

Jesus Christ as Saviour. It includes everyone who knowing Christ as Saviour goes on endeavoring to serve the Lord but falling and failing when you could help them with a word of Christ, with a word from the Word, with a word of encouragement, with a word of help. God has called us to serve Him where we are.

It is not circumstances that matter so much; it's what you do with those circumstances. God has given some people marvelous gifts. I knew one man who could just say ABCD and people would say, Oh my what a marvelous speaker (Laughter). What an understanding that fellow has got! Some people have a tremendous gift of speaking.

Some people have a tremendous gift of teaching. Some people have tremendous gifts of this sort and that sort, and the other sort, and ~~xxx~~ some people don't seem to have much gifts so they think they should go and bury it in a hole and keep it safe till the Lord comes back and asks for our gifts. God knows exactly what gifts He has given you. God has given you a responsibility to use those gifts for His glory.

The person who has many gifts, of him much is required. The person who has few gifts, of him not so much apparent success is required, but He may have particular tasks for him to do that are every bit as important as those with out-shining gifts that all the world sees can accomplish. God knows your situation. He knows exactly what your gifts are.

Yes, but you say: What are my gifts? What abilities do I have? You don't know until you try. You cannot tell what your abilities are until you have made an effort to try them. But Oh how afraid we are that we will be embarrassed! I'll try this and I'll make a failure and people will look down on me. What is the difference how people look at you? What matters is how the Lord looks at you. The Lord is interested in how you are using the gifts God has given you and He has given every single individual gifts to use in His kingdom.

He is interested in your discovering how those gifts are and he is interested in how you are learning what they are and how you are developing them. You never know what your gifts are until you have tried them. And how you are developing your gifts in order to carry out His work.

Of course every gift the Lord has given us, everything He has given us is related to the teaching of the Word. As we study God's Word, as we delve into it God gives insights. He takes verses and he applies them to our particular problems. He shows then what we should do in order to serve Him effectively. You cannot tell of the effectiveness of another human being. You cannot judge the accomplishment of another human being.

You can know that if you truly love the Lord, whatever you accomplish will be far less than what you should accomplish with the particular gifts that God has given you. But if you