

But I sort of thought they were wrong. I thought the other side was right. I would get up and present what I thought about that thing and they would vote unanimously the opposite way from what they did before. And my influence was tripled what it had been before in the meeting. Sometimes I used to regret the things I used to vote for because I thought they were minor and I had a little feeling about them. But they were much more important than I thought. And I had people come to me and thank me for my loyalty to the cause of ^{for} which I had spoken which really didn't mean anything to me. I was just enjoying seeing people's vote and be influenced by what I did, what I said. I was shown in a very vivid way how anybody with hard work can tremendously improve himself. And there is no excuse for a preacher not doing it. Because God has called us to preach.

Paul said to the Corinthians, The Lord did not send me to baptize, but to preach the Gospel. That is the primary duty the Lord has laid on everyone whom he has called to be a preacher is to learn to preach effectively and every one can learn.

I remember many years ago a young man who came in great demand. He was a teacher in a seminary but he was invited here and here and here. He had a tremendous influence. As I looked at him I could only see one thing in his speaking that was any reason to hold it as better than the average. He would talk along at a certain level of volume, for a whole paragraph. Then he would talk along at a much GREATER VOLUME for another paragraph. Then he'd go back to a low level, for a paragraph.