only give you an understanding of the importance of the developments --Oh, these changes are so important, so involved! If I could only get you to really understand them!" As far as I could see he didn't really say anything in these 15 minutes. Then for 5 minutes after regretting for 15 minutes that he had so little time, for 5 minutes he gave us some really important and interesting information about China. When he finished the people in the audience said, "Oh how wonderful. I never understood China before. This is marvelous what he has given!"

You cannot judge the effectiveness of a talk by the impression it makes on the people. The talk that makes no impression may ~~be~~ put something into their minds, something into their hearts that will show itself in years to come and shape them greatly. And that which amuses, encourages and excites people actually be of little importance. God gives His talents in various ways~~s~~ but what He is interested in is what use we make of the talents He has given us. One is very good in this, and another very poor in it. He may be very good in another aspect. God does not judge us according to whether we have natural abilities~~s~~ this way or that. He judges us in what use we make of these talents.

There were two women in England a little over 100 years ago, earnest Christians, desiring to serve the Lord and these two sisters got chronic disease and they were bed-ridden. They talked to each other as they lay in bed in the same room and they said, Oh how I wish we could really serve the Lord. How I wish there was more we could do to accomplish for Him but here we are bed-ridden! What can we do? One day they read a brief account in one of the religious papers about a man in