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Well, there was a young man and a young woman to whom he was engaged who were reached by that minister's testimony. They heard all the sermons by him that they could. They drank in the messages he gave. I don't think he realized that they were particularly interested more than other people in the congregation. He probably looked back on that as a failure. But it is entirely possible that that minister accomplished more through the work of this consecrated Christian couple that he did in all the rest of his ministerial activities. He knew nothing about it. But the Lord did, the Lord knows the results and He gives results. Trust in the Lord and do good.

This is the basic center of the Christian gospel. This is the message to give. This is the message for all. Tonight as a message for preachers there is nothing more important to stress than this. But tonight as a message for preachers there is == the part I'd particularly like to stress is the latter part of the verse: Trust in the Lord and do good. That can be interpreted in two ways. Trust in the Lord and live a life that is not spotted with sin. We have a reference to this in the book of Ephesians where Paul says in ch.5 "be ye therefore followers of God as dear children and walk in love as Christ also has loved us. But fornication and all uncleanness and covetousness let it not once be named among you as becometh children. Neither filthiness nor foolish talking, nor jesting which are not convenient, but rather giving thanks." I used to be puzzled by that when I was a <sup>boy</sup> "neither jesting which are not convenient." I always found it convenient to just. I loved humour; always did and do still.