

The devil seems to be gaining and if God's people were on the job as He wants them to be, if our eyes were on the Lord as He wants them to be we can know that through us He would work and we would reach our nation for Him and we would accomplish what He wants accomplished. It really is sad the way that we have failed.

(Indistinct) The trouble is not that we are not working out good enough methods, and figuring out better ways. The trouble is that we are not knowing the Creator as we should. We are not living in His presence as we should. We are not realizing that if we have truly received Christ as our Saviour He has a purpose for us as important as anything in this universe. There is no reason we should ever get elated because the power is with God. But there is no reason we should get downcast because it is His power working in us.

God wants us to realize each one of us that He has a purpose for our life/ You may not be able to see that & purpose but God has a purpose. The only way we can learn God's will for us is through His Word. Ordinarily He does not give us directions ordinarily. But He desires for us to study His infallibel Word and to learn from it what His purposes are and to look to His Spirit to see how to carry out those purposes. The Word of God must be at the e center of our lives if ~~He~~ He isto work in us what He wants to do and if He is to work through us what He wants to accomplish.

God said to Jeremiah that He knew him before he was born. And each of us can say if we are really related to Christ, that He knew us before we were born. He has a purpose for our lives. There is no reason we should become discouraged if we keep our eyes on Him. There is no reason we should become elated or ~~w~~ proud because it is He who is working through us. But He wants us to put forth our energy. He wants us to act. He wants us to study how to utilize the abilities He has given in order to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus and in order to ~~accomplis~~ accomplish the purpose that He has for our lives.

It was quite a few years ago--I'm probably the only one who remembers it--when the great flu epidemic hit our country in 1918. (Indistinct) Different from most epidemics even doctors and nurses died in that great epidemic. In connection with it later on I heard a reference back to it that told of a way in which God had worked. It was a minister who was in his first charge, and in that charge a year before the flu epidemic came, he had been there a little over a year his wife died in chiddbirth. He had a little girl to raise. His heart was filled with sorrow and he said, Oh God why did you let this happen. You know I have devoted my life to serving you, and why would you let a thing like this come into my life? Has God forgotten me? Has God turned away from me altogether? Then he said, Though I don't understand it, I know that God has a purpose. I don;t know how He will work out this thing in my life but I know what He does is best. Just a few months later that terrible epidemic came and person after person in his congregation had an experience similar to what he had had. He said the touch of his hand and the sound of his voice brought comfort to those sorrowing that he could not have done if he had not had a similar experience. Sp he ~~wdc~~ could look back and see what had happened and he could see that no matter how dark things had seemed, that God had been putting him through the fire and God had been proven faithful.(indistinct).