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very little of it having stuck to your   process of going **through.**

There is not much value in the attitude that would be described as a strictly

openminded attitude.   The mind must be an active mind. It must be a mind that

is making hypotheses, that is making guesses, but it must be an open mind in

the sense of one that is willing to accept any hypothesis as far as the facts

give it and to cast it aside if the facts fit some other hypothesis, and we must

have an open mind in the sense of a willingness to look objectively at each par-

ticular passage in it and even if we say, "Here are all these passages, looking

very definitely in this position; I am convinced that this is the true position

Let's not/another passage and try to explain it away," and say, "Now this fits
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perfectly with that."   Let us be objective about it and say, "Well, now, this

passage here looks like a difficult one. I don't think it is enough

change the view, but it is definitely a difficulty; therefore, let's look it

in the face and label it as such and keep it on the shelf and wait till we find

the correct interpretation of it."   We must be very careful not to explain

away any passage because it contradicts what seems to us to be the clear teach-

ing of other passages. I think that is an extremely vital point in Scriptural

approach to all subjects and all doctrine. Now, as I have already mentioned

this morning, this matter of technical terms. It is amazing how few technical

terms there are in the Scripture. We've noticed the term "faith" how it cer-

tainly is used differently by Paul and by James.   The word "day" is used,

right in Genesis 1 and 2 in two or three different senses. It certainly is

not a technical term for twenty-four hours for right in the very beginning of

Genesis He says He called the light day and the darkness He called night, and

the light was much less than twenty-four hours. Day is used in various senses.

Now the word "trinity" and the term "deity of Christ", so far as I know never

occur in the Scripture anywhere.

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