

work in the U.S. today And Torrey turned to the other man and he said, Don't you say such a thing, don't you ever think such a thing. He said If you get to the place where you think you're that important in God's work, he said, God can lay you on the shelf so completely people can forget you ever existed." And he said that's what actually happened. He said, a year later that man was laid on the shelf so completely that five years later practically every Christian had forgotten that he ever existed. A man can be used to help others. Look at Noah's carpenters. These men built the ark. They worked under Noah's direction and built the ark, but they were drowned in the flood. One ~~can~~ can do great works for God. After all God causes even the wrath of wicked men to serve Him and himself personally be a castaway. God's purpose is, God's will is our sanctification. We have a clear statement in Gal. 5 of the contrast. And in first looking at it, think of it in this connection. Gal. 5:19-21. What are the works of the flesh? Well those of us who are endeavoring to serve the Lord immediately think, Oh the works of the flesh, I have nothing to do with them! That's these people down in the gutter. That's these drunkards! That has nothing to do with me But listen to what Paul said. "Now the works of the flesh are manifest which are these: Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, ~~hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like.~~ ^{emulations} ^{strife} ~~emulations~~ ~~strife~~ ~~strife~~ . . . Oh you say, I wouldn't be tempted by any of those things. That has nothing in the world to do with me. But Paul doesn't stop there. He goes on: "hatred, variance, emulation --- Oh I'm afraid this one will get ahead of me. Look I'm just as good as he is. Ye's getting more of a better chance than I am here. People don't listen to me the way they ought to. "Emulations, variance, wrath, strife..." Look at these things which every human being is guilty of. And many fall into these other things. You cannot simply turn aside from them and say I am in no danger of them. We're all in danger.