

special gift in this ~~XXXXXX~~ regard. I don't think that ordinarily it's a gift that stands alone. I remember hearing about Dr. Maitland Alexander in Pittsburgh. When the people in the town wanted to bring Billy Sunday to town and there were some who said (in Dr. Alexander's church - he was pastor then of the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh where Dr. McCarthy was later on) to Maitland Alexander, "Don't cooperate with it. Don't join in this. Billy Sunday comes in and he gives a lot of messages and gets people all stirred and emotionally aroused and then when he goes away, they cool off and they don't follow on and they're harder than ever to reach for the Lord. It's the simple person to person work and the pastoral work that reaches people. It's not this high-powered evangelism like Billy Sunday's." Well Maitland Alexander said, "There is a great deal of truth to that but the truth is that the high-powered evangelism by itself is comparatively worthless. The high-powered evangelism as an adjunct to the pastor's work is tremendously valuable." They brought him statistics from some other city where they said Billy Sunday went in, had a tremendous campaign, thousands of people went forward and a year later you couldn't find them, any of them. They weren't there. They went forward, they got all excited and now they're just the same as they ever were. "Well," he said, "it doesn't need to be that way." And so Maitland Alexander set to work and six months before Billy Sunday came he was instructing people in personal work and instructing them in the care of new Christians, and instructing them on the importance of the follow-up. Just to leave little babes into the world and leave them without care is not what the Lord wants but that His people should be prepared to help Him and give the care. And they entered into the campaign energetically and there were several hundred who joined the First Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh as a result of the meeting. I think two years later somebody figured up and they found that over 90% who had joined this church Billy Sunday, were active in the church two years later. Because the work of the evangelist was joined with the work of the pastor and the people. And Billy Sunday did something that Maitland Alexander couldn't do but Billy Sunday wouldn't have accomplished a tenth as much as he did with those particular people if it weren't for Maitland Alexander's work. And so I would say that when the Lord speaks of the gift of the evangelist, he doesn't mean that you're to say, "Well